



# CENTENNIAL PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY NEWSLETTER

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## **Did You Know? Supporting the Mental Wellbeing of All Students**

Did you know that we have a Take 2 program at Centennial Public School? This program encourages all staff to dedicate time during the week to touch base with one or two students who aren't in their class. Why is this important? It reinforces with children that they have several staff members in the school who care deeply for them. We all take great pride in caring for and caring about your children ☺

## **EQAO**

EQAO is a provincial assessment that is given to students in Grades 3 and 6 during the month of May. Our Grade 3 students will be participating in the assessment on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Our Grade 6 students will be participating in the assessment on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please make every effort to have your student at school on time during these days. Please avoid scheduling any appointments on these dates.

There is a great deal of information on the assessment that you are free to read at [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your teacher, Ms. Pettingill or Mrs. Sartor at the school.

## **Measuring Up**

**Measurement** is a math concept children learn about at home and school. Measurement includes understanding length, mass, volume, perimeter, area, temperature, time and speed.

**You can help preschool and school age children understand measurement** by helping them learn to use measurement vocabulary. Words such as short/long, heavy/light, full/empty, big/small, hot/cold, early/late, fast/slow help them compare things in their everyday world.

**Create one-of-a-kind rulers by helping your children trace and cut out their handprint.** Help them use their hand rulers to find other hands that are bigger, smaller, and the same size as their own.

Can your children use their hand rulers to count how many hands their pet or stuffed animal is high or long?

### **We are Running at Centennial PS!**

Our Running Club continues and is so strong! Our runners are invited to run several days a week, either during the day (with their teacher), after school, or even in the evening a few times per week!

Centennial PS will have lots of runners in the LCVI Road Race this coming Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please come cheer them on.

Approximately 80 of our community members (teachers, parents and students) will all walk or run the 5K together on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Neuro 5K Run. The run begins at the airport in Kingston at 8:45 a.m. Please consider coming out to cheer us on (or run with us)!

### **Parent Council**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Please come join us in the library.

### **Sports**

Junior basketball is continuing. They have a tournament coming up. A huge thank you to Mr. Somerville and Mr. Caldwell and Ms. Rochefort for coaching our teams.

### **Equity and Inclusion Video Launch**

Our school was chosen to be a part of the Limestone DSB's Equity and Inclusion video that will be shared with the entire Board, in an effort to promote equity and inclusion and to increase awareness of what it really means to be equitable and to truly include everyone.

We will launch this video at our Success Assembly on May 18<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. Our community is welcome. Board personnel will be at our school to help us to do this.

### **Parking**

It has been confirmed that there will be a major renovation to our parking lot that will commence in July and finish prior to school starting in August.

Here is a list of the major changes:

- 1) The parking lot will be restructured so that there is a bus bay – a drop off for the busses that have previously pulled up to the front of the school
- 2) All walkways/sidewalks will be extended to be wheelchair accessible
- 3) The new parking lot will extend into the existing Kindergarten yard. As a result, the K yard will be extended toward the soccer field and re-fenced.
- 4) The existing entrance will now be an exit and the exit will be an entrance. New signage will assist our families (as well as our helpful staff) when school starts in the fall.

### **Track and Field**

We will run a junior Track and Field day for our Grades 3-6 students on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> (raindate 17<sup>th</sup>). Information will be sent out to our families this week. We would love to have some family members out to help and cheer our participants on!

The District Track and Field meet will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> and the Regional meet will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June.

We will host a primary Track and Field Day on June 7<sup>th</sup>. More information will follow for our families in the coming weeks.

### **Save the Dates!**

Mark these special dates on your calendar!

Friday, June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Fun Fair, 3:30-6:00
Monday, June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6 Celebration, 4:00-6:00
Tuesday, June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Family Picnic, 12:15-1:45
Thursday, June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Final Assembly and last day of school, 9:15 a.m.