

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

LINCOLN CENTENNIAL

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From the principal's desk.

October 2010

It is hard to believe that September has come and gone! Once again, I would like to thank the staff, students and parents at Lincoln Centennial for a great start to the school year and thank everyone for the warm welcome I have received. I would also like to congratulate Mr. Lemon, students and staff for setting a new standard for the Terry Fox run. This year, over \$1000 was collected for cancer research! Thank you to Mr. Winger, Mr. & Mrs. Cheredar, our Rotary Club volunteers and staff for continuing our breakfast program this year. Each day, these dedicated individuals ensure that our students start the day on the right foot by providing them with a hot nutritious breakfast.

“Ability backed by a commitment to excellence overcomes any challenge.”



Magazine Fundraiser

On Thursday, October 7, we begin our Magazine Fundraiser. This school based fundraiser provides additional money for resources and activities at Lincoln Centennial. Last year, fundraising money was spent on performances, school teams and busing. Once again, we are asking the students and parents to support this activity.

*Orders should be returned by October 18th.

Breakfast and Snack Programs

Our Breakfast Program began on Monday, September, 20 and will run each morning from 8:15a.m. - 8:35a.m.

The snack program will begin October 19 and will run everyday at 10:25 for the primary students and 10:45 for the junior students. Each child is asked to bring a donation of \$5.00 for the snack program.

Parenting and Family Literacy Centre

Our Parenting and Family Literacy Centre is now in full swing. Marlene Rufh-Recasens, our early years coach is so excited that so many of our families have been accessing the centre. But it is not for the Lincoln Centennial families alone. If you have friends or family with children between the ages of 0-6, then be sure to tell them about the centre. It is open every weekday from 8:45am - 12:45pm and provides snacks as well as tea and coffee for the caregivers. We look forward to seeing you there in the next few weeks.

Marlene Rufh-Recasens is a certified Early Childhood Educator and a registered member of the College of Early Childhood Educators of Ontario. She is certified Infant Massage Instructor and enjoys teaching Children's and Pre-natal Yoga at the Bodhi Wellness and Yoga Centre. Presently, she has completed the Resource Teacher Early Interventionalist diploma at Seneca College. Over the years she has worked with FACS, taught at Niagara College and worked with the Ontario Early Years Centre of Erie-Lincoln. Most recently, she worked with the Niagara Region Children's Services Child Care Centres and with Public Health as an Infant Child Development Therapist. When she relocated from Montreal to St. Catharines 18-years ago, she relied on the families and staff at Power Glen Public School to help with the transition and during that time she was an active parent volunteer until her 2-children completed their primary education.

"I am truly enjoying working with the team at Lincoln Centennial and the families who are and will be participating at the Parent Family Literacy Centre. "

Marlene Rufh-Recasens

Terry Fox Run

The Terry Fox Run was once again very successful as we raised over **\$1000.00** for cancer research!

Students spent time learning about the life of and sacrifices made by Terry Fox in his desire to help others with the same condition. A big thank you to

Annie D. and Sadie D. for making and selling over 100 bracelets to raise funds towards our goal. A

great big thank you to Mr. Lemon for making this such a successful event. Mr. Winger and Mr.

Baranoski will also be shaving their heads at the sharing assembly on Wednesday morning, as we surpassed our initial goal of \$500.00

Way to go

Lincoln!



Friday, October 8 - P.A.Day

Please note that **Friday, October 8, 2010 is a Professional Development Day** for the District School Board of Niagara. That means that there are no classes for the students. Teachers will be engaged in a session focused on analyzing our EQAO results from the previous year. Also, **Monday, October 11 is Thanksgiving Monday** and there is no school. The result is a four day weekend for your children. We hope you enjoy your time!!

School Advisory Council Update

Our first meeting for the School Advisory Council was held on Monday, September 27, 2010. We discussed the history of the Council's work at Lincoln Centennial and the need for parental input into decision making. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, October 25 at 6:30 pm in the library. For those of you with young children, daycare will be provided. Our school council chair for 2010-2011 will be Mrs. C Vanderform.

Literacy Matters

Once again, the focus at Lincoln Centennial is literacy. Over the last three years, we have made reading, writing and oral communication a priority and will continue to stress the importance of these essential skills. As parents, there are many things you can do to help your child excel in this area. Each month, we will include ideas and suggestions for parents in our "Literacy Matters" section of the newsletter. For further information or clarification, please speak to your child's teacher or contact our literacy coach, Mrs. Rimmington.

The Lincoln Centennial School Library and the Grantham Library have great reading resources to share as a family. **Parents, please take time daily to read to and read with your child.** Below is a very quick and easy way to help your child pick a "just right for now" book.

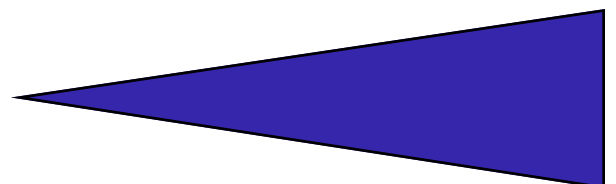
1. Have your child look at the cover and the pictures to see if they will enjoy reading the book.
2. Then, have your child read the first two pages aloud, putting down a finger for each word they can't figure out.

Use the formula to help them choose the most appropriate book to read. Most of the time they should be reading a "just right book".

0 - 1 unknown words = **easy book**

2 - 4 unknown words = **just right**

5 unknown words = **too difficult for now**



Six Week Focus

In each newsletter, we will share a specific focus that all students will be working on within their literacy block. For our first six week cycle, all primary students will be working on retelling and junior students will focus on comprehension strategies and fluency. These are curriculum expectations **1.3, 1.4 and 3.3** from the Ontario Language Curriculum. Below are samples from the grade two and five expectations. All teachers will be able to provide the specific expectation for your child's grade.

Grade 2

1.4 demonstrate understanding of a text by retelling the story or restating information from the text, with the inclusion of a few interesting details

e.g retell a story in the proper sequence with supporting details, restate important ideas from the text

Grade 5

1.3 identify a variety of reading comprehension strategies and use them appropriately before, during and after reading to understand texts

e.g use prior knowledge, ask questions visualize, reread to clarify meaning

3.3 read appropriate texts with expression and confidence, adjusting reading strategies and rate to match the form and purpose

e.g read aloud with appropriate and phrasing and emphasis

Five Expectations

At our last sharing assembly, we provided students with five positive expectations to be followed each day at Lincoln Centennial. These are not new, but we are now using the same language school wide. We have also posted the rules in each classroom and throughout the building to remind students that we want to see positive behaviour at all times. We are encouraging students to share this information with parents and to discuss at home.

- 1. Come to school prepared and ready to work.**
- 2. Listen to instructions.**
- 3. Always do your best.**
- 4. Be responsible.**
- 5. Respect yourself and others at all times.**

Dates to Remember

Thursday, October 7	Magazine Fundraiser begins.
Friday, October 8	Professional Activity Day—no school for students
Monday, October 11	Thanksgiving
Monday, October 18	Last day to return magazine orders to school & picture orders due.
Monday, October 25	School Advisory Council 6:30 p.m. in library
Friday, October 29	Halloween Activities in p.m.
Wednesday, November 3	Picture Retake Day

