



Century Public School

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At Century we strive to be good learners and good people too!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please take a moment to read this letter. Perhaps you could ask your child to read a portion of it to you? We have many things to tell you about and hope that we can continue to count on your assistance to raise and educate your beautiful children.

Labour Relations! At the writing of this newsletter, the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario and the Provincial Government have reached a tentative agreement on a new contract. We will begin to resume all of the things (trips, extra curriculars, clubs) we are accustomed to doing, at Century. As soon as we receive clear direction from our School Board, on items such as Progress Reports, Parent Teacher Interviews, PA Days, etc. we will pass information on to you. We appreciate your patience. Speaking about appreciation, I'd like to thank our wonderful teachers for their integrity and empathy during this long process. At each turn, they worked together to keep your children's best interests at heart. Ms. Rainer and I were inspired by their efforts.

Our Remembrance Day Service is well worth attending and it starts at 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday Nov. 11th. The event will feature readings by the children, an audio-visual presentation, a trumpeter from Merivale High School and a wreath laying ceremony. We will be hosting a group of veterans from a local retirement home. Your children will be performing with these folks in mind. I should be a heart-warming event. All teachers have participated in the preparations and are excited to acknowledge this most important day. Please consider joining us, in the gym. I am sure you will be glad you did.



Century Clothing is in STYLE. Attached to this newsletter is an order form for Century wear: T-shirts and hoodies. Please consider purchasing a cool item for your child. Our students are proud of our fine school and are proud to wear Century clothing at school and in the community. These items make outstanding gifts for all occasions. We all wear Century gear on Fridays! They come in ADULT sizes too!

Finally, you may have heard about Guided Reading at Century. Guided reading is a method of reading instruction that involves a teacher sitting down with a small group of students for about half an hour at a time. Teachers ensure that this guided reading session is done every day so that at the end of each week, each child has had some quality reading time with a teacher. A teacher may recognize that certain children need extra reading support and will arrange to see these readers on a daily basis. Children are grouped by ability according to their reading levels. The teacher will choose a set of books for the group she or he is reading with, that is appropriate to their level. During this time the group analyzes a text in detail, making sure each child can read each word and discuss the meaning of the text with them. Generally, teachers need to think about two things when carrying out a guided reading session: decoding and comprehension. Decoding means literally turning a written word into a spoken word, regardless of whether the meaning of that word has been understood. Teachers will teach children specific reading strategies to facilitate decoding. Comprehension means understanding what has been read and being able to talk or write about it in detail and with sound understanding. There are strategies to be taught for comprehension too. This approach is producing very impressive results at Century. Our teachers and children are proud of their hard work to improve in reading and writing. Ask your child about guided reading.

Thanks for your support to date. I hope to see you at one of the many fine events coming up!

Dave Petrie
Proud Principal
Century Public School

Century Cyclones Sports and Clubs

Boys Junior Soccer

Congratulations to this year's Junior Boys Soccer team! After numerous practices and drills, the boys participated in our soccer tournament on Thursday, October 22nd. The boys played with a positive attitude and sportsmanship that was representative of us as a school! Thank you to Ms. Epton for coaching this year's team.

Way to go Cyclones!



Century Public School Clothing Order

Century Cyclone wear has returned. Attached to the end of our newsletter is the order form for Century wear. Please take a look, show your school spirit and get your orders in today. Orders submitted on time will be in prior to the December break. Go Cyclones Go!



Century Public School Character and Academic Pride

Each month Century Public School celebrates the accomplishments of students. We are working towards building global citizens, ones who embody positive character and a commitment to academics. Each month two students are selected from each class who clearly have demonstrated what is representative of good citizenship. Congratulations to those students who were selected in October.

**Ms. MacDonald, Ms. Perera,
Ms. Whiteduck JK/SK**
Character— Lucy
Academic— Sam

**Ms. Nicole, Ms. Shannon,
Ms. Kristy JK/SK**
Character— Jack
Academic— Amyleah

**Ms. Westine, Ms. Geetika,
Ms. Candice
JK/SK**
Character— Dmitri
Academic— Shaila

Ms. Starowicz Gr. 1/2
Character— Banaa
Academic— Dayana

Ms. Knelsen Gr. 1/2
Character— Jaylen
Academic— Jacob

Ms. DeVries Gr. 2/3
Character— Lina
Academic— Amar

Ms. Bickford Gr. 3
Character— Jasmine
Academic— Lia

Ms. Epton Gr. 1/2/3
Character— Calvin
Academic— Jayden

Mr. McCann Gr. 4/5
Academic— Jayla & Abdulkerim

Mr. O'Brien Gr. 4/5
Character— Alixander
Academic— Baillie

Ms. McEachen Gr. 5/6
Character— Mamadou
Academic— Ikram

Ms. Hayes Gr. 5/6
Character— Intisar
Academic— Sana

EDP
Character— Lorelei

Inclement Weather:

School Transportation Cancellations

Occasionally, winter storms make it difficult for our school buses to navigate the roads safely. Buses may be cancelled on those days. Whenever buses are cancelled, they are cancelled for the whole school board and for the whole day. Bus cancellations are always posted on our OCDSB website, www.ocdsb.ca, our website www.centurypublicschool.ca and will be posted to our Twitter feed. Announcements will also be frequently made on these radio stations: CBC-FM 91.5, CFRA 580 AM, Y101FM, BOB 93.9 FM, CHEZ 106.1FM, the Bear 106.9 FM, MAJIC 100.3FM and CHRI 99.1FM. Listen for "Ottawa Carleton District School Board".

When buses are not running and the schools remain open, teachers and staff will be at school. If parents choose to drive their children to school, parents must pick up the children promptly at the end of the day or earlier if the weather worsens. Supervision is only provided for 15 minutes after the regular dismissal time of 2:30. When there are no buses in the morning, there are no buses for the rest of the day.

When the school is officially closed, due to weather or other emergencies, students and staff do not attend. There are no teachers or staff at the school. Children must stay at home.

Please report any absences to the school using the website.

Reporting Absences

When your child will be absent or arriving later in the day, **please complete the online form at www.centurypublicschool.ca or call our absence line at 613-224-5672.**

If we do not hear from you and your child is not at school, we **must make follow-up** calls for security measures.



November Bookfair!!!

The Scholastic bookfair will be returning to Century on November 18, 19 and 20. Browsing will take place on the 18th and each class will have an opportunity to visit that day. Buying will be on the 19th and 20th. Thank you to Gemma Nicholson, our School Council chair, for organizing this event!



Winter Outdoor Clothing

The warmer weather is turning colder. As we say goodbye to this warmer weather it becomes increasingly important to ensure that our students dress for the weather. Warm and dry clothing is essential.

Children go outside unless there is heavy rain or extreme cold temperatures. All students need to be dressed for the varying weather conditions. It is a good idea to have an extra set of dry clothing in your child's knapsack or in a bag in the coatrack. Should you require assistance with proper winter attire, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Primary Student Winter Clothes:

Boots
Snow pants
Jacket
Hat
Gloves

Junior Student Winter Clothes:

Boots
Snow pants (optional)
Jacket
Hat
Gloves

Implementation:

- the office will advise the community as to the start and end of "winter clothing season"
- all students will leave for recess wearing all required winter clothes everyday
- to move off the pavement to play on the yard students must wear all required clothing – including snow pants
- on warmer days, garments can be undone, left at the lines and or stored in pockets
- students without required clothing will play on the pavement if it is not too cold to do so
- students without required clothing will be sent to the office if it is too cold to stay outside

Century Walking School Bus

Century PS

Welcome and thank you to Svetlana (aka Lana), our Century Walking School Bus leader. Svetlana walks the registered children to school along the designated route every morning, rain or shine. We are happy to have her as part of the Century team!



CENTURY NOVEMBER EVENTS

- Tues Nov. 11 Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 10:45 a.m. in the gym
- Thurs. Nov 12 Progress Reports go home
- Tues. Nov 17 School Council mtg @ 6:30 pm in the Century library
- Wed. Nov. 18 Book Fair Viewing
- Thurs. Nov. 19 Book Fair Purchasing
- Thurs. Nov 19 Clothing Order Due
- Fri. Nov 20 PA DAY No school for students
Book Fair Purchasing 8am– 11 a.m.
- Fri. Nov. 27 Four Houses Awards Assembly @ 11 a.m. in the gym
- Nov 23—Dec 4 Century PS Food Drive

Century PS Food Drive

The annual Century PS Food Drive needs your help! From November 23 to December 4th, we will happily accept your donations of canned and non-perishable food items. Boxes will be available in the front hall. The Century PS Food Drive supports families in our Century school community.



UPCOMING OCDSB SPEAKER SERIES EVENT

HEALTHY BODIES, HEALTHY MINDS—LET'S GET PHYSICAL

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.

Longfields-Davidson Heights Secondary School, Auditorium, 149 Berrigan Drive

Physical Literacy is more than just fitness and activity; it encourages a complete understanding of the way our bodies move, function, and contribute to social, physical, and emotional well-being. Dr. Lloyd will provide a historical perspective on physical literacy and what it means for the reformation of physical education. Hear practical examples of how we may become physically literate in our own lives as students, teachers, and parents.

THE OCDSB SPEAKER SERIES OFFERS FREE PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY AND SEEKS TO PROVIDE PARENTS AND EDUCATORS WITH ACCESS TO LEADING IDEAS IN EDUCATION THAT WILL ALLOW US TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY TO BETTER SUPPORT STUDENT LEARNING. THE SERIES IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT'S PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (PIC) AND SUPPORTED THROUGH GRANT FUNDING FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.