



# CENTENNIAL-GRAND WOODLANDS PUBLIC SCHOOL



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## Message from the Principal

The first month of the school year as come to a close and we are moving forward with so much learning!

As part of our journey, we have participated in the *Terry Fox* run, raising money to support cancer research. An unforgettable champion of cancer research himself, Terry Fox lives on through all of us and our children, leaving an inspiring, passionate and caring legacy for others in his wake.

We also embarked on our first journey on *Orange Shirt Day*. Many of our schools' students and faculty were in orange of some sort in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to children's sense of self-esteem and well-being, and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters. Please check out <http://www.orangeshirtday.org/phyllis-story.html> to learn more about why we wear orange on September 30<sup>th</sup> each year.

On October 24<sup>th</sup> we will dress in Purple Shirts. Let's Stand Up for Kids! "It takes a village to raise a child" is not just an African proverb. Responsibility for taking care of children and providing them with safe and nurturing environments belongs to all members of our community. **Child Abuse Prevention month** is the perfect time to increase awareness.

As Centennial Grand-Woodlands strives to ensure that everyone around us matters, we announce that October 27<sup>th</sup> will be a school spirit day where everyone is invited to dress up as their favourite literary character or as a pun (one of our staff dressed up last year with pink ears and nose and a blanket and was a "pig in a blanket"). October 31<sup>st</sup> will be another school spirit day, *Orange and Black Day*. Students and staff are invited to wear orange and black on this day.

In order to continue to support a culture of high expectations for all students at Centennial-Grand Woodlands, we encourage everyone who enters our school to be POSITIVE, KIND and RESPECTFUL. We as a school will focus on helping students, staff and community members who enter our building to keep these three attributes at the forefront when interacting with others.

Here's to a safe and enjoyable October for everyone!

Ms. Goold

## **Math in Everyday Life**

### **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

October 3 – PA Day – no school for students.

October 4 – Picture Day – individual and class pictures.

October 5 – Pita Day

October 8 – Last day to donate to Adopt-A-School!

October 9 – Holiday – no school for anyone.

October 11 – Cross Country Team to compete.

October 12 – Full day Lacrosse instruction for grades 4-8.

October 12 – Pizza Day

October 12 – Grades  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{2}{3}$  class trip.

October 17 – Individual Education Plans to come home.

October 18 – Junior Soccer Tournament

October 19 – Pizza Day

October 20 – Intermediate Soccer Tournament

October 20 – Kindergarten trip

October 24 – Purple Shirt Day

October 26 – Pizza Day

October 27 – Literary Character/Pun dress-up day

October 31 – Orange and Black Day

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### **School Cash Online**

A reminder that all families need to sign up for School Cash Online as soon as is possible. We will be going to a virtually cashless system here at Centennial-Grand Woodlands, and all throughout Grand Erie District School Board. Go to <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/> to register your child(ren).

### **School Council Survey**

Watch for the School Council Survey coming home later this week! We are looking for your input with respect to how the school council can support you and your family as well as how you can support the School Council.

Everyday life is full of opportunities to help your child learn and practise math.

When you highlight math in the things you do each day, you show that math is important. Using words like longer, shorter, first, last, likely, unlikely in conversation, builds your young child's understanding of math concepts. Playing games, reading books, and doing puzzles together builds your child's math skills and shows that math can be a lot of fun.

#### **Suggested Activities**

Count everything! Also count forward and backward from different starting places. Sing counting songs and read counting books. Practise skip counting by 2s, 5s, 10s, 25s, and 100s.

Supply building toys like blocks and Lego®.

Play lots of games — board games, card games, and computer games — and do puzzles.

When shopping, have your child compare prices, estimate the total for a number of purchases, or estimate the change you'll receive back.

Have your child measure things and estimate measurements, from times, temperatures, and ingredients when cooking, to areas and lengths when building and distances when travelling.

Develop your child's sense of time through scheduling and calendar activities.

Make music, art, and dance a part of your child's life. These activities are filled with patterns.

Have your child gather and organize information to help him/her make decisions.

Organizing and tidying a room involves sorting, classifying, and putting things in order.

Planning routes and reading road maps develops an understanding of distance and space.

Discuss interesting graphs and charts in books, magazines, and newspapers.

Taken from: Math Learning Today: produced in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Ontario District School Boards 2016

## Child Hunger Brantford lunches

We are the fortunate recipients of 15 lunches per week. Letters come home the week prior for those who are invited to participate. Please send the letter back, regardless of whether your child will participate, so we can offer to others should you choose not to have your child participate.



## Snack Program

Each day we serve students a snack at approximately 10 am. This snack generally consists of three food groups. Students are welcome to select snacks from those groups. This program is run by the time donated by volunteers and by some of our dedicated educational assistants. In addition, this program cannot run without the generosity of donations to the program.

If you are able to volunteer your time to the program or if you wish to make a donation to the program, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Volunteers are needed before and after school as well as during the school day.

## Adopt-A-School

As you already know, we've been adopted by Coles Books in the Lynden Park Mall. Please check out our progress and feel free to add to our numbers through a donation. Please feel free to share the following link with friends/family/neighbours!

<https://adoptaschool.indigo.ca/eng/schools/1915>



## EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL WILL RECEIVE:

- Every dollar raised to support their students and school library
- Eligibility for a match of up to \$1,200 from the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation
- 30% off books at Indigo, Chapters and Coles stores when using program donations

