



Centennial Elementary 1315 Aspen St., Springfield, OR 97477

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February/ March 2017

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Important Dates

February

Feb. 3rd Early Release 12:30pm

Feb. 13th PTA Meeting 6-7:30pm

Feb. 17th Early release 12:30pm

Feb. 18th PTA Swim Day at Splash

March

March 2nd Family Reading Night 6pm

March 3rd Early Release 12:30pm

March 10th No School

March 17th Early Release 12:30pm

March 27th-31st Spring Break-No School

April

April 12th Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon 12:00pm

April 14th Early Release 12:30pm

April 26th Spring Pictures

April 24th-28th Spring Book Fair in Rm. 1

April 28th Friends & Family Luncheon

April 28th Early release 12:30pm

April 28th Family Bingo Night 6-8pm

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe that we are nearly halfway through the school year! We want all of our students to take full advantage of the rich school experience that Centennial has to offer. In that hope, I offer you some useful information about Friendship and Social Skills that psychologist Cathy Turner authored. Please let me know what you think about this!

Making friends and enjoying the relationship is an important part of life for everyone at all stages of development. You can help your child make and keep friends by helping them to improve their basic social skills. By emphasizing the importance of sharing, taking turns, playing together, helping others and using kind words, you will help your child learn valuable skills that they will continue to develop and use into their adult life.

To assist your child in developing friendships and strong social skills, teach them to:

- Solve conflicts by listening and brainstorming solutions and/or compromising
- Be a good team member: stay focused on the activity and cheer for everyone
- Participate in activities at least some of the time. Is it not a negative to want to do solitary activities, but it is also important to know how to be part of a group
- Gracefully agree to others' ideas for play and share the limelight when it comes to offering play ideas among friends
- Ask about others and get their opinions, ideas, and thoughts
- Develop ideas with your child on how they can join a group already playing without trying to force a change in activity. Children often are welcome to join a playgroup if they can offer suggestions related to the activity that kids are currently engaged in

In addition, you can build friendship skills by:

- Talking respectfully to your child. It's easier to help your child treat others respectfully if he/she is treated respectfully
- Playing with your child. While playtime can offer a chance to observe your child and reinforce social lessons, it's important that you actually play and have fun! It not only teaches positive behaviors; it also helps your child learn that he/she is a fun person to be around
- Talking about your child's day, including interactions with friends, the good things about the day, and the bad things. Showing interest in your child helps them understand they are a worthwhile person
- Discussing friendship problems in a positive manner and teaching children that sometimes friends just have bad days, "they don't really hate you."
- Brainstorming solutions to social problems and role-playing these solution ideas, particularly if specific, on-going issues arise for your child.

Sincerely,
Dan Sterling, Principal

District Wide TAG (Talented and Gifted) Testing ~ Springfield Public Schools

On Saturday, February 25, 2017, Springfield Public Schools will hold their district wide Spring TAG Testing at Ridgeview Elementary School. The TAG test assesses whether or not your child is at the 97thile or above in the areas of Reading, Math, or Intellectual giftedness. The 97thile means that if your child was in a line of 100 students, they would know more than the first 97 students in line. These children are at the top of their class, and typically above most students at their entire grade level at school. *If you feel your child may fit into this category, please talk to your child's teacher and your school's TAG contact to refer your child for the spring testing.* After you refer them for testing, you will receive a packet from your school with a parent questionnaire and more information about times of testing for your individual child.

If your child is already qualified as TAG, and you feel that your child may need to be accelerated a grade level, you would also speak to your child's teacher and the TAG contact to refer your child for acceleration. The testing for acceleration will take place Saturday, February 25, 2017, for the above grade level test in Reading, Math, Writing, Science, Reference & Research and/or Social Studies. After testing, we will meet as a team with your school to discuss the next steps and fill out the Iowa Acceleration Scale.

Questions? Contact: School Rep: [Pamala White at 541-744-6383](mailto:pamala.white@springfield.k12.ia.us)

District Rep: Stephanie Lovdokken at 541-520-4012

New Communication System Coming

Dear Families,

In an effort to make sure we are able to communicate with you on a regular basis, we ask that you please make sure we have up-to-date contact information for you.

We will soon start sending school newsletters, event notices and news from our parent organization electronically. We will also be starting a new electronic delivery service for flyers from outside organizations (like Willamalane, KidSports, the library, etc.). Electronic delivery is convenient for both us and you, and is a much better way of ensuring that information gets from the school into your hands.

Email is by far the easiest way to communicate all of this information. To that end, we ask that you please share with us your preferred email addresses to receive information. We assure you that the information you provide is completely **confidential** and **secure**, and will only be used to send you school-approved communication (for example, only flyers from approved nonprofit organizations).

Many of you updated this information at registration, but if your email has changed or changes during the year, please notify us. Also, if you didn't have an email address during registration time, but have one now, please call or come by the office and let us know.

2017-2018 SPS STUDENT TRANSFER INFORMATION WITHIN-DISTRICT STUDENT REQUESTS

Within-District (Intra-District) Transfer requests are for students legally residing **within** Springfield School District attendance boundaries that wish to attend another school within Springfield.

HIGH PRIORITY: High Priority transfer window (for within-district students only) is open *January 3 – 31, 2017*.

OPEN ENROLLMENT (OE): Open Enrollment window is open *March 1 - April 1, 2017* for the coming year.

High Priority & OE requests are placed on a four-tier waiting list (outlined below).

Requests that do not exceed desired grade level or school capacity will be approved. Requests that exceed capacity may be approved through Within-District transfer process.

WITHIN-DISTRICT Transfers: Within-District transfer requests are accepted after May 1st. All new Within-District requests are processed *after* registration day using one-for-one exchange guidelines.

Within-District transfer requests are placed on the waiting list daily (outlined below).

Within-District requests will be approved as space allows or one-for-one exchanges.

Special Notes:

Transfer forms are available at any school building, online (www.springfield.k12.or.us) or from the Instruction Office at 525 Mill Street, Room 311.

Transfer requests are placed on waiting lists using a four-tier lottery: (1) Returning seniors are given top priority. (2) Students who are requesting to return to their current school for the next year, (3) siblings of a student that will be attending the requested school; will be given priority over (4) new applicants.

High Priority and Open Enrollment transfers, once approved, are valid until the student completes the highest grade at that level or moves from the address the transfer was originally approved.

Within-District transfers, once approved, are valid for the remainder of the current school

year only. Parents must reapply to return the following year or if they move from the address of the approval.

Approval cannot be granted if desired capacity at the requested school or grade is reached.

Students must reapply when: (1) changing school levels (i.e., from elementary to mid school; or mid to high school), (2) if they've moved from the address of the original transfer approval, or (3) if they have been granted a transfer through within-district transfer (approved after May 1st) guidelines.

A student's "resident" school is the attendance boundary where the student's family lives. Daycare providers or places of business are not considered the student's residence. Students may not use a business address, relative or friend's address to gain access to a school. **All families are required to provide valid proof of address upon enrollment.**

Ridgeview Elementary, Thurston Elementary and Thurston Middle School remain closed to transfers. Requests for these schools will be placed on a waiting list.

Annual Notification Document Location

In order to more efficiently serve parents and patrons, Springfield Public Schools website has been updated to include information, in part, pertaining to annual parent/student notification such as Student Responsibilities & Rights Handbook, A Note to Parents About Directory Rights, Parent Notice Concerning Student Records, HIV/AIDS Curriculum Announcement, Teacher Qualifications, Parent Review of Materials.

To review the above information, please access the website at www.springfield.k12.or.us Parents and patrons may also contact the school office for printed copies of any of the above documents.

Box Top and Campbell's Soup Labels

Please continue to collect those Box Tops and Soup Labels for our school. With your help we raised \$794.60 for our school through Box Tops and got almost 2,000 points to add to our account with the soup labels. The money that is raised goes directly back to your child's teacher to use for class materials, field trips, fun projects, rewards and more! The points are used to purchase items for the school such as new balls for the playground and art supplies for the teachers. Every little Box Top and Soup Label makes a large impact at our school so please keep up the hard work!

Family Center News

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to many different people and organizations that were so very generous in helping so many of our Centennial Families this holiday season!

* Evergreen Land Title Co., Sanipac and the Centennial Community with donating 25 very large food baskets, as well as a few turkeys to go with each for our Centennial Families in need. Those food baskets not only helped families at Thanksgiving but were able to help again at Christmas time for a few families.

*Ron Oterstead at Springfield High School for selecting 10 children from our school and surprising them with needed items and a few wants for the holidays. Mr. Oterstead, along with his crew of students managed to raise enough money and donations that they were able to get a lot of gifts for each child on their list.

*St. Alice Catholic Church was able to help 25 students this holiday season with needed gifts and a few wants along the way as well. Their generosity truly brightened the lives of many families in need this holiday season and they are a true angle in our community for all they do.

*The Springfield Elks Lodge sponsored another 5 families this year from Centennial and gave each family a large food box, a turkey and a few small gifts for each child in the family. Along with this support they are also the providers of our weekly Snack Pack program at our school. This program is a great support for our students and families that might be struggling with keeping those growing children's bellies full over the weekend. Thank you for all you do to support our school!!

*Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who have been helping in the classrooms and in the family center with all the teacher's projects and collating of books that we have been working on. Our school wouldn't be the same without all of your hard work and dedication!

*Thank you to all the wonderful SMART volunteers, students and teachers that have worked so hard to get SMART off the ground and on a great start for this school year! With all of you working together with the guidance of our SMART coordinator, Julie Gifford, we are truly making a difference in each of these children's life's one book at a time 😊

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The Labels for Education® program is winding down.

As of August 1, 2016, only UPCs with the *Labels for Education* logo will be accepted and redeemed for points into registered schools' bank account. We have begun the process of removing the logo and expect there will be a limited number of products that contain these labels in stores through August 1, 2017. Once all *Labels for Education* logos have been removed from the products, UPCs will no longer be accepted. The banked points schools have accumulated will not be affected.

Our Last School Box Top Competition is this month!!! All Box Tops are due by February 28th at 9am!! Please get to cutting and sending them to school with your student!