



# LINCOLN CENTENNIAL

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## Update on the School Growth Plan

We continue our focus on literacy in both the primary and junior divisions. Teachers have been working with their classes to develop higher order thinking skills in every area of the curriculum. Parents are encouraged to ask their children “thinking questions” at home assisting them in developing these skills. We are excited to, once again, be able to run several literacy programs to support our students.

Our “**Tutors in the Classroom**” program will begin in November. Several university students will be working with our primary students developing their decoding skills and increasing their fluency in reading. Students usually work with their tutor in groups of 3 or 4 for twenty minutes each day.

We will also be running a **junior boys and girls book club** during the second nutrition and fitness breaks using PlayAways. PlayAways are books that students can read and listen to using headphones. It allows some of our struggling readers to more easily read books of interest to them. Each club will meet once a week to discuss and exchange their books.

We are excited about being part of the “**Rotary Readers**” initiative again. Once a week, we will have a person from the Rotary Club of St. Catharines come and read to our primary students. They are also supporting our school by providing a full set of thesauri and we continue to discuss other ways they can support our school.

Starbucks , on Scott Street, will be partnering with us on a “Make Your Mark Campaign” in which their employees will be part of our “**All Star Reading Program**”. The goal is to log 100 volunteer hours for the project and Starbucks will donate \$1000.00 to a charity of our choosing. We have chosen the “Education Foundation of Niagara” as they have been so generous to us in the past three years.

A great big thank you goes out to Mrs. Rimmington who is responsible for coordinating these programs at our school. It takes a great deal of time and effort to get everything organized and ready. Her time and effort is appreciated as these program are wonderful for our students.

## Thank You to Sobeys

Thanks to the generosity of Sobeys on Scott Street, specifically Connie and Steve. Each student at Lincoln Centennial received a free pumpkin this week. They were so excited to see the students taking these home. Hopefully, each family was able to enjoy these when they arrived home. Please try to shop at Sobeys during the next few months to show our appreciation.



## Snack Program

Our snack program successfully began early in October. It is sponsored by the Niagara Nutrition Partners and the Ministry of Child and Youth Services. Each day, students participating in the program receive a healthy snack during first nutrition break. Snacks involve fruit, vegetables, nachos and salsa and other healthy foods. It's not too late to have your children participate. Just send a note to your child's teacher indicating that you want your children to be part of the snack program. Families are asked to make a \$5.00 donation to the program each month if they are able.

## Remembrance Day

In Canada, November 11 is designated as Remembrance Day as we pause to remember the many men and women who sacrificed their lives for Canadian freedom. At the school, we will be having a short service for the students in JK to grade 6. The service will begin at 10:45 and last approximately 20-25 minutes. Thank you goes to Mrs. Forrester and Ms. K. Wall for organizing this event. Parents are welcome to attend.



## Student of the Month for October

Our Character Trait focus for the month of October was responsibility and students focused on classroom, personal and community responsibilities.

<u>Effort</u>	<u>Improvement</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Class</u>
Orlin Chowdhury	Natalie Nguyen	Anaya Reid	JK-am
Mackenzie DePenning	Hope McGregor	Austyn Stonehouse-Mead	JK/SK-pm
Angel Aumel	Olivia Hildebrandt	Leah Ramnarain	SK all day
Ryen McCaffery	Danika Nguyen	Anita Slijivar	1/2-1
Skyler Siren-Glim	Tavia Blake	Alex Davis	1/2-2
Maryium Mansur	Yusra Sharif	Nilang Patel	2/3
Buthina Kigab	Merian Khairy	Reina Haig	3-2
Jason Nguyen	Juan Lopez Paz	Taylor Leppard/Shrabanti Biswas	4-1
Jodyann Powel	Devine Siren-Glim	Allen Lam	4/5
Gabrielle Hornall	Brandon Lantin	Colin Dejong	5/6
Nada Osman	Noor-Hooda Khalid	Briana Seward	6-1
Anna Woelke	Hussein Kanaan	Jessica Hill	SEN

**French Effort Award**—Sara Qassim-gr 4; Shahzaib Hashmi-gr 4/5; Juan Guerrero-gr 5/6; April Ayre-gr 6

## All Star Reading Program Begins

We are excited that we now have 10 volunteers to be reading coaches for our All Star Reading Program. These coaches will be coming into the school once a week for an hour to read with various primary students. The focus will be on teaching the students to use the Star Strategies for decoding and understanding what they read. Our students are very excited to have been chosen for this special program.

## Rotary Readers are Coming . . . .

Once again, members of the Rotary Club of St. Catharines will be coming once a week to read to our primary students. They often share information about their jobs in the community and the work on the Rotary Club with the students. We are pleased to have been one of two schools chosen for this special program.

## Ice Dogs Game



Mark January 28th on your calendars! Our students have been invited to the Ice Dogs game and have the opportunity to participate in a pre-game skate before the game. Tickets will be sold in January for \$12.00. It promises to be a great evening and you don't want to miss out.

## Magazine Fundraiser and MacMillan Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported our Magazine Fundraiser by purchasing and selling magazine subscriptions. We successfully raised over \$3,000 to support our student excursions this year. The grade 5/6 class had the greatest amount of student participation and will be receiving a bowling party in the next couple of weeks. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Happy reading! We will be selling cookie and muffin dough as our second fundraiser with forms going home on Friday, Nov. 6th. These products are delicious and easy to prepare. All orders must be in by Tues. Nov. 24th,

## Sports Teams Look Great in their New Uniforms

Our **boys and girls volleyball** teams look fantastic in their new uniforms. A great big thank you goes out to Mr. Lemon for ordering them for the school. Our volleyball season has just begun and the teams look promising. We appreciate Mr. Dickson, Mrs. Rimmington, Mrs. D'Elia and Miss Rennie's time and energy coaching our teams. The following students are members of the **Girls** volleyball team: Taylor and Tasha Beaulieu, Abbey Hills, Tianna Johnson, Nada Osman, Tati Lazo, Maya Hines-Francis, Annie Dick, Ashley Ward, Sara & Sabrina Qassim, Sara Warner-Picard, Jaylin Reyes, Anita Mae Le and the equipment Manager is Lindsey Hills.

The following students are members of the **Boys** volleyball team: Kyle Lunny, Colin Dejong, William Slatter, Rahim Bardi, Shahzaib Hashmi, Jonathan Gonzalez, Juan Guerrero, Sabo Sljivar, Brandon Sinclair, Jose Libreros, Nathaniel Hoelzner, Allen Lam, Rikin Patel and Abu Haef Kigab.

Our **soccer team had an outstanding season** and we are so proud of their efforts making it all the way to the semi-finals. It was made possible by the efforts of Ms. Frie and Miss Rybiak.

Our **cross country team** had an outstanding season. At the DSBN meet \_\_\_\_\_, Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Spagnuolo did an outstanding job as our coaches again this year. It is so wonderful to have such a talented staff to work with in terms of coaching ability and their commitment to the students!

## Lincoln Centennial receives two EFN Grants

We recently applied for and received two grants from the Education Foundation of Niagara. The first one was for the purchase of primary resources valued at \$750.00 looking at environmental issues. The second grant was to assist with our Character Education focus. They provided funding for one of our Carousel Players productions in April. We are pleased to be the recipients of these two grants and will continue to support their efforts within our school by participating in the "Make Change for Children" campaign in April.

# November 2009



Pizza Days are Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25

Pita Day is Nov. 20th

Licks Day is Nov. 27th

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>2</b> <b>Guitar Club 3 pm</b> <b>Boys V'ball game</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Take Your Kids to Work Day</b> <b>Boys &amp; Girls V'ball game</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Picture Retakes</b> <b>Boys V'ball game</b>	<b>6</b> <b>MacMillan Fundraiser begins</b>
<b>9</b> <b>Guitar Club 3 pm</b> <b>Boys &amp; Girls V'ball game</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45 am</b> <b>Girls V'ball game</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>PA Day - no school</b>
<b>16</b> <b>Guitar Club 3 pm</b> <b>Girls V'ball game</b> <b>School Advisory Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Backwards Day</b>
<b>23</b> <b>Guitar Club 3 pm</b>	<b>24</b> MacMillan orders Due back in office.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>M&amp;M Meats Day</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Character Assembly @ 1:45 pm</b>
<b>30</b> <b>Guitar Club 3 pm</b>				

**Please note than November 13 is a Professional Development Day for teachers and there is no school that day!!! Term 1 Report Cards will be sent home on December 2 with interviews being held on Thursday, December 3 from 3:30 - 6:45 pm and on the afternoon on Friday, December 4 from 12:30 - 2:45 pm. We look forward to seeing you there!**