



LINCOLN CENTENNIAL

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Update on the School Growth Plan - Parent Engagement

We know that student success hinges on the partnership between the school and home.

Although teachers employ the most effective teaching methods in their classrooms, the involvement of parents in their children's learning is critical. That is why teachers are often encouraging our students to bring their work home and share it with their parents and/or guardians.

During the month of January, you will also have three additional opportunities to be involved in educational activities with your children through the school. On Wednesday, January 13 we will be holding our re-scheduled "Movie Night" from October. Students from junior kindergarten to grade 6 will be encouraged to come in their pajamas and watch a fun movie with their friends. Parents will be given the opportunity to participate in an information session on how to assist your child(ren) at home in the area of mathematics. Many of our teachers have been working tirelessly on the event and we hope to have as many families out as possible.

Wednesday, January 27 is Family Literacy Day and we will be celebrating as a school from 9:15 - 12:30 pm in our classrooms. Parents, guardians, aunts, uncles and grandparents will be invited to participate that morning in some engaging literacy activities in their child's classroom. The primary students will celebrate literacy day from 9:15 - 10:30 am and the junior students will celebrate from 11:15 - 12:30 pm. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend. And finally, we will once again, be going to an Ice Dogs Hockey game on Thursday, January 28th at 7:00 pm. The tickets are \$12.00 each for both students and parents. *Students may only attend if accompanied by an adult.* We love working together for the benefit of your children.

Thank You to Canadian Federation of University Women

We want to extend a great big "**thank you**" to the Canadian Federation of University Women for choosing Lincoln Centennial this year to receive over 750 books for our students, library and classrooms. Approximately 20 different organizations and companies in St. Catharines and surrounding areas donated books for this event. Before the Christmas break, each student had the opportunity to choose a donated book to read over the holiday. The students were thrilled to be given this gift and so excited on the day the books arrived at the school. This week the remaining books have been sorted and distributed to the library and various classrooms throughout the school. The students and teachers are thrilled to have these additional resources.

It is wonderful to partner with this renowned organization and we appreciate the efforts of Ms. Liz Brooker in organizing this wonderful opportunity for the students and families of Lincoln Centennial.

Student Safety

Student Absence

It is very important that you call us when your child is going to be absent or late. This ensures that the school and the teacher is aware of your child's absence. We do have a 24 hour answering machine so please feel free to call anytime. We are here and looking out for your child's/children's safety at all times.

Student Agenda

If your child has an appointment during the school day or they have different instructions for after school please use the agenda to write letters to the teacher to let them know. This will save the office from interrupting the classes. We really appreciate your diligence in this matter.

An important message about Inclement Weather Procedures...

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures.

Information about transportation changes and school closures will be available on the websites, radio and television stations listed below as soon as it is available. Please do not phone the school for transportation or school closure information.

Websites:

www.dsbm.org

www.nsts.ca

Television Stations:

COGECO Cable 10

CHCH Television

City TV

Radio Stations:

KLite - 102.9 fm

EZRock 105.7 fm

Y-108 - 107.9 fm

Wave 94.7 fm

CKTB 610 am

CHML 900 am

CHSC 1220 am

Htz 97.7 fm

If early dismissal becomes necessary, we will use the emergency numbers you provided on the confidential form which was sent home in September. If your contact numbers have changed, please call the office with your updated information.

PLEASE NOTE: The school may be open even though student transportation has been cancelled. The decision to send children to school is always at the parent's discretion

MAD Science Presentation and After-School Club

Mad Science, the world's leading provider of educational and entertaining science programs for children is coming to Lincoln Centennial Public School. Their mission is to spark the imagination and curiosity of children everywhere by providing them with fun, entertaining and exciting activities that instill a clear understanding of what science is really all about and how it affects the world around them. They use exciting activities and spectacular demonstrations to capture the attention and imagination of children as we found out during our assembly.

Both the students and teachers will be thrilled on Jan 6, 2010 at 1:40 pm when Mad Science comes to the school to do a Spectacular Science show. The assembly will be educational, entertaining and also the kick off to the Mad Science Club. The Club is a 6-week science enrichment program offered to the students.

Students who join the science club will go on a voyage of discovery designed to support the Ontario Science and Technology curriculum. They will explore various topics in science including Watts Up, Under Pressure, Weather, 3D Science, Detective Science and the Glow Show. The Club will take place on Monday, Jan 25, Feb 1, 8, 22, March 1, 8 from 3:20 PM - 4:20 PM. There is a cost for the program. More information will be coming home this week.



Thank You to the Rotary Club of St. Catharines



Just this week, the Rotary Club of St. Catharines generously donated 60 thesauri for our classrooms. These books sell in Canada for approximately \$12.00. Each of our junior classes will be receiving 10-15 copies to use during their writing times. Many of our students have been learning the importance of "Word Choice" in their writing and the thesaurus is a useful tool for improving and expanding the words they use in their writing. It also helps with vocabulary development. Thank you to the Rotary Club for this generous gift. It is appreciated and they will be well used.

Movie Night on January 13, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

Mark Your Calendars!!!

We will, once again, be holding our annual Movie Night on Wednesday, January 13th. Students from junior kindergarten to grade 6 are all invited with their parents to come and watch a movie together. Refreshments will be served. A parent presentation on "How to help Your Child Develop Her/His Math Skills" will be happening for the parents in the gym. Students are invited to come in their pajamas for the special evening.

Literacy Tool for At Home

We want to share some great news with you about our **Premier AT Home** website where you can download reading, writing and study tools that can be used on your **home** computers. This program is sponsored by our school in conjunction with Premier Literacy. If you haven't already used the site, you'll want to take advantage of the free literacy tool downloads from www.premierathome.com.

You can download software, documentation and support videos using the following login information

Username: dsbon

Password: enable

Please note the following:

The login page is customized specifically for our school board.

A Getting Started page will help you determine which tools might be best for you.

A detailed description of each tool is right on the site so you don't have to look anywhere else.

Additional support options like online video tutorials, online product manuals and email and phone contact information for Technical Support and Customer Service.

Don't forget that these tools will work on Windows XP and Vista operating systems. (Older Windows operating systems are not supported.)

Student of the Month ~ For December

	Effort	Improvement	Caring
JK			Natalie Nguyen & Zoe Lamouri
JK/SK	Zachary Baston	Ashley Bergsma	Stephanie Diprose
SK	Marcus Maynard	Makenna Bradshaw	Hailey Jarvis
1/2 W	Maisam Khalil	Justin Hills	Corey Cullen
1/2 R	Breannah Dejong	Lily Gaudet	Faith Dunkley
2/3	Steven Longaphie	Shakeem Barrett	Nicky Hines
3-1	Tasnim Askandarny	Fabian Requena	Megan Wills
4-1	Austin Ward & Fardeen Zaman	Dylan Thrasher	Morgan Storey & Courtney McLean
4/5	Trevance Cross	Jenny Zhang	Kate Cote
5/6	Anita Lee	Rasha Albaqami	Annie Dick
6-1	Jordan Carr	Adam Dixon	Ashley Ward
SEN	Anna Woelke	Hussein Kanaan	Britney Clark

French Effort Awards

Madison McDermott (4-1), Tati Lazo (4/5), Jamie Vanderform (5/6), Mitchell Plaskonos (6-1)

Come Celebrate Family Literacy Day on Wednesday, January 27 in the am



Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, family and friends are all invited to celebrate Family Literacy Day at Lincoln Centennial Public School on Wednesday, January 27 from 9:15 - 10:30 for our primary students and from 11:15 - 12:30 pm for our junior students. There will be refreshments, and engaging activities for you to do with your children in the classroom. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

January 2010



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Winter Break	2 Winter Break
4 School's Back	5 Step Up @ 6:15 pm	6 Pizza Day  MAD Science Assembly @ 1:40 pm	7 Step Up @ 6:15 pm	8 Lockdown Drill
11 Ice Dog Presentation @ 9:30 am	12 Gr. 8 Open House at Laura Secord Step Up @ 6:15 pm	13 Pizza Day  PFLC Grand Opening @ 9:30 am Movie Night 6:30 Gr. 8 Open House at Governor Simcoe	14 Step Up @ 6:15 pm	15 Pita Day
18 School Advisory Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. in the Library	19 Step Up @ 6:15 pm	20 Pizza Day  Rotary Reader Presentation 9 am	21 Ice Dogs money is due today! Step Up @ 6:15 pm	22 Lockdown Drill Olympic Day/Jersey Day
25 MAD Science Club begins at 3:15 pm	26 Step Up @ 6:15 pm	27 Pizza Day  Anti-graffiti Presentation Rotary Reader @ 9 am Family Literacy Day celebration at 9:15 am	28 M&M Meats Day Ice Dog Hockey game @ 7 pm Step Up @ 6:15 pm	29 Licks Day Grade 2/3 and 3 classes to Woodend

Mark Your Calendars for:

- Movie Night - January 13 @ 6:30 pm**
- School Advisory Council Meeting - January 18 @ 6:30 pm**
- Family Literacy Day Celebration - January 27 in am**
- M&M Meats Day & Ice Dogs Hockey game - January 28th**