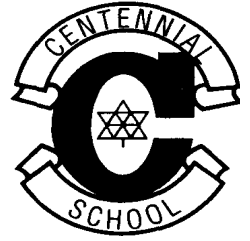


CENTENNIAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Message

THE PURPOSE OF ASSESSMENT

Part II: Assessment *for* Learning

In Part I of this series on Assessment, I summarized the most traditional and required aim of assessment, that is, Assessment *of* Learning, also known as Evaluation. As I alluded to earlier, there are at least two other purposes for assessment which have powerful influence on increased student achievement. Today, I'll talk about Assessment *for* Learning or, Formative Assessment.

Assessment *for* Learning occurs throughout the teaching and learning process and is generally not evaluative in nature. Its objective is to gauge, target, and assess student learning to specific outcomes so that a teacher can adequately assess how and when to proceed in teaching a concept. Teachers use a variety of assessment techniques as tools to determine what and how much students know and to determine confusions, preconceptions or gaps they may have in their learning. After doing so, teachers can then target their instruction to meet group and individual needs.

Intuitively, good teachers already do this. The difference in making it part of regular practice, however, is to make this form of assessment more deliberate, more specific, and to give feedback to students more regularly in a variety of ways, but....are you ready for it....without a mark!

Teachers who use Formative Assessment in a systematic and ongoing basis refreshingly report that their classroom environment becomes more focused on continuous student improvement and learning, rather than creating an atmosphere where they are consistently evaluating student work for a grade, and wielding student marks as a compliance tool. Instead of the teaching and learning cycle "teach-evaluate-teach-evaluate-teach-evaluate", teachers who use Formative Assessment use the cycle "assess-teach-assess-feedback-teach-assess-feedback-teach-assess-feedback-evaluate".

In the wise words of one of my administrative colleagues, who is also an esteemed athletic coach, "Every day is not game day. You need to work with your players, build their skills, allow them to make mistakes in practice, and then fix those mistakes. Then they are ready for the game." If we take the focus off the mark, and focus on the learning, the mark will take care of itself.

Robert Zambrano, Principal

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PROGRAMMING FOR 2011-12

Students who are returning to Centennial for the next school year have now completed their sign-up for next year's courses and our administration is working on next year's timetable of courses. Any student who is planning to return to Centennial – and has not yet submitted a course planning sheet for next year – should see his/her counsellor **immediately**.

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Grade 12 students who are planning to attend a post-secondary institution in the Fall are encouraged to attend our second information session regarding scholarships, awards and bursaries. The focus of this session will be on financial aid awards administered by Centennial School. Do note that there are varying sets of criteria and a number of our bursaries are based on financial need not just academic achievement. Meetings will be held on April 13th at the beginning of Periods 3, 4 and 6 in the Career Resource Centre (Room 121).

Check out <http://public.sd43.bc.ca/secondary/Centennial/counselling/default.aspx> for further information on other Financial Aid and for updates and deadlines.

Please note, **scholarship and award recipients should inform their counsellor of the details** so that we can publish the information in our Commencement Ceremony booklet and in local newspapers.

POST-SECONDARY PLANNING

Grade 12 students who have completed applications for admission to local universities should receive their admission letters in early May. All Grade 12 students should have signed the on-line Post-Secondary Institutions Choices (PSI) form - this form gives permission for marks to be released to post-secondary institutes. Any student who is hoping to attend a post-secondary institute next year and has not signed the form must go on-line **immediately**.

Now is a good time for Grade 10 and 11 students to check out the educational, career and job search resources available in our Career Resource Centre (Room 121) and begin to make some preliminary post-secondary plans. Mr. Mati Ma, our Career Resource Facilitator, has many resources to help students begin their career planning.

ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION

The key ingredient for student success is regular attendance. At Centennial, attendance is entered into the computer every day. If you wish to verify your son's or daughter's attendance, please do not hesitate to call the counsellor. We can give you a quick update on the day's or week's attendance.

LOOK WHO'S GOING CRUISING!

Centaur Football tried a new form of fundraising to get uniforms....a raffle prize for two on Celebrity Cruise line to Alaska this August. The team made over \$4000 and the winner was Brad Flesher. Thanks to all the parents and contributors for supporting Centennial Football, especially to parent Sherri Nolan for her blood, sweat and tears in organizing this fundraiser.

Go Centaurs.....and happy cruising!



**GRADUATION 2011
TIMELINE FOR GRAD RELATED ACTIVITIES**

ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
GUEST FORMS AVAILABLE	MON, APRIL 4	----	COUNSELLING OFFICE
GRAD PARENT MEETING	FRI, APRIL 14	TBA	THEATRE
GUEST FORMS DUE	FRI, APRIL 29	4:00 PM	COUNSELLING OFFICE
GRADE 12 ASSEMBLY & VALEDICTORIAN ANNOUNCED	THURS, MAY 26	TBA	BLUE GYM
GRADUATION ELIBILITY DEADLINE	FRI, MAY 13	----	MAIN OFFICE
GRAD DANCE TICKET SALES	MON, MAY 30 – FRI, JUNE 3	10:15 AM – 1:30 PM	ALCOVE
AFTER GRAD TICKET SALES	MON, MAY 30 – FRI, JUNE 3	10:15 AM – 1:30 PM	ALCOVE
TABLE RESERVATIONS	THURS, JUNE 2 & FRI, JUNE 3	BLOCKS C & D	ALCOVE
GRADUATION CEREMONY	SUN, JUNE 19	7:00 PM – 9:30 PM	ORPHEUM THEATRE
GRAD DINNER & DANCE	SAT, JUNE 25	6:00 PM – 11:30 PM	VANCOUVER HYATT HOTEL
AFTER GRAD	SUN, JUNE 26	12:00 AM – 4:00 AM	CENTENNIAL SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs, March 17	Term Four Report Cards Distributed
Mon, March 21 - Fri, April 1	Spring Break
Wed, April 13	Local Scholarships & Financial Aid Meeting—Periods 3, 4 & 6
Fri, April 8—Wed, April 13	Parent/Teacher Interview Call-in 9am—3pm (there will be evening booking available Monday from 4pm—7pm)
Thurs, April 14	Parent/Teacher Interviews 3pm—5pm & 6pm—8pm
Wed, April 20	Collaborative Day—students dismissed at 1:30pm
Thurs, April 21	District Pro-D Day—school not in session
Fri, April 22	Good Friday
Mon, April 25	Easter Monday
Mon, May 2	Solo & Small Ensemble Night—7:00pm



PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place on Thursday, April 14, 2011 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm and 6:00 - 8:00 pm.
To make an appointment please call the school at 604-936-7205 during the following times:

Friday, April 8	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Monday, April 11	9:00 am - 3:00 pm & 4:00 - 7:00 pm
Tuesday, April 12	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Wednesday, April 13	9:00 am - 3:00 pm



SPORTS

CENTAURS FIELD LACROSSE

Centennial Centaurs lacrosse team would like to thank everyone who participated in the fundraising evening held March 1st. It was very successful and we raised \$1826.00! Through team fees, shake-a-cans and the pub night we have generated about \$7800.00 which will cover about 90% of our start-up costs for this first and most expensive year.

A special thanks to the local merchants who made donations towards the cause: Something to Bark About (Dog sitting and Grooming on Ridgeway), 3D Golf Performance on Schoolhouse in Coquitlam, Coquitlam Animal Shelter, Cyclone Taylors, Burquitlam Plaza and Sleeman's Brewery! Congratulations, Centaurs, for the beginning of an epic field lacrosse program! **JOIN US IN BEING PART OF CANADA'S GAME!**



CENTAURS BASKETBALL

All six teams made the Fraser Valley Tournament. We had three District champions, grade 9 girls, grade 9 boys and Junior boys. It was a very successful year for Centaurs basketball!

WRESTLING

Congratulations to Nathan Ferguson who finished 5th in his weight class at the Provincial Tournament!



COQUITLAM MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

On-line registration for returning players begins on May 15 with registration for new players on June 11. There will also be a new parent meeting and in person registration held in the Multi-Purpose room upstairs from the new Poirier ice rink on June 11. You can access on line registration and up to date information on all aspects of our league by going to our website at www.coquitlamminorhockey.org. Volunteers are also needed! If you are interested in coaching please email the coaching coordinator at coach@coquitlamminorhockey.org. If you are interested in being involved in any other way, please contact our Administrator at info@coquitlamminorhockey.org.



Community members of all ages are invited to an entertaining evening to celebrate our 44 years of success in education.

Centennial School

"Past, Present, Future"

Open House '11

May 12

5:00 to 9:00pm

- Science Demos
- Psychology Experiments
- Art displays and activities
- Multi-cultural Displays
- Career Programs
- Centennial Market Place
- Alumni "Memory Lane"
- Iron Chef
- Mass Band
- Technology Education and Automotive displays
- Talent Night
- Fashion Show
- Culinary Arts Dinner: The Best of BC



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The Ace-it Culinary Program Invites You to

The Best of B.C. Buffet

At the Centennial Open House 2011

May 12th from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm in the Cafeteria

Tickets will be \$20.00 and can be purchased on Parent/Teacher interview night. Any unsold tickets can then be purchased from the office.

\$5.00 from each ticket sold will be donated to the Tri Cities SHARE Society which supports local families in need.

Cold Items

Caesar Salad

Bean Salad with Spiced Gouda

Grilled Vegetable Platter with Balsamic Glaze

Hot Items

Roasted Potatoes and Parsnips with Fresh Herbs

Turkey Piccattas with Olive Lemon Jus and Risotto Cakes

Cajun Chicken with Chipotle BBQ Sauce

B.C. Seafood Paella

Maple Mustard Crusted Pork Loin with Onion Jus

Dessert Menu

Warm B.C. Fruit Crumble with Vanilla Ice Cream

Chocolate Ganache Brownies with Raspberry Coulis

Raspberry, Blueberry and Cranberry Cheesecakes

B.C. Berry Tarts

Cookies and Biscotti



PARENTS ENCOURAGED TO SURF ALONG FOR ONLINE SAFETY

Safer Internet use is all about parental involvement: setting guidelines, being involved and guiding your child/teen in the online world the same way you do in their everyday lives. Parents are encouraged to make sure they are fully involved in their child's/teen's Internet use.

General recommendations

- Educate yourself about the Internet. It's important to be knowledgeable about the Internet, because even if you don't have a computer at home, your child/teen can access it at school, at a friend's house, or at your public library.
- Create a family agreement for Internet use, including hours of use, which sites can be accessed and which ones shouldn't be.
- Place your computer in a central, open location, like the living room, so Internet use can be supervised.

Guiding your child online

- Look at the sites your child/teen visits. Be involved in their online social networks.
- Look into software or online services that filter out offensive material. Check with your Internet service provider for any blocking features they might offer.
- Consider installing a children's search engine, there are many available.
- Create a special folder of "bookmarks" or "favourites" for your child/teen on your family's computer.

Preserving your family's privacy

- If you have a website, avoid putting your children's/teen's pictures on it.
- Teach your children/teens never to give out identifying information about any family member. This includes names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, passwords or credit card numbers.
- Encourage your child/teen to tell you if anyone is asking for personal information.
- Teach your child/teen that talking to a stranger on the Internet is no different than talking to a stranger on the street.

Minimizing possible risks

- Talk to your children/teens about potential online dangers such as giving out personal information to strangers. Chat room acquaintances are strangers and your child/teen should never arrange to meet them in the real world unless you give permission and/or know who they are.
- Better yet, if your children are young, steer them away from chat rooms. Older children/teens should only participate in chat rooms you approve of.
- If your child/teen starts receiving phone calls from strangers or places calls to people you don't know, get to the bottom of it immediately.
- Tell your children/teens that if someone harasses them online, says something inappropriate, or makes them feel uncomfortable in any way they should tell you, their teacher, or a trusted adult.
- Contact the police immediately if your child/teen receives child pornography, has been sexually solicited or has received sexually explicit images from an adult.

In 2010, Safer Internet Day was celebrated through more than 500 events in 65 countries all over the world. Safer Internet tips are available in 14 different languages at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sco/resources.htm.

