



# LINCOLN CENTENNIAL

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## Welcome to Another Exciting Year!

We are thrilled to be back at school and are looking forward to another great year. We have many exciting activities planned for both our students and their families. Today, your child received a **“Family Welcome Package”** which contained a School Profile, Parent-Student handbook, Code of Conduct, school newsletter, and student verification forms. We attempted to provide our school community with much needed information about our school and procedures for you and your child(ren). Please read over all of this information with your child and return the student verification form to the school with any corrections.

Our **Summer School program** entitled **“Summer Heat”** was a huge success with over 70 students attending for the month of July. Our Kindergarten Jump Start was instrumental in having our new students settle into our classroom routines while teaching basic letter and sound identification. The Funshine Kids had a great time learning about money and reinforcing their various literacy skills like letter/sound recognition, reading, writing and making connections to the world around them. A great big thank you to everyone who attended and helped with the program.

### Parent and Family Literacy Center at Lincoln Centennial opened its doors on September 8, 2009

You received a flyer with your child's report card letting you know that in the fall, we will be running a Parenting and Family Literacy Centre out of our school. This is a drop-in centre for parents and caregivers with children under the age of six to come and participate in fun and engaging activities with their children that will assist in their preparation for school. Be sure to check this out!!!

### No Child Without - Medical Program

In your **“Welcome Package”** you will have received information about the MedicAlert program that is being offered to Lincoln Centennial families. This is a free program for every student. Please let the school know if you will be participating in this program as we will look for the Medic Alert bracelet on your child in the event of an emergency.

### Attention Newcomer Families Settlement Workers in Schools (S.W.I.S. Niagara)

SWIS Niagara is a partnership between the District School Board of Niagara, the YMCA of Niagara and Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

With the cooperation of the school, the SWIS Niagara Team will contact newcomer parents and youth to provide them with information and refer them to other community services. Acting as a link between the school community and newcomers, School Settlement Workers can:

- Provide resources about school, community and government services in many different languages
- Deliver workshops to parents and youth about school and community resources
- Help school staff with information about newcomer communities and issues

Lincoln Centennial is thrilled to have Ms. Nasser in our school on Tuesdays from 10:30 am - 5:00 pm. Please contact the school at 905-937-5110 if you would like to learn more or need assistance. We are here to help.

# Open House - Thursday, September 24th

We are again looking forward to our "Open House" on Thursday, September 24, 2009. You will have an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and see their classroom, but there will also be a Scholastic Book Fair, and refreshments. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar! You will notice that the Open House is a few weeks later than usual. Due to possible primary class sizing changes being made in September, we felt it best to wait until our school organization is confirmed. See you on September 24th.

## Anaphylaxis

The Administrative Procedures from the District School Board of Niagara states, "It is the responsibility of the parent, guardian or student at the age of majority, to inform the principal in writing, that s/he or her/his child is at risk of anaphylaxis and to outline the expected symptoms and requested intervention of school staff." If your child is at risk of anaphylaxis, please contact Mrs. Tye right away in order that an Emergency Response Plan may be developed.

## Student Agendas

The Student Agenda is designed to help students develop good work habits and organizational skills. We will be encouraging the students to use their agendas daily to record assignments and due dates. It will also be a means of keeping you informed about what is happening at school. The cost of these agendas is \$5.00 per student. Student are asked to bring the money to the school by Friday, September 18th.

## Student Absences

If your child is absent, please be sure to notify the office prior to 9:00 a.m. We have an answering service available for your convenience, if you need to phone in the evening or early morning. If your child is absent and we do not receive a call, Mrs. Moir, our secretary will contact you in order to ensure that your child is safe.

## Drop Off and Pick Up Times

Supervision before school begins at 8:25 am. Buses usually arrive between 8:30 and 8:40 am. Parents are asked **NOT** to drop off their children prior to 8:25 as there is no supervision on the playground until that time. Parents will be contacted by the office if children are left at the school prior to the stipulated time.

When picking up morning kindergarten students, parents are asked to be at the school by 11:15 am. At the end of the day, all classes (including half day kindergarten) are dismissed at 3:15 pm and parents are once again asked to be prompt in picking up their children. Please do not wander through the halls to get your child, but rather wait outside at the designated exit door.

# Everyone Needs Indoor Shoes Please

Don't forget our request that students have a pair of clean shoes that they keep at school for indoor wear only. It makes an incredible difference to both the health of all of our students and staff as well as the cleanliness of our school. **Please be sure to send these in to the school by the end of the first week.** Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!!

## Staffing for the School Year

The following is an outline of the classes for September 2009. Students will be assigned their classes the first day of school.

Jr/Sr. Kindergarten (half day)	Mrs. Parravicino
Sr. Kindergarten (full day)	Mrs. D'Elia
Grade 1/2	Miss C. Wall
Grade 1/2	Miss Rybiak
Grade 3	Mrs. Forrester
Grade 3	Miss K. Wall
Grade 4	Mrs. Cheredar
Grade 4/5	Mr. Dickson
Grade 5/6	Mr. Lemon
Grade 6	Mrs. Rimmington/Mr. Winger
Special Needs	Mrs. Kerr

French/Arts	Mrs. Frie
Rotary	Mr. Pawlik
LRT	Mrs. Butler
ISP/Rotary	Mr. Belliveau
ESL	Mrs. Spagnuolo; Mrs. Bishop
Educational Assistants	Miss Rennie, Miss Rogerson, Mr. Davis, Ms Labrecque, Ms. Bartolini, Ms. Beaulieu
PFLC	Mrs. Rufh-Recasens
Secretary	Mrs. Moir
Vice Principal	Mr. Winger
Principal	Mrs. Tye

Mrs. Siolkowsky continues on her leave and we wish her all the best while she is away from the school.

## Leaving School at Second Nutrition Break

If your child is permitted to leave the building everyday for lunch please sign the attached form and send it back to the homeroom teacher. The lunch hour is 12: 45 pm.—1:35 p.m. **It is important if your child is leaving the school for lunch that they are back to school on time.** If there is a day that your child will be leaving the school for lunch but normally stays a written letter must be sent into the teacher.

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My child \_\_\_\_\_ is permitted to leave the school at lunchtime everyday unless otherwise stated in the agenda.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent name)

X \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent signature)

## School Supplies Needed for September

Below is a list of supplies that students will need for the first week of September. Backpacks for those students needing them will be available at the school, the week before classes begin.

### Primary

In a pencil case:

Pencil crayons

Pencils (HB)

15 cm ruler

Eraser

Scissors (small)

Glue sticks (2)

Calculator

1. \$5.00 for Student Organizer
2. Running shoes for Phys. Ed. (non-marking shoes please)
3. Students are discouraged from using binders

### Junior

In a pencil case:

Pencil crayons

Red pen

Blue pens

Pencils (HB)

15 cm ruler

Eraser

Scissors (small)

Glue sticks (2)

Geometry Math Set

Calculator - multifunction

1. Duotangs, and dividers will be requested at individual teacher's discretion the first day of school in September.
2. \$5.00 for Student Organizer
3. Running shoes for Phys.Ed. (non-marking soles please)

## Lincoln Centennial Dress Code

We will go over the dress code with all of our students and continue to remind them of the guidelines below:

- T-shirts should be free of inappropriate language or pictures. No see through or loose mesh tops. This includes clothing advertising alcohol and cigarettes.
- Tops need to either have sleeves or straps that have a three finger thickness and they need to cover the mid-section/abdomen.
- Undergarments should not be exposed.
- Make sure shorts and skirts are an appropriate length to wear to school. (Standing with arms at your side the length of shorts and skirts should extend beyond your fingertips.)
- Hats and sunglasses are appropriate for fitness break, but are not to be worn inside the school.

Please take the time to review these guidelines with your child(ren). We appreciate your support in maintaining our school dress code.

## **We Need Parent Volunteers! Can You Help??**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Days I Can Assist: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help in the following areas (please check as many as you wish):

- assisting in the classroom (working with a small group of students)
- library assistance (shelving and sorting books)
- Serving breakfast from 8-9 am once a week. I prefer \_\_\_\_\_ morning.
- Preparing snacks for students from 9-10:30 am. I prefer \_\_\_\_\_ morning.
- transporting students
- assisting with a book fair and/or Scholastic Book orders
- assisting with fundraising efforts
- being interviewed about my job \_\_\_\_\_
- being a reading coach (reading individually with students once a week)
- being a mentor for students
- assisting with sub days and pizza days
- assisting with lice checks of students
- assisting with Green Club—environmental initiatives
- other: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Want to Make Some Extra Cash???**

We may just have the perfect job for you. Lincoln Centennial is currently looking for an additional noon hour supervisor to work primarily with our full day kindergarten and primary students. The hours are from 10:15 - 11:15 am and 12:45 - 1:45 pm and pay \$14.00 per hour. Please contact Mrs. Tye or Mr. Winger at the office if you are interested in applying for this position.

## **Playground Rejuvenation Update**

Over the summer months, a sand volleyball court was created where equipment used to be. The tarmac was repaved and one climber was removed. A three bay swing set was ordered and should be installed in the next few weeks. Playground games will be painted on the pavement sometime during the month of September. We know the students are looking forward to some of these new playground items.

# September 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	8 First Day of School Welcome Assembly 9:00 am	9	10	11 Rotary Begins Lincoln Centennial Colours Day
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24 Open House @ 6:00 pm	25 Terry Fox Run in am Early Release Day - Dis- missal at 11:55 am
28 School Ad. Council Mtg @ 6:30 pm	29	30 Character Assembly on "Respect" by Gr. 6 @ 1:45 pm	27	28

## Family Celebrations for the School Year

We will continue to have our Family Celebrations this year again offering a variety of activities for you to experience at the school with your children. Please mark the following dates on your calendar:

- \* Fri., October 30
- \* Wed., Jan. 17
- \* Wed., Feb. 24
- \* Wed., Mar. 12
- \* Author Presentation by Barbara Reid - Wed. Apr. 7
- \* Spring Celebration of Learning - Wed. May 5
- \* Place to Play Walk-a-thon - Sat. June 5
- \* Nutrition Car Wash - Sat. June 18