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School will be closed  
for holidays December  
25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – January  
5<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Have a safe  
and happy holiday!  
See you back on  
January 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Message from the Principal

We had an amazing **Accessibility Awareness Day** on Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Dunham shared a number of activities with students and staff to increase awareness of different needs within our society. To that end, we also made an adjustment to one of the washrooms in our school. We have only one washroom that is fully accessible for persons with physical disabilities. This washroom, as a result, has been changed to an accessible washroom. This does mean that anyone may use this washroom at any time. There are also other washrooms in the school that are specifically designated as Boys and Girls that are available for students as well.

**Volunteers!** We are seeking some volunteers to support the snack program on a regular basis as well as to support fundraising for the snack program. We are handling the Holiday Gift Wrap booth at the Lynden Park Mall on December 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9 am to 12 noon in order to raise funds to support our snack program. If you have a valid police check and are able and interested in volunteering for this very worthwhile cause, please contact Ms. Goold at the school as soon as possible to schedule some time!

**Centennial Celebrates!!!** You will have noticed that students and staff are busy preparing for a holiday performance. The theme of the performance comes from a desire to celebrate the traditions of all our students here at Centennial-Grand Woodlands. Staff and students have discussed traditions in each students' home and have developed an interactive performance for everyone to participate. Please note that students will gather in their classrooms before and after their performance. Please, once you are at the performance, remain in the auditorium until it is finished and pick up your child(ren) once it is over so as not to disrupt the rest of the performance.

Thank you for all you do to support our school community! Have a fabulous holiday season!

# Holiday Concert

Join us Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> for **Centennial Celebrates** where students will sing, perform and celebrate a variety of traditions. Doors open for parents at 6:15 pm. The performance begins at 6:30 pm. Please come and celebrate the season with us!

Donations for the food bank will be graciously accepted at the door.



## Chores foster pride of accomplishment

Doing chores is a great way for children to learn lessons that benefit them at home and in school. Chores help your child:

- **See the results of his labor.** After he does his laundry, that stack of folded, clean shirts is a visible reminder of his successful effort.
- **Take responsibility.** Your child will be less likely to walk on the rug in muddy cleats if he's the one who vacuums it. And he'll learn that he can contribute to improving life for the whole family.



Source: R. Rende, Ph.D. and J. Prosek, *Raising Can-Do Kids*, TarcherPerigee.

## Dates to Note:

Dec. 6 – Grade 8 night at NPC @ 8:00 pm

Dec. 7 – Intermediate Volleyball Tournament

Dec. 7 – Pita Day

Dec. 8 – Grades 4 – 8 to see *Wonder*

Dec. 11 – Kindergarten and Grade 2 dental screening

Dec. 12 – Poinsettia Pickup

Dec. 12 – Centennial Celebrates 6:30 pm start time

Dec. 13 – Grade 7 & 8 – Career Awareness – Skills Ontario

Dec. 14 – Pizza Day

Dec. 18 – Keller & Purdy Apps Mill

Dec. 19 – Decker & Gordon Apps Mill

Dec. 21 – Pizza Day

Dec. 22 – Pajama Day

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## How can you bring numbers into conversations with your children?:

- Notice and talk about numbers on signs (speed limits, distances, addresses, 911 numbers)
- Engage young children in counting (toys they are playing with, pieces of food on their plate)
- Refer to the calendar, number of days until an event, weeks, months?
- Discuss weather predictions, temperatures
- Discuss sport statistics, numbers in video games, baking measurements, costs of items - tax
- Encourage older students to read decimals using quantity; ie. 1.2 is (one and two tenths), 0.004 (four one hundredths)