

Centennial Elementary 1315 Aspen St., Springfield, OR 97477

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April/May 2018

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Important Dates

April

April 24-27th Spring Book Fair, times vary/see flyer inside

April 25th Spring Pictures

April 27th Early Release 12:30pm

April 27th Friends & Family Luncheon, see times below

- Kindergarten 10:25am
- 1st & 2nd grade 10:50am
- 3rd grade 11:25am
- 4th grade 11:50am
- 5th grade 11:50am

April 27th Bingo Night 6-8pm, see flyer inside for more details

May

May 3rd Gift of Literacy for all 1st grade students

May 3rd Last PTA meeting of the year 6-7:30pm, Rm 1, food and childcare provided for FREE

May 10th Hamlin parent meeting 6:15-7:15 in library

May 11th Hat Day

May 11th Early Release 12:30pm

May 18th Taste of Hamlin (5th grade field trip, students only)

May 21st – 24th 3rd grade microscope labs

May 21st & 22nd Second Round of dental varnishing

May 25th Pajama Day

May 25th Early Release 12:30

May 28th No School ~ Memorial Day

May 30th Volunteer Luncheon 12-2pm in Rm. 1

From the Principal

Kids and Choice-making

Thoughts lead on to purposes; purposes go forth in action; actions form habits; habits decide character; and character fixes our destiny ~ Tyron Edwards

It is important to teach children decision-making skills every day. Here are some suggestions for helping your child learn how to make good choices:

- *Teach by example:* Children see everything we do. Model good decision-making skills by talking with them about the decision making process as you are going through it.
- *Start them off with a few options:* Too many choices can be overwhelming for a child. For example, offer them the choice of having PB&J or a Tuna Sandwich for their lunch.
- Nourish your child's capacity to make good decisions by providing them with the opportunity to make small decisions as a way to help build critical decision-making skills for the future. As they demonstrate competence in their decision making, let them know that they made a good decision and tell them why it was good.
- Teach a decision-making formula that works! Here's one example:
 - Define the problem
 - Explore the choices available
 - Understand the consequences of each of the choices/options available
 - Make the best decision possible
 - Learn from the decision
- Allowing your children to engage in the decision-making process (where appropriate) helps them to learn decision making skills
- Be there for your child as they are making decisions. You can be a sounding board for your child as they are thinking about what decision is best. You can also listen and help your child learn *after* the decision has been made. "What turned out good about the decision?" "What might have worked better?"
- As with anything we teach our children, let's remember they are kids! Give them a good feeling about doing their best, regardless of the outcome from their initial efforts. Trust that they will get better with more practice and know that they'll be excited about putting forth best efforts when we praise them for doing their best.

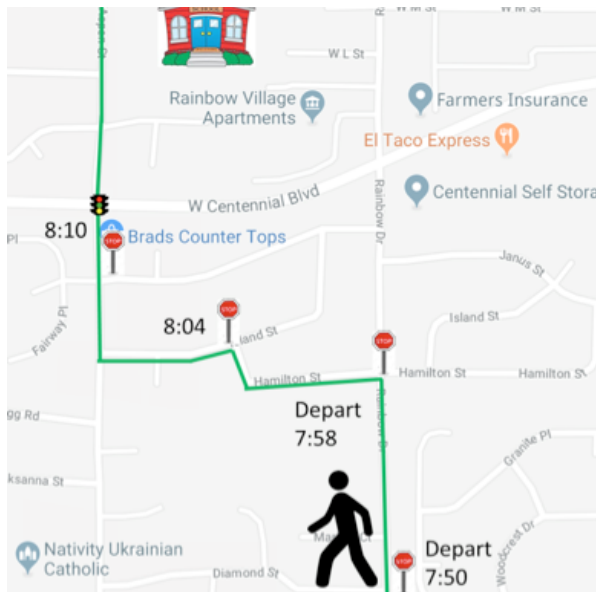
Centennial Walking School Bus

What: A Walking School Bus (WSB) is a program supported by the Springfield Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program. Two background-checked SRTS staff will provide a chaperoned walk to school with fun prizes for students who participate.

When: Every Tuesday morning starting 4/17 (be ready to depart at times posted below)
We do not have an afternoon schedule at this time.

Where: Starting at Rainbow Drive and Diamond Street (see map and details below for other stops where students can join in. Maximum distance: .71 miles)

Why: Students are safer from traffic and crime when walking in a group, particularly one joined by adults. Just as important, students who are able to get exercise before school have improved learning and health outcomes.



Stop 1: Walking School Bus will begin at Rainbow Drive and Diamond Street and will depart at 7:50 am.

Stop 2: Rainbow Drive and Hamilton Street. Departs at 7:58 am.

Stop 3: Island Street and Hamilton Street. Departs at 8:04 am.

Stop 4: Aspen Street and Janus Street. Departs at 8:10 am.

Walking School Bus arrives at Centennial Elementary at 8:15 am.

For more information, please contact the SRTS Coordinator, Laughton: 541-228-0699

5th grade celebration volunteers needed!

The PTA is looking for some parents that would be interested in helping with the 5th grade celebration on Monday, June 11th. We are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- A tech savvy person who can compile all the pictures our teachers have taken of students throughout the year and make a cd slideshow with music that the students and families can watch during the celebration
- Set up gym with mats, benches, and tables the afternoon of the event
- A person or two to order and pick up the cupcakes for the event and either make or purchase punch as well.

You do not need to be a 5th grade parent to be able to help out with this fun event for our students. If you or someone you know interested in helping please contact the PTA at centennial.bluejays.pta@gmail.com

Field Day Volunteers Needed!

As the end of the school year quickly approaches we find ourselves yet again planning our annual field day fun and need a small army of volunteers to help make it run smoothly. We are looking for people interested in running a station on Wednesday, June 13th. Each station is a different game/activity that all the students will participate in. Some activities do involve water but we are hopeful for sunny warm weather so the water will be a welcome cool down. We will also have a snow cone machine this year and will need lots of help dishing up those treats to our students. If you are interesting in helping out in any way for this event please contact our Family Center Coordinator, Crystal Mason, at crystal.mason@springfield.k12.or.us or give the school a call and ask for her. Thank you so much for all you do!

Spring Book Fair is here!



Come visit our spring book fair located in room 1 and find that next book that you just can't put down!

The book fair will be open the following times:

- Tuesday, April 24th 2:45-3:30 (After School)
- Wednesday, April 25th 2:45-3:30 (After School)
- Thursday, April 26th 2:45-3:30 (After School)
- Friday, April 27th 8:30am-1pm & 5:30pm-8pm

If you can't find what your looking for at our fair you can also shop our book fair online at

www.scholastic.com/bookfairs April 18th - May 1st.

Orders will be shipped to the school for free and delivered to your child's teacher.

All money raised at this fair will go directly back to the teachers and library in the form of new books for everyone to read.

Family Fun Bingo Night!

Friday, April 27th 6-8pm



Come and have some family friendly fun with your fellow Centennial families at our annual bingo night!

First set of 10 games is **FREE**, additional game packs may be purchased for \$2 each.

Students get a **FREE** pencil when their birthday month is called.

Pizza and drinks available as well. \$3 per slice or \$20 for whole pizza, drinks are \$1 each.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 or 25 for \$20. There will be 7 different raffle baskets to choose from in a rainbow of colors.

Don't forget to stop by our school Book Fair located in room 1 for those last minuet great reads! Book fair will be open starting at 5:30 and will remain open throughout the bingo event.