

Centennial School

September 2022

Principal's Message – Mr. Darren DeMone

Welcome back to school! We are excited to welcome back returning and new families to Centennial as we begin our learning journey in 2022–23. We certainly hope you had a chance to rest, relax and enjoy some quality family time over the summer. We have been hard at work over the past weeks preparing for students. I would like to thank all the Centennial staff for their preparation and dedication to ensuring our students have a successful return to class. I would like to welcome our new staff members: Mr Simon Friesen – Gr.3, Kandice Wynia – FSLW, and Shannon Gibson – Learning Support. We have made a small change to our bell structure this year. Our doors open at 8:40 a.m, lunch is from 11:42 until 12:20 and we have established an afternoon recess at 1:42 until 1:57. Additionally, we will be hosting a Meet the Teacher Night on Wednesday, September 14th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please drop by to meet your son or daughter's teacher and let us know if you can volunteer a few hours for our "Parent Advisory Council." Our bell schedule, staff contacts and other pertinent information can be found on our school website at <https://www.centennialschool.ca/>

We look forward to establishing a safe, healthy and productive learning environment for your child and family. At the elementary ages, it is vital that parents take an active role in working with children and school to achieve success. Our doors are always open to enhance this partnership. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact your classroom teacher or myself at the school.



Impact of School Attendance on Life Success



The Centennial staff cares deeply for your students and want the best education possible for them. We have many interventions and supports in place to help students who need extra help, but we can make a bigger impact on their learning if they are here regularly. Keep making sure we see their smiling faces daily!

Research has shown that school attendance is a powerful predictor of student outcomes. In fact, irregular attendance can be a better predictor of whether students will drop out of school before graduation than test scores, according to the Department of Education.

The correlation between attendance and dropout rates has important ramifications that go beyond the classroom. Compared to their peers who graduate, students who fail to complete their high school education are more likely to live in poverty, suffer poor health, and become involved in the criminal justice system.

Submitted by Mrs. Jane Gusdal, Inclusion Coach

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Welcome Back!!! I hope you all had a fun-filled summer.

My name is Kandice Wynia and I am the new FSL here at Centennial School. Although I am new to the school, I am not new to the role. I have been with WRPS for almost 10 years and close to 20 years experience working within various school settings. I am excited to join the wonderful staff and look forward to getting to know the students and families of our school community. I can't wait to see the smiling faces and hear the giggles of laughter from our students as they once again join us for the upcoming school year. I am available at Centennial school on Tuesdays and some Fridays.

As the Family School Liaison, my main focus is to provide social and emotional support, crisis intervention and referral to community resources.

I can support students with:

- emotional regulation, such as, anger, frustration, worry, anxiety, sadness, fear**
- stress management**
- experiencing grief/loss**
- changes within the family ie. separation/divorce, illness, family stress**
- bullying**
- conflict resolution/friendship challenges**
- transitioning to QE (grade 7)**

I am also available to parents/guardians. If you have any questions/concerns regarding your child's well-being, parenting strategies or are seeking a referral to community resources, please give me a call at the school or contact me by email.

All Family School Liaison services are confidential and parental consent needs to be given for continued support.

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