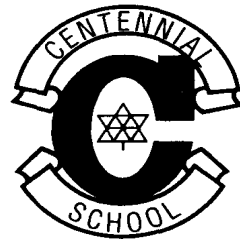


CENTENNIAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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May 12, 2011

Principal's Message

THE PURPOSE OF ASSESSMENT

Part III—Assessment as Learning

"Our students must understand that when we try and grow, we sometimes fail at first, and that failure is all right. The trick is to help students understand that failure holds the seeds of later success."

(Stiggins, "Assessment, Student Confidence, and School Success")

In Part III of the series on Assessment, I will try and clarify the most elusive purpose of Assessment! That is, Assessment *as Learning*. Assessment *as Learning* is the process by which assessment strategies are used to promote and refine meta-cognition; essentially, it is using assessment to help students learn how to learn, and it is dependent on many variables in the learning process.

Learning is not just a matter of acquiring new knowledge from someone who knows more than you do. Learning is an active process, where the brain re-structures itself in the face of new information, new experiences and new processes. Students need to create their own understanding by making sense of information, determining how it relates to prior knowledge, and then actively applying it to solve new problems. As you may imagine, this complicated process can only be taught or refined in a deliberate fashion, and a teacher's assessment practice can be one of the greatest drivers in helping students learn how to learn.

So what does a teacher do? Via assessment strategies, great teachers help students learn about themselves and what influences their performance, help them find out how they learn best, and give them options on how to demonstrate their learning. Furthermore, teachers will structure their assessment to help students plan their work, monitor and self-evaluate their work, and then provide very specific feedback for improvement.

What develops with practice and expertise in students, is an active, reflective learner who is able to look for misconceptions and inaccuracies in their work, so they have a more complete understanding.

"For students to be able to improve, they must develop the capacity to monitor the quality of their own work during production. This in turn requires that students possess an appreciation of what high quality work is, that they have the evaluative skills necessary for them to compare... the quality of what they are producing in relation to a higher standard, and that they develop a store of tactics or moves... to modify their own work."

(Sadler, "Formative Assessment and the Design of Instructional Systems")

Robert Zambrano, Principal

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Career Resource Facilitator

The Counselling Department is pleased to welcome Mati Ma to Centennial School in his position as Career Resource Facilitator. Students who would like information on post-secondary and career options, volunteer opportunities, or who would benefit from help with resume writing or job preparation can drop by during the week to see Mati Ma.

Programming for 2011 - 2012

We have now completed programming for all students planning to attend Centennial next year and the Administration is working on next year's timetable. Students who have changed their educational plans and course requirements for next year, or who will be moving out of our school's catchment area, should see their counsellors immediately as there will be very limited opportunities for students to make any course changes next year.

Local Scholarships and Bursaries

The Centennial Counselling Department has hosted several financial aid information sessions this year. Students who missed the information meetings can pick up information packages from the counselling area. Please note that the deadline for local scholarships and bursaries has now passed; however, additional scholarships and bursaries are advertised on an ongoing basis. Read the *Centennial Today* for specific details and check out the Counselling page of the Centennial website for more information.

There is still time to apply for many awards as the application deadlines vary. Students do not need to have exceptional grades to apply for many of these awards.

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

Students who applied to universities and colleges in January and February and have met early admission requirements will receive conditional letters of acceptance in May.

Grade 12 students should have completed the on-line Post-Secondary Institutions Choices form by April 30 - this form gives permission for marks to be released to post-secondary institutes. Students who are hoping to attend a post-secondary institute next year and have not signed the form must send in a hard copy of their transcripts.

Awards

Friday, June 10 will be Awards Day at Centennial. Recognition Assemblies during the day will honour students for high subject achievement, exemplary service, and outstanding sportsmanship. An evening awards ceremony on Thursday, June 9 at 7:00 pm will honour the top students in each department, top students in each grade, our best athletes, and students with other significant achievements.

Summer School

Coquitlam **will** be offering Summer School in 2011 with course offerings from K-12. Course offerings are both face-to-face and online.

Gleneagle Secondary and **Centennial School** will host the Advanced Credit Program this year. This program allows students to gain full credits for Grade 10, 11 and 12 graduation program courses. There will be both morning courses, scheduled from 8:00 am to 11:30 am, and afternoon courses, scheduled from 12:00 noon to 3:30 pm running from July 5 to August 12 (students should check the summer school website to check on days of the week that their class will be meeting). Students enrolled in provincially examinable Grade 12 courses will also write exams in August.

Grade 9 and 10 students who were unsuccessful in core courses can choose to take Remedial Courses at summer school offered at **Charles Best Secondary** from July 5 to 29. Grade 9 students who received between 40 and 49% during the school year will have the opportunity to pass the course by attending summer school. Grade 10 students who obtained a mark of 40% or greater, can upgrade their mark to a maximum of 62%.

On-line registration for Grade 10 summer school courses begins on May 17; registration for Grade 11 and 12 summer school courses begins on May 18. All registration is on-line at www.ce43.com

**GRADUATION 2011
TIMELINE FOR GRAD RELATED ACTIVITIES**

ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
GR 12 ASSEMBLY & VALEDICTORIAN ANNOUNCED	THURS, MAY 26	TBA	BLUE GYM
GRADUATION ELIGIBILITY 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

MAY 11	REPORT CARDS SENT HOME
MAY 12	EARLY DISMISSAL 1:30 PM, COLLABORATIVE MEETING CENTENNIAL OPEN HOUSE, 5 PM—9 PM
MAY 16	PAC MEETING, 7:00 PM
MAY 18—20	JUNIOR MUSIC TOUR
MAY 23	VICTORIA DAY, SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION
MAY 24	SCHOOL BASED PRO-D, SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION
MAY 26	YEAR END CONCERT, 7:00 PM
MAY 28	DISTRICT CONCERT BAND DAY
JUNE 3	DISTRICT BIG BAND NIGHT, 6:30 PM
JUNE 9	AWARDS NIGHT, 7:00 PM
JUNE 17	LAST DAY OF FORMAL CLASSES EARLY DISMISSAL AT 1:30 PM
JUNE 19	GRADUATION CONVOCATION, 7:00 PM AT THE ORPHEUM THEATRE
JUNE 20—29	PROVINCIAL EXAMS
JUNE 25	GRADUATION DINNER DANCE, 6:00 PM AT THE VANCOUVER HYATT HOTEL
JUNE 29	REPORT CARD PICK-UP
JUNE 30	ADMINISTRATIVE DAY, SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION



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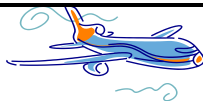


As the year draws to an end there are many articles of clothing, books, and miscellaneous items that still have to be claimed. If you have lost articles please come to the Youth Worker's office and check for your item.

All unclaimed items will be donated to goodwill at the end of the year.
Please note: Items lost in the gym areas may be located in the P.E. office
LOST AND FOUND.



EUROTOUR 2012



Stay tuned for Eurotour 2012....an all inclusive value priced educational tour is in the works!!
Mrs. Ciardullo and Mrs. Thomas are excited to lead their 20th EUROTOUR!!!! Read the Centennial Today for meeting date and time!

SPORTS

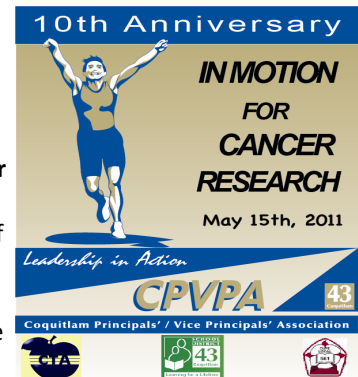


CENTENNIAL DRAGON BOAT CLUB

Students in the Centennial Dragon Boat Club have begun practices for this year's competitions. There is a large group of experienced paddlers but the newer paddlers have shown amazing technical and athletic ability. This year's competitions will be the Bill Alley Memorial Dragon Boat Festival on May 7 and the Rio Tinto Alcan International Festival on June 11 and 12. Watch future newsletters for updates on this team!

CPVPA 10TH ANNUAL "IN MOTION" FOR CANCER RESEARCH SUNDAY, MAY 15TH 9:00 A.M. AT TERRY FOX SECONDARY SCHOOL

The Coquitlam Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association is hosting its 10th Anniversary "In Motion" run for Cancer Research. You are invited to join staff, students, and community members from our Tri-Cities schools and neighbourhoods to **walk, run, cycle, rollerblade, or jog** for 2K, 5K, or 10K on Sunday, May 15th at 9:00 am. School teams and individuals can participate – there is no registration fee and all participants are asked to make a donation of \$10 or more to the Canadian Cancer Society. Over 9 years, this event has raised over \$69,000 for Cancer Research. For more information please contact your school office or Darlene Proulx at dproulx@sd43.bc.ca. Online pledges link will open immediately after the run. A tax receipt will be issued for in person or online pledges.



SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER



The girls are in the midst of a very successful season, having won the FV North League title with an undefeated 7 win, 1 tie record. Overall, the team has 13 wins and 1 tie, having also won the Guildford Park Tournament in March.

We head into Fraser Valley playoffs as the #2 seed looking to secure a berth in the Provincial Championships to be held in Kamloops June 2-4. Good luck, ladies!

CENTENNIAL OPEN HOUSE – THURSDAY, MAY 12TH – 5:00 to 9:00 PM

"Past, Present, and Future"

Come out and celebrate with the community! We will be displaying everything that makes Centennial great!

VARIOUS ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE EVENING – INCLUDING:

TALENT SHOW

IRON CHEF

MASS BAND PERFORMANCES

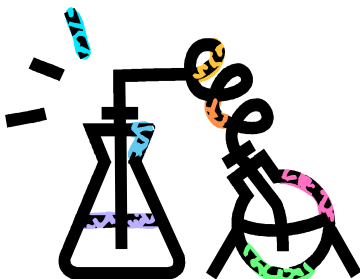
SCIENCE EXPERIENCES

BBQ

ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A CENTAUR?

CENTENNIAL FASHION SHOW

....and much more



COQUITLAM ADANACS JR. 'A' LACROSSE CLUB

The Coquitlam Adanacs Jr. 'A' Lacrosse Club would like to thank everyone for their support during the 2010 Season. The 'Run To The Minto' was a great success with the Coquitlam Adanacs Jr. 'A' Lacrosse Team capturing the 2010 National Championship – Minto Cup.

The Coquitlam Adanacs Jr. 'A' Lacrosse Club is inviting all District 43 students to attend our game against the POCO Saints on Wednesday, May 25th for FREE.

COQUITLAM JR. 'A' ADANACS



**2010 MINTO CUP WINNERS
NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**



The Coquitlam Junior 'A' Adanac Lacrosse Club is inviting all District 43 (Coquitlam) Students to attend our game on Wednesday, May 25th vs the POCO Saints
Coquitlam Sports Center @ 8:00pm

FOR 'FREE' ADMISSION PRESENT THIS COUPON



**KIDS' NIGHT – JERSEY NIGHT
Saturday, May 28th**

Coquitlam Adanacs

VS

Maple Ridge Burrards

FREE
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COQUITLAM SPORTS CENTRE

The Coquitlam Adanacs are offering FREE admission to all children 16 and under.

Wear your favourite SPORTS JERSEY.

CENTENNIAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT SPRING NOTES

The Solo and Small Ensemble Night

A music department tradition, will be Monday June 13th at 7 pm in the Centennial Theatre. Admission by donation.

Capilano Singers Workshop

Centennial Music students enjoyed a performance by the Capilano University Singers on Friday April 29th. After the performance, the junior and senior choirs participated in a workshop with Capilano's director, Lars Kario and the Cap Singers. It was a very worthwhile and enjoyable afternoon.

Open House Thursday May 12th, 5:00 – 9:00 pm

The Music Department will be inviting band students from Como Lake Middle, Montgomery Middle and Maillard Middle schools to join the Centennial Junior Concert Band in the Centennial Red Gym. Each group will be performing during the evening and will then finish with a Mass Band tune with 150 musicians.

Junior Tour, May 18th to 20th, Okanagan

The junior tour to the Okanagan is in place for Wednesday May 18th to Friday May 20th. The tour is shaping up very nicely. We will perform at 2 elementary schools and a seniors home, do some go-karting and spend some time on a paddle-wheeler on Okanagan Lake, to list a few activities. It will be a busy three days but lots of fun.

Year End Concert

Come and join us Thursday May 26th for the Music Department's Year End Concert. The evening will feature all of our Jazz and Concert groups and will also recognize our award winners for the 2010-11 school year.

District Concert Band in the Park, May 28th, 2011 Rocky Point

The Centennial Concert bands will be performing at the 3rd annual, "Bands in the Park" event on Saturday May 28th at Rocky Point Park in Port Moody. Last year's event was well attended by members of the community, including the Mayor of Coquitlam, Acting Mayor of Port Coquitlam, members of Coquitlam council, our Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Schools. We are looking forward to an excellent day. It is great exposure for our music programs.

Big Band Dance

The Centennial Music Department will host the **District's Jazz Night on Friday June 3rd, 2011**. The event will feature jazz bands and a few jazz choirs from Coquitlam's Secondary Schools. Come out and have a great evening for only a \$5.00 entrance fee. ***Don't forget to bring your dancing shoes!***

Senior Music Tour

The Senior Band and Choir had a great trip to Oregon State. We had a bit of a rocky start with an extremely early day, missing jazz band parts and a lost instrument. However, we made it on our way shortly after 7 am and crossed the border very quickly. We made our way to perform for an appreciative group of seniors at a care home in Marysville, Washington. One of their residents, a retired band director, sat in and played with the band. I think we made his year. On our way through Seattle, we visited the Experience Music Project and the students enjoyed the interactive music displays. Our first night in Portland was rather wet and rainy but the beautiful hotel more than made up for it. The next day the group was up early and on the road to perform at two elementary schools. The first, Brooks Elementary School in Brooks, Oregon, was so excited about us coming to their school that they asked the town newspaper to come and take photos of the group for their paper. The second school, Centennial Elementary School in Springfield Oregon, was energetic and excited throughout the performance. The choir students got up and danced with a number of Centennial Elementary students while the jazz band played. Our stay in Gold Beach was very wet, windy and rainy and unfortunately our Rogue River jet boat excursion was cancelled due to the river being too high. However, our alternate activity was just, if not more, rewarding. We went to a Wildlife Game farm just outside of Bandon, Oregon. There, the students got to see quite a number of exotic animals: lions, tigers and bears (seriously). But more so, they got to pet and hold three week old Bengal Tigers. It was certainly a highlight of the trip. The group dinner in the evening was great fun and the choir and band students all broke out into song and put on an impromptu performance for the restaurant patrons. The next day, upon leaving Gold Beach, the sun started to come out...you have never seen a group so happy to see the sun! We performed outdoors beside the boardwalk in Florence, Oregon to passer-bys and people out and about. Afterward, we rode out on the Oregon sand dunes in huge dune buggies. An awesome sight! We spent our last night in Seaside, Oregon in a hotel right on the beach. Everyone's room had a fantastic view of the water. Our tour came to an end the next day but before we crossed the border, our students got the chance to take advantage of the strong Canadian dollar by spending their money at the Premium Outlets at Tulalip, Washington. Definitely one of wettest trips we've been on, but certainly one of the best with a fantastic group of music students!

Thank you to our chaperones Mrs. Jocelan Ireland and Erin Low.

ALL THAT JAZZ

BIG BAND DANCE



Friday June 3rd 2011

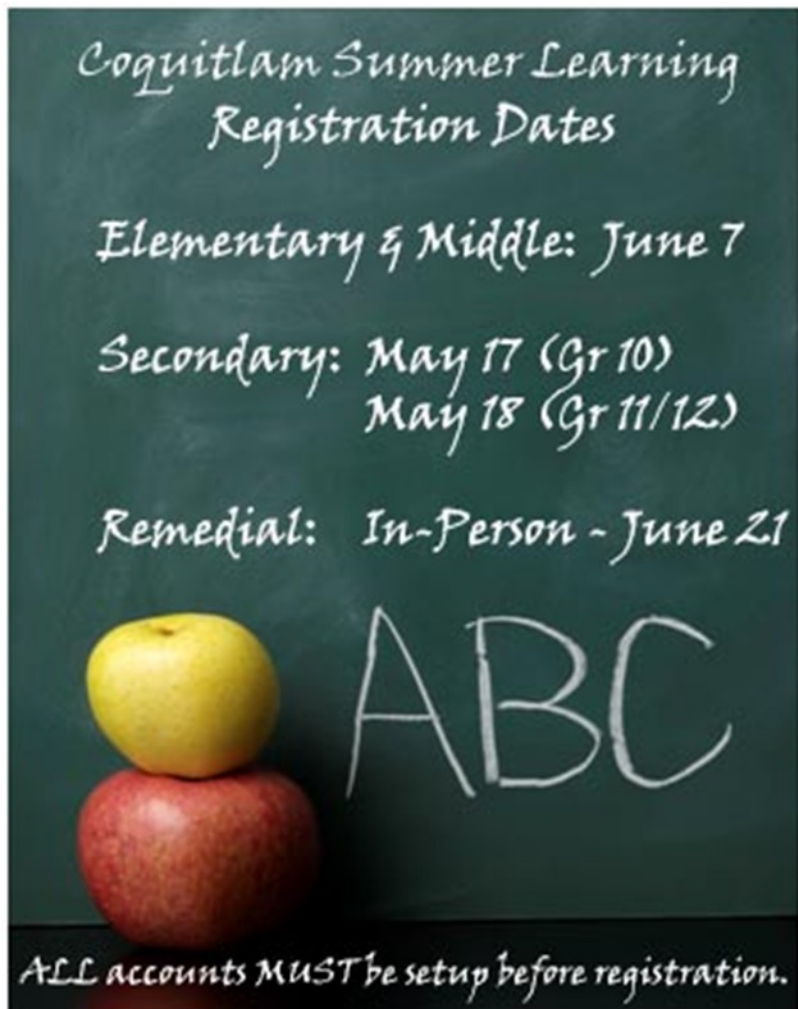
Centennial School

Courtyard

7:00-10:00 pm

Featuring Jazz Bands and Vocal
Jazz Choirs from
District 43 Secondary Schools

Tickets: \$5 at the door



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