

# LINCOLN CENTENNIAL

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## Update from the Character Education Leadership Team

Did you know that Ontario continues to be the province of choice for more than half of the over one million newcomers to the country? The face of Ontario is changing and Lincoln Centennial is responding to this change by embracing teaching and learning that supports and welcomes diversity among our students.

Lincoln Centennial recognizes that this diversity is a strength and we are working to use our unique diversity to provide programs for our students that allow all members of our school community to feel safe, comfortable and accepted. Our Character Education and Equity Leadership team at the school is the primary means used by the school to achieve its multi-cultural goals. One of the key goals of this team was to introduce the Tribes program throughout the school. This curriculum program shares with the core concepts of multi-culturalism, a focus on the qualities of respect, inclusiveness and fairness and fosters these behaviors in our students through many active and cooperative activities.

The Character Education and Equity Team is enthusiastically planning our Spring Multi-Cultural Potluck, "A Taste of the World", scheduled for May 21, at 12:45 pm. We want our school to be a place where students learn and experience diversity. For our students to truly experience diversity we need to involve the broader community of parents and households, and we hope to achieve this goal through our potluck.

Notices of this event will be sent out in early May and we are hoping that we can get a good response to our appeal. We want our students to be able to "taste" Lincoln's diversity through a wide range of dishes and foodstuffs that reflect our varied cultures. Please consider making a dish for May 21 that reflects your culture or family traditions and join us as we share some food together and celebrate our diversity.

## Important Items to

### look for in this

### Newsletter:

- **Multi-Cultural Potluck**
- **Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart Results**
- **Earth Month**
- **Sports Update**
- **EQAO Dates**

## **"Place to Play Walk-a-thon" Response Form**

We are excited about hosting the "A Place to Play Playground Walk-a-thon" again this year to raise money for our playground. Please indicate below if your family or child will be participating on June 19.

- Our family will be participating in the "Place to Play Walk-a-thon" on Saturday, June 19.  
Please send home a pledge form with my child(ren).

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Junior Girls and Boys Basketball



Junior basketball season has come to a close. Both the boys and girls teams worked hard at improving their skills throughout the season. The girls team ended the season as a consolation finalist and the boys came second in the league and finals. Congratulations to both teams and thank you to Mr. Lemon, Mr. Belliveau, Mrs. Rossi, Mr. Winger and Mrs. Tye for donating your time for us.

## Track and Field

The students in grades 3 to 6 have been learning about the 8 events of Track and Field in phys. ed class. Like last year, students interested in trying-out for our school Track and Field team may do so as follows:

### The try-out schedule:

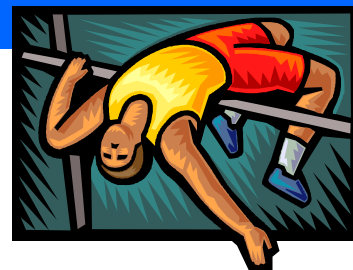
The try-outs for the field events (long, triple, and high jump) will be done during phys. ed class.

The 1500m will be held at school the week of May 10 to the 14.

The try-outs for the track events (**100m, 200m, 400m, and 800m**) will be held at **Laura Secord High School on May 7, 2010** in the afternoon.

Students placing in the top 3 in each event will be able to move on and compete against schools in our area on Wednesday, May 26th.

**GO Lions GO!!!!!!**



## A Successful Jump Rope for Heart/Hoops for Heart Campaign by our Lincoln Centennial Lions

### **No Fooling!**

Our April 1 – April Fool’s Day – Jump Rope for Heart/Hoops for Heart was a ROARING SUCCESS!!!

Our Lincoln Centennial Public School Lions jumped rope and shot hoops for Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart on Thursday, April 1, 2010 during our third block. The warm, spring weather couldn’t have been more co-operative as we “worked our hearts” for this great cause. We are proud to announce that our school collected a grand total of \$1,761.35! Just another reason to be proud of our Pride of Lions! Well done, Lincoln Centennial!

As usual, we had full support of the Lincoln Centennial staff and were pleased to have the Heart and Stroke Foundation Area Co-ordinator, Ms. Kate Nevar and her assistant, Ms. Jill Aitchinson, join us for the afternoon.

We look forward to seeing our students jumping rope and shooting hoops outdoors during this spring season. We hope to continue to practise our skills and moves to keep “our hearts” fit, active and healthy.



## Breakfast Program Continues

During the second term, our breakfast program expanded to five days a week thanks to the commitment of the members of the St. Catharines Rotary Club. Student are expected to arrive at the school at 8:15 am for breakfast. A great big thank you goes out to the staff - Miss C. Wall, Mrs. Cheredar, Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Bartolini and others who come in early to cook for our students as well as parents like Mrs. Wade has been instrumental in completing all the paperwork for this program and Mr. and Mrs. Cheredar have become our weekly shoppers.



## April was Earth Month

The Lincoln Centennial Eco Club has come to an end for the year, but that's not to say you have to stop making a difference. Over the past month, the Primary and Junior Eco Clubs have helped lead the way by encouraging our school community to:

Reduce electricity by powering down,

Reduce litter by bringing Litterless lunches,

Dispose of household batteries the "right" way,

Clean up our school yard, and

Reuse old items by creating new things!

Congratulations on all *your* efforts to protect our Earth!!!!

## Students of the Month

The following students received recognition for being the student of the month for April:

	<u>Effort</u>	<u>Improvement</u>	<u>Integrity</u>
JK am	Katina Galanis	Gage Villeseche-Jarvis	Orlin Chowdhury
JK/SK pm	Hope McGregor	Aiden Clapp	Carly Bergsma
SK	Solraya Haig	Kayla Soto	Erika Normandeau
Gr. 1/2 W	Anita Sljivar	Adi Soto	Hagar Mohamed
Gr. 1/2 R	Carmen Burke	Kayla Clifford-Lomas	Jason Truong
Gr. 2/3	Vincent Nguyen	Giselle Peck	Sadie Dick
Gr. 3	Buthina Kigab	Jared DePenning	Reina Haig
Gr. 4	Aws Al-Jumaily	Taylor Leppard	Juan Lopez Paz & Austin Ward
Gr. 4/5	Tati Lazo	Maya Francis-Hines	Brandon Winfield
Gr. 5/6	Jerome Wilkinson	Ashley Fraser	Jamie Vanderform
Gr. 6	Fabian Furness	Fabiola Soza	Nathaniel Hoelzner
SEN	Isabella Kaye	Anna Woelke	Jessie-May Unruh

French (4-1) Carmel Calimlim (4/5) Saban Sljivar (5/6) Neilson Truong (6-1) Tianna Johnston

## EQAO Dates

At the end of May and the beginning of June, we will be administering primary and junior EQAO assessments to our grade 3 and 6 students. This will be happening from May 31 - June 11. Please make sure your child is at school each of these days to avoid the necessity of catching them up and make sure that they are having a healthy breakfast and lunch as well as lots of sleep the night before. It is important that we have them performing at their very best.

## The Parenting Corner

Here are some thoughts/ideas/questions to ask yourself from the book “FAMILY FIRST” written by Dr. Phil McGraw.

As a parent you have the unbelievably powerful role in shaping the tone, textures, mood and quality of your family.....meaning your children. Life is busy but the title of the book says it all FAMILY FIRST!

Teaching our children that we as parents/caregivers can and will learn is a wonderful demonstration of healthy reality. So, Dr Phil asks. . .

***- are you creating a family environment that brings out the best in your child?***

***- do you have the skills necessary to give your child the best chance at succeeding in this world?***

***- have you created an environment that generates feelings of safety, security, belongingness, self-confidence and strength for your child(ren)?***

We know parenting is not easy.....children don't come with evolving books/information and yet, there is so much to learn. There are many ways to gain information and support during the ups and downs of parenting as our children change and grow. The library, Public Health Department, school, Early Years Centre, Parenting and Literacy Centre, parentbooks.com and Contact Niagara (905-684-3407) are just some examples that may be of help to you.

The questions posed above can start to be answered through your calm, consistent, caring, kind and enriching time spent with your child.

For more information please feel free to contact Leanne Hasenack at your school.

## Volunteer Appreciation

We are, once again, wanting to say a great big . . . .

**“THANK YOU”**

To all of our volunteers this year. We are so fortunate to have so many members of the school and community donate their time to run a variety of programs at our school like the Breakfast and Snack programs, Book Fair, All Star Reading Program, coaching and driving to sports events and the list goes on . . .

On Tuesday, May 25,

we would like to recognize your contributions

with a special luncheon at 12:45 pm.

***So mark this date on your calendar. You don't want to miss out!***

# Summer School is coming to Lincoln Centennial Again!



**“Summer HEAT”** is a morning program for students entering Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3.





The program will run from July 12 - August 6 with a focus on literacy skills and experiential learning.

Daily snacks and trips are included in the weekly fee. The cost per student is \$80.00. Subsidies are available upon request.

**Please see the office for an application form.**

# May 2009



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4 Step Up	5 	6 Step Up	7 Track and Field Afternoon gr. 3-6
10	11 Vision Clinic @ LC Step Up	12 Focussed Observation in am 	13 Step Up	14 <b>PITA LUNCH!</b>
17 School Advisory Council Mtg @ 6:30 pm	18 Step Up	19 	20 Pledge forms go home for Walk-a-thon  Step Up	21 Multi-Cultural Potluck @ 12:45 pm
24 Victoria Day - No School	25 Volunteer Apprecia- tion @ 12:45 pm  Step Up	26 Welcome to Kindergarten 4-6 pm 	27 Step Up	28 Character Assembly @ 1:45 pm  <b>LICKS LUNCH!</b>

## A Place to Play - Playground Rejuvenation Project

We are calling all students, parents, aunts, uncles, grandmas, grandpas and friends to participate in our **“Place to Play Walk-a-thon”** on Saturday, June 5th from 9-11 am!! The goal is to raise \$2000.00 to put towards our playground fundraising. Students will be given a Walk-a-thon Pledge sheet to collect pledges on Thursday, May 20. Monies are to be collected and turned in to the office by Wednesday, June 2nd. Then the fun begins at the Walk-a-thon on Saturday, June 5th! Please sign the sheet on the first page of the newsletter if you and your family will be participating. We look forward to seeing you there!



**Our Garage Sale is Saturday, May 15, 2010 from 8 am - noon.**

**Be sure to check it out!**