## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2023



# CENTENNIAL SCHOOL



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#### PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

Welcome back! Thank you to all that attended our Christmas concert, it was a wonderful display of our student's talents and their ability to work together. I would like to thank Mrs. Whenham for her amazing effort in creating our concert. A reminder to please make sure that your child is dressed properly for the weather. Extra clothing, toques, and gloves are always a good idea during these cold and snowy months.

This is the last week of Quarter 2, with Quarter 3 beginning on January 31. Thank you to all those who attended our Parent Teacher interviews . Your child's learning progress is available through online reporting in PowerSchool. Please check the Parent Portal in PowerSchool for your child's Quarter 2 marks and comments from their teacher(s). You can access your PowerSchool account from the Centennial school website <a href="https://www.centennialschool.ca/">https://www.centennialschool.ca/</a>. If you need information about how to set up or access your account please contact the school office at 780-352-5088. If you require a paper copy of your child's quarter 2 progress you can contact the office and we can print a copy to send home with your child. Please refer to the WRPS Assessment and Reporting Handbook 2022-2023 on our website for more information about curriculum, assessment and reporting procedures. We will have a Celebration of Learning assembly on Feb 8 at 2:00 pm, to recognize our students' success. Parents are welcome to attend and we hope to see you there.

Darren DeMone, Principal





## Mrs. Jane Gusdal

**Inclusion Coach** 



#### Reading Aloud with Children

Once children learn to read independently, we often think that they now only need practice reading for themselves and we help them with sounding out tough words. However, children can still learn a lot from us reading to them. Both are still important! Beginning children's leveled books are simple in order, so that young people can begin to read, but children still need exposure to vocabulary beyond their reading level to develop their ability to understand what they learn and read. Much of that essential vocabulary development comes from reading to children. Reading aloud to children builds so much more than just an enjoyment of reading.

#### **Brain Development**

Babies are born learning. From birth to age 3 are critical years for the development of language skills that are foundational for future learning success.

Parents are a child's first and most important teacher.

#### Knowledge

Books are a pleasure, yes, and they are also informative. You and your child can learn something new when you read aloud.



## Why Read Aloud?

### Language

The number of words that a child knows when he or she enters kindergarten is the most important predictor of a child's success or failure.

Reading aloud grows your child's vocabulary and introduces many words and concepts that you might not use in everyday conversation.

#### Love of Reading

Parents that read aloud demonstrate that reading is important, that reading is pleasurable, that reading is valued

#### **Bonding**

Is there anything better than sharing a good book with a child in your lap?

#### Literacy Skills

Vocabulary. Phonics. Familiarity with the printed word. Storytelling. Comprehension.

Reading aloud is invaluable for building literacy skills.



# Mrs. Gloria Rogers

Indigenous Support Worker

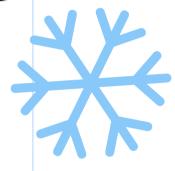




## PARENT **MONDAY** LEARN TO BEAD

4:30PM-6:30 PM

STARTING FEBRUARY 6, 2023
CENTENNIAL SCHOOL IN THE
CULTURAL ROOM









TWO NEEDLE BEADING, FACILITATOR • GLORIA ROGERS

ALL SUPPLIES ARE INCLUDED.

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# FEBRUARY IMPORTANT DATES



## February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 K, Gr 1,2,3 Concert Field trip to Clear Vista	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Student Recognition Assembly 2:00 pm	9 Teacher's Convention - No School	10 Teacher's Convention - No School	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day - Wear Red/White/Pink Day	15 Parent Council Meeting 6:00 pm	16	17 PD Day - No School	18
19	20 Family Day Holiday - No School	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

