Centennial Elementary School School Improvement Plan 2016-2019

School Vision: Centennial will be a proud and united Community that motivates our students to be caring citizens and life-long learners.

School Mission: We learn. We care. We make a difference. We are a Community!

School Beliefs:

- We are kind and caring
- We believe in ourselves
- We are proud
- We love learning
- We will be the best we can be!



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Literacy

Goal #1: School-wide employment of a balanced literacy block: By June 2017, 100% of classroom teachers will employ and routinely monitor a balanced approach to literacy

Strategies	Timeline	Lead
Literacy Lead will initiate the school year with a PD session overviewing a	September 30	Literacy Lead
balanced literacy approach		
Teachers will use the balance literacy checklist to ensure a focus in all literacy	October 30	Teachers & Administration
areas.		
Literacy Lead will provide and teachers will employ a toolkit of strategies,	April 30, 2017	Literacy Lead & Teachers
activities and assessments that align with the components of the balanced		
literacy block		
Teachers will identify an area of personal growth in relation to literacy and	April 30, 2017	Literacy Lead & Teachers
participate in a peer observation organized by the Literacy Lead		
Teachers will educate students on the areas of literacy and assist each	November 30, 2016	Teachers
student in identifying, articulating and monitoring a personal literacy goal		
(reading & writing)		

Goal #2: Reading: By June 2019, 80% of students in grades 1-4 will score appropriate or above in reading on the elementary report card in the second and third term. This goal will measure students on IEP in accordance with their individual goal.

Grade	Baseline	2 nd Rpt	3 rd Rpt
1	35%	33%	
2	56%	74%	
3	57%	82%	
4	57%	69%	

Strategies	Timeline	Lead
Teachers will routinely assess and provide student achievement data	K-2 assessmt block	Literacy Lead &
*K-2 assessmt block: 1 week of testing/4 weeks intervention	3-5 quarterly	Administration
Literacy Lead and Teacher will develop and share resources that use songs,	June 2017	Literacy Lead & Teachers
poems, games, etc. focusing on sight word		
Literacy Lead will facilitate a fall PD session with a focus on reading	October 7, 2017	Literacy Lead
comprehension		
Students will participate in the monthly assemblies that celebrate literacy	Monthly	Literacy Committee &
competency		Teachers
PLC discussions will attend to the learning gaps of students identified as R3	Monthly	Administration (3-5
bubble		Principal, K-2 VP)
Inventory all classrooms to ensure teachers have access to the most recent	October 31, 2016	Literacy Lead
version of Fountas and Pinnell		
Enhance student motivation by implementing periodic reading incentives and	November 30	Literacy Committee &
celebrations	February 28	Teachers
	April 30	
Teachers will actively use the CAFÉ strategies, maintain a pensive and	December 31, 2016	Teacher
routinely conference with students.		

Goal #3: Writing: By June 2019, 80% of students in grades 1-4 will score appropriate or above in writing on the elementary report card in the second and third term. This goal will measure students on IEP in accordance with their individual goal.

		Baseline Report Two Report Three								Report Two								
Grade	Idea	Organization	Word Choice	Voice	S Structure	Conventions	Idea	Organization	Word Choice	Voice	S Structure	Conventions	Idea	Organization	Word Choice	Voice	S Structure	Conventions
1	83	78	70	58	70	70	67	74	69	76	74	60						
2	58	53	50		58	50	91	91	91	94	82	74						
3	78	59	68	68	62	46	64	61	67	70	64	55						
4	33	30	47	57	33	17								·				

Strategies	Timeline	Lead
In collaboration with teachers, the literacy committee will develop a plan to	Monthly	Literacy Committee &
ensure all writing genres are cover at appropriate times K-5		Teachers
Teachers will routinely assess and provide student achievement data	K-2 assessmt block	Literacy Lead & Teachers
*K-2 assessmt block: 1 week of testing/4 weeks intervention	3-5 quarterly	
Teachers will collaboratively assess student writing using the 6+1 Traits once	Monthly	Literacy Lead & Teachers
per month at PLCs and determine appropriate interventions and student		
regrouping (horizontal and/or vertical as determined by team)		
The language of 6+1 Traits will be embedded in the classroom (posters),	October 31, 2016	Teachers
literacy instruction (lesson planning) and teacher-student discussion		
Teachers will ensure all Traits are included in mini lessons and use I can	September 30, 2016	Teachers
statements in a manner similar to the CAFÉ to ensure students are aware of		
personal learning targets.		
Literacy Lead will provide PD session to enhance teachers understanding and	November 30, 2016	Literacy Lead
ability to embed writer's workshop into the Daily 5 pedagogy		
Literacy Committee will develop a yearly plan for writing celebrations for	November 30, 2016	Literacy Committee
individual classrooms, monthly assemblies and community events		
Literacy Committee will develop a writing continuum illustrating exemplars	June 15, 2018	Literacy Committee
for appropriate and strong products to display in each classroom		

Math

Goal #1 Math Knowledge: By June 2017 100% of teachers will increase their knowledge of effective math practices, vocabulary and resources.

*Although this goal is not measureable in the traditional sense, the leadership team believes it is important to include it on the SIP to ensure we have common knowledge and commence each year by facilitating working relationships.

Strategies	Timeline	Lead
At the beginning of each year, Math Lead will discuss the Math map and	October 15	Math Lead
supporting online resources during the initial Math PLC		
Monthly during PLC, the Math Lead will initiate a conversation regarding	Monthly	Math Lead
individual class progress along the monthly Math map and provide necessary		
support		
Math Lead will initiate support for any teacher who has identified Math	October	Math Lead
concepts or pedagogy as an area of improvement on his/her professional		
growth plan.		
To improve student success on benchmarks and/or provincial assessment	October	3-5 PLC Team
teachers will discuss strategies that support test taking such as:		
 Building stamina-give students more questions on occasion. They are 		
not accustomed to having so many questions at one time		
 Train students to slow down and read the question 		
 Practice taking multiple choice assessments-our students are not 		
familiar with this format and can get "caught up" in the answers.		

Goal #2 Number Sense: By June 2019, 80% of students in grades K-5 will score appropriate or above in Number Strand on the second and third report card.

	Assessment Results									
	20	16-20	17	20	2017-2018			2018-2019		
Grade	Nov	Mar	May	Nov	Mar	May	Nov	Mar	May	
K		88								
1		59								
2	85	83								
3	56	85								
4	59	73								
5	90	93								

Strategies	Timeline	Lead
To identify and address learning gaps, K-2 teachers will administer Centennial	Month end	Math Lead, Administration
created assessments that align with monthly Math map found on the portal		& Teachers
To identify learning gaps, 3-5 teachers will administer progression	November	Math Lead, Administration
assessments (align with Math maps) and report learning gaps to	March	& Teachers
administration who will then share this knowledge with the K-2 team.	May	
During 3-5 PLC, identified 3-5 students will offer support to K-2 students with	November	Teachers
assistance from classroom EAs. Students will play Math games that align with		
the monthly Math map.		

Goal:

By June 2018, 70% of grade 4 students will score appropriate or above on a school-based summative assessment of subtraction (3 digit and 4 digit numbers).

Strategies	Timeline	Lead
To enhance school wide knowledge, begin school year with exploration of	September	Administration
grade level strategies that support the progression of subtraction skills		
To ensure students are capable of succeeding on standardized test, K-5	September	Administration & Teachers
teachers will brainstorm methods to incorporate multiple choice questions		
and applicable pedagogy		

Positive Learning Environment

Goal #1 Student Motivation: By June 2019, 90% of students completing the TTFM survey will report positive behavior

2015-2016 data: 82% of students had positive behaviour [100% female/70% male]

Strategies	Timeline	Lead
Assembly committee will develop and implement an inventory of school-wide	September 15	Assembly Committee
events that recognize student leadership and academic performance		
Math Committee will develop monthly genres to guide the selection of our	December 2016	Math Committee
monthly Math award winner		
Each classroom will host a learning celebration that includes the parent	December	Teachers
community	April	

Goal # 2 Attendance: By June 2019, 70% of students will arrive on time and attend school on a regular basis

Grade	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
K	55%	36%	23%	23%	28%	38%	33%			
1	54%	50%	28%	26%	29%	29%	24%			
2	24%	38%	37%	21%	32%	32%	29%			
3	76%	58%	61%	61%	56%	55%	35%			
4	45%	45%	41%	29%	32%	32%	31%			
5	67%	63%	50%	65%	50%	37%	45%			
School	54%	47%	39%	36%	37%	37%	32%			

Strategies	Timeline	Lead
Assembly committee will collect and celebrate student attendance at monthly assemblies	Monthly	Assembly Committee
Assembly committee will develop an incentive program for students maintaining perfect attendance	Monthly	Assembly Committee
Student Ambassadors will help facilitate the monthly assemblies	Monthly	Assembly Committee

Goal #3 Student Behaviour: By June 2019, 90% of students completing the TTFM survey will report feeling accepted and valued by their peers and by others at their school.

2015-2016 Data: 78% of students had a high sense of belonging [90% female/70% male]

Strategies	Timeline	Lead
Leadership Committee will begin exposing staff to information about trauma	October	Leadership Committee
and how it effects children	Weekly	Administration
Administration will revisit and review the employment of the BMK zone	September	Administration
Teachers will understand the student self-isolation/exclusion strategies	September	Administration
employed at each level of the pyramid		M&R
Teachers will make concerted efforts to employ the self-regulation strategies	October	Teachers
suggested in the PATHS curriculum		
Student leaders will be trained to support K-2 students to use the <i>Turtle</i> for	December	Community School
self-regulation		Coordinator
Students will participate in a launch which reviews behaviour expectations	September	PLEP Committee
and supports.		
Students will have access to engaging activities as an alternative to noon	October	Teachers
recess.		EAs
Students in grades 4-5 will be trained as outside and lunch mentors to	October	Community Schools
support K-2 students		Coordinator & Teachers
PLEP Committee will provide a plan for launching behaviour programs (BMK,	September	Administration
WITS)		PLEP Committee
		BMK Staff
Tier II and Tier III student behaviour will be monitored in a consistent manner	September	M&R
orange duotangs		SIW
The PLEP Committee will develop outdoor activities for morning and noon	October	PLEP Committee
recess	February	Administration

Goal #4 Family Engagement: by April 2019 80% of parents will attend parent-teacher/student led events consistently

Grade	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	
	Nov	Mar	Nov	Mar	Nov	Mar
K		73%				
1		71%				
2	66%	86%				
3	69%	53%				
4	72%	58%				
5	53%	80%				

Strategies	Timeline	Lead
Send a yearly calendar with important events to parents	Each September	Principal
Invitations to parent-teacher student led will be extended by the Principal	March 2017	Principal
Teachers will book appointment time for either student led or parent teacher	November 2017	Teachers
Book fair will align with the fall parent teacher/student led	November 2016	Literacy Lead
An incentive for parental attendance will be offered	November 2017	Community School

Goal #5 Staff Wellness

Strategies	Timeline	Lead
The PLEP Committee will plan regular staff events such as potluck.	Monthly	PLEP Committee
Annually an esthetic building improvement will be determined and	June	Leadership Committee
completed		

Additional Improvement Goals Under Consideration

Collaborative dialogue continues on the following goals:

Literacy

None at this time

Math

Goal #4 Higher Level Questioning: Leadership team is creating a goal that address the need for higher level questioning

Positive Learning Environment

Goal #6: Inclusionary practice: Staff continues to develop knowledge and empathy for our newcomers. We continue to look for ways to ensure we honour the various new cultures in our building.

Update:

Family handbook is complete (English). Teachers are reviewing. After any necessary revisions the book will be translated into Arabic.

Discussions underway to explore possibility of language classes:

- Arabic to Syrian children
- English to Syrian adults
- Arabic to Canadian children

The intent is to improve the home-school connection and to help Arabic families maintain their culture.