



# the Blue Jay

Centennial Elementary

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## May 2019

### 6-10: Certified Teacher Appreciation Week

- 6-7: Dental Varnishing
- 9: PTO Papa's Pizza (Coburg Rd.) Fundraiser
- 9: Springfield Extravaganza @ SHS 7PM
- 9: Second grade music 1:45PM
- 10: Family Movie Night (School Gym) 6PM
- 10: School Spirit Day: SUPER HERO DAY
- 14: Hamlin VP visits fifth grade classes
- 15: Coffee with the Principal 8:30AM
- 15: Safety Patrol Field Trip: SPLASH
- 16: PTO 6PM (childcare & dinner provided)
- 17: **PEACE CELEBRATION 5:30-7:30PM**
- 17: School Assembly 2:00PM
- 22: ELD iPod Project Celebration
- 23: First grade music 1:45PM
- 23: Centennial Orchestra Concert 6PM
- 24: School Spirit Day: Beach Day
- 27: NO SCHOOL Memorial Day
- 29: 6th Grade Orientation Night @ Hamlin 6PM
- 29: Volunteer Appreciation Event (Rm. 1) 12-2PM
- 30: PTO Get Air Fundraiser
- 31: Fifth Grade visits Hamlin "Taste of Hamlin"

## June 2019

- 4: ELD Promotion Celebration (Wildish Theater) 6-8PM
- 7: Kindergarten Field Trip: Lone Pine
- 7: School Assembly 2:00PM
- 11: Kinder Awards 10:20-10:50AM
- 12: PTO Red Robin Restaurant Fundraiser
- 12: ALL SCHOOL FIELD DAY
- 14: Last Day of School!

Report Cards will be mailed home after June 18.

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

*Centennial Families,*

*We are quickly approaching the end of the school year. So many things are happening around school and as you can see by this list we don't plan to slow down anytime soon!*

*While this is a fun time of year it is also important to stop and reflect on all that we have accomplished. I am so very proud of all of our students. They have worked hard and shown growth. I hope you take the opportunity to find celebrations with your child as the year wraps up.*

*This next week, May 6-10<sup>th</sup>, we take an opportunity to thank and appreciate the work of our teachers. Centennial is blessed with the most compassionate, dedicated, and skilled instructors. Each of our teachers deserve recognition as some of the greatest teachers on planet Earth!*

Thank you,

*Amy Halley*, Principal



**ATTENDANCE:** Our school attendance goal is to increase each month's attendance rate by 1% from last school year. Although we didn't meet our April attendance goal we saw improvement in class averages across the building and individual student progress towards higher attendance rates.

**March goal: 94.9% Actual attendance: 94.9% We did it!**

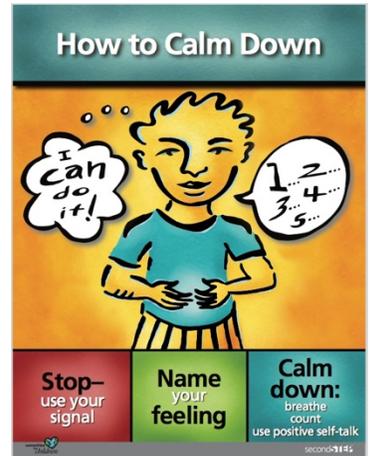
**April goal: 94.8% Actual attendance: 94.4% (So close!)**

**May goal: 94.4%**

**June goal: 94.6%**

**SOCIAL SKILLS Unit:** Emotional Management

**Character Traits:** Courage, Confidence, Compassion, Joy



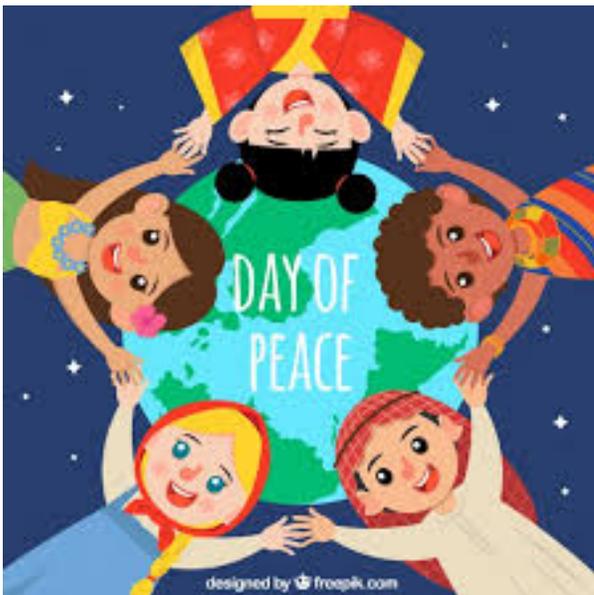
**SPRING DRESS CODE:**

As the weather warms up and our wardrobes change it is important to address some dress code expectations we have here at Centennial. Out of safety for the students we ask that flip flops are not worn. Please ensure students are wearing shoes to allow them to safely participate in PE and recess such as tennis shoes or sandals that strap to their feet. When it comes to clothing we want students to think modesty and wear school-appropriate attire.



**CENTENNIAL PEACE CELEBRATION: "Let Peace Begin with Me"**

*A celebration of peace honoring the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the peace pledge at Centennial Elementary  
May 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30*



Please join us at Centennial the night of May 17<sup>th</sup> where we have planned an evening celebrating peace and kindness. Doors open at 5:30 with a presentation starting at 5:35 that will include guest speakers, a mural dedication, student speakers, reading of the peace pledge, and songs.

Once the presentation is over families and community members will be invited to mingle in the gym while enjoying student art and writing projects in what we are calling the "Peace Gallery." Community partners will be on site to share information with the Centennial community as well.

Families are invited to the cafeteria where guests can eat dinner on us! We will be cooking hot dogs over the BBQ. Children may visit the art table where they can make a peace pinwheel and pick out a free book, and other give-a-ways!

Another way students can be involved in our Peace Celebration is by encouraging students to participate in this “extra credit” writing project. Teachers introduced these writing prompts to students in class last week.

Teachers will be selecting a few different students in the school to present their writing at the celebration. We are looking for students who not only put a lot of thought and effort into their writing but also feel comfortable speaking clearly and confidently in front of a crowd.



## Centennial Elementary Peace Pledge Celebration Writing Opportunity

At the heart of the Centennial Peace Pledge is the message of showing respect by using kindness. Use one of the prompts below to share your thoughts on using kindness to show respect. Here are some ideas/prompts to share with your class...

Write 10 great ways to show kindness....

Begin each line of a poem with Kindness is... to make a list poem.

If everyone was kind.....

A time when someone showed kindness to me was...

Thinking of the quote “When given the choice between being right and being kind Choose Kind” - I think Choosing kind means to....

***Students with outstanding submissions will be given the opportunity to read their work at the Peace Pledge Celebration. All work is welcome to be posted to be shared at the celebration.***

