



Centennial Elementary 1315 Aspen St., Springfield, OR 97477

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January/February 2018

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Important Dates

January

- Jan. 3rd Students return to school
- Jan. 12th Early Release 12:30pm
- Jan. 15th No School ~ Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 18th PTA Meeting 6-7:30pm in Rm. 1
- Jan. 26th Early Release 12:30pm

February

- Feb. 2nd No School
- Feb. 16th Early Release 12:30pm
- Feb. 19th – March 2nd Reading Olympics

March

- March 2nd Early Release 12:30pm
- March 2nd Family Reading Night 6pm
- March 9th No School
- March 16th Early Release 12:30pm
- March 26th-30th Spring Break-No School

Welcome to 2018! We are Family!

Centennial is looking forward to a great year and a fresh start as 2017 fades in the rear view mirror. One of the reasons we have to be hopeful is the generosity of our school community. One example of that generosity is the Family Center. Our Family Center is a remarkable program that does a lot of good for Centennial's kids and families. Prior to winter break, the Family Center was successful at making connections with several organizations in an effort to meet the needs of less fortunate families. I would like to thank our Family Center's coordinator, Crystal Mason, for her tireless work on behalf of Centennial's children and families.

Staffing changes

Learning Specialist Michelle Lind has moved to a new position at another district school and Kara Minchin has returned to Centennial as the Learning Specialist for Kindergarten and 1st/2nd grades. Kara has a huge heart, extensive knowledge of the special education field, and her expertise with students is legendary among Centennial's staff. We could not be happier to have Kara back at Centennial! We wish Michelle the very best in her new position and thank her for her work.

Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) at Centennial

Our school rules are summarized by the following expectations: **Safe, Respectful, and Responsible**. In order to help students achieve be safe, respectful, and responsible throughout the campus, Centennial uses Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) to reinforce positive behavior, encourage healthy relationships, and promote good sportsmanship and respectful actions and intentions.

Each of our classrooms continually instruct students about expectations. At the beginning of the year, we place special emphasis on teaching school rules for all students. Playground expectations are explicitly taught by our recess supervisors, as well. You can find more information about our expectations and recess rules in our Student-Parent Handbook, available here: [Centennial Student-Parent Handbook](#).

While PBIS cannot guarantee that all students will *always* behave appropriately, it does go far in reinforcing constructive, positive behaviors throughout the building. When students are found to have violated rules or have been disrespectful to others, our staff members use care in teaching or re-teaching appropriate behavior and choices.

Serious rule infractions, such as fighting or engaging in very disrespectful behavior are brought to the attention of the principal. Centennial's disciplinary philosophy is based on explicitly teaching and reinforcing appropriate behavior and increasing the chances that the student will engage in appropriate behavior

in the future by allowing students to rectify wrongs where possible and take responsibility for their actions. Centennial's discipline approach is *educational* in nature, not punitive. It is our goal that all students will do their best to make decisions that contribute to a positive learning environment for themselves and others.

Our recognition system includes universal reinforcement mechanisms, such as "SRRs," monthly Super Student awards, and Self Manager cards. In addition to these schoolwide approaches, reinforcement systems are present in individual classrooms throughout the building. SRRs are given to students caught doing something very good; the rewards are in the form of SRR stickers or an SRR ticket. Modest rewards may be earned by students or the whole class based upon the demonstration of positive behaviors.

We believe that all students can contribute constructively to the Centennial community. By doing their best each day, they are insuring that Centennial is an outstanding school, filled with some of the greatest kids, staff, and parents on planet earth!

Thank you for all you do to reinforce the positive thoughts and actions of your children each day.

Cheers,

Dan Sterling
Principal

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

On Saturday, February 24, 2018, 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 97%ile or above in the areas of Reading, Math, or Intellectual giftedness. The 97%ile 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 24, 2018, 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 or District Rep: Stephanie Lovdokken at 541-520-4012

Box Tops

Please continue to collect those Box Tops. With your help we raised \$656.60 for our school through Box Tops! 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 makes a large impact at our school so please keep up the hard work!

Our Last School Box Top Competition is coming soon!!! All Box Tops are due by February 27th at 9am!! Please get to cutting and sending them to school with your student!

Family Center News

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

* Alpine Mortgage Co. donating 25 very large food baskets for our Centennial Families in need. The Centennial community gathered enough food to make an additional 20 baskets of food for families. Those food baskets not only helped families at Thanksgiving but were able to help again at Christmas time.

*Ron Oterstead at Springfield High School for selecting 10 children from our school and surprised 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 angel in our community for all they do.

*The Centennial community came together to provide gifts and needed items for an additional 10 students at our school! The outpouring of love and support for families this past holiday season was a true blessing to so many in need. Thank you all!!

*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 ☺

2018-2019 SPS STUDENT TRANSFER INFORMATION

WITHIN-DISTRICT STUDENT REQUESTS

Completed forms must be turned into the Springfield District Office at 640 'A' Street, Springfield. *Forms cannot be turned in at school sites nor may building employees accept forms to submit.*

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

HIGH PRIORITY (HP): High Priority transfer window (for within-district students only) is open *January 3 – 31, 2018*.

OPEN ENROLLMENT (OE): Open Enrollment window is open *March 1 - April 1, 2018* for the coming year.

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

Requests that do not exceed desired grade level, projected ratio, or school capacity will be approved. Requests that exceed capacity may be approved through the Space Availability/Exchange transfer process.

SPACE AVAILABILITY/EXCHANGE TRANSFERS: Within-District SA/Exchange transfer requests are accepted after May 1st. New student SA/Exchange requests are processed *after* registration day using one-for-one exchange or space availability guidelines.

Space Availability/Exchange transfer requests are placed on the waiting list daily (outlined below).

Space Availability/Exchange requests will be approved as space allows or secured one-for-one exchanges.

Special Notes:

Transfer forms are available at any school building, online (www.springfield.k12.or.us) or Springfield District Office at 640 'A' Street, Springfield.

Transfer forms must be submitted to Springfield District Office either by personal delivery, regular mail, email or fax. Forms cannot be turned in at school sites nor may building employees accept forms to submit.

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, Open Enrollment and Space Availability/Exchange 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.

New student Space Availability/Exchange transfers submitted after May 1 but before school starts will not be processed until after fall registration is complete. Enrollment is reviewed up to two weeks after school starts for possible transfer 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.

A student's "resident" school is the attendance boundary where the student's family lives. Daycare providers, friends, relatives 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 annually to provide valid proof of address upon enrollment.**

Should you have questions please contact Amy Stephens: 541-726-3254 or amy.stephens@springfield.k12.or.us

2018-2019 OPEN ENROLLMENT & INTER-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST INFORMATION

Open Enrollment & Inter-District transfer requests are for families residing outside Springfield School District boundaries (i.e., Bethel, Creswell, Crow, Eugene, Fern Ridge, Junction City, Lowell, Marcola, McKenzie, Pleasant Hill, South Lane) wishing to attend a school within Springfield District boundaries.

Any student whose family resides outside Springfield School District boundaries that currently does not have an approved *Open Enrollment* transfer must submit a transfer request to apply to attend a Springfield school for the 2018-2019 school year. Additionally, Inter-District students currently attending a Springfield school with an approved Inter-District Exchange (approved after 4/1/2017) transfer must re-apply should they wish to return to a Springfield school for the coming year.

OPEN ENROLLMENT (OE): Open enrollment window is *March 1st through April 1st* for the coming year. Open Enrollment applications will be placed on a four-tier waiting list: (1) Returning seniors are given top priority. (2) Students who attended a Springfield school during the previous school year and are requesting to return to their current Springfield school for the

Open Enrollment requests that do not exceed the number of designated transfers accepted, desired grade level or projected ratio, or school capacity will be approved. Approved OE requests are valid until the student completes the highest grade at that level or moves from the address the transfer was originally approved. Applications that exceed the number of designated transfers to be accepted will be placed on the Inter-District list and may be approved through Inter-District Exchange process. **Approval cannot be granted if the requested school or grade capacity is reached or if there is a waiting list of within-district students for the requested school. Into-District Open Enrollment requests cannot be approved over a within-district request or to participate in athletics.**

INTER-DISTRICT Transfers: Inter-District transfer requests for *returning* students are accepted *after* May 1st.

New student applications are accepted *after* July 1st for the coming year. All Inter-District requests must be processed using Inter- District guidelines.

Inter-District transfers are assigned to the waiting list daily by lottery draw. Returning students will be given priority over new applicants.

Inter-District requests will be approved that: (1) do not exceed the declared number of transfers the District determines it will accept, (2) does not exceed the grade, level, projected ratio, or building capacity, and (3) there is no within-district wait list to the requested school/grade. Approved Inter-District transfers are valid for the current year only.

Transfer forms are available at any school building, online (www.springfield.k12.or.us) or from the Springfield District Office at 640 'A' Street, Springfield.

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Once the *Open Enrollment* transfer has been approved, your student will be able to remain at the school you have chosen until they complete the highest grade at that level, unless they move from the address of approval. You must submit a transfer for new students entering kindergarten, for students not currently on an approved

OE transfer, when changing from one level to another (i.e., elementary to middle or middle to high school, or if your address changes from that of the initial approval.

Students approved through Inter-District Transfer process must re-apply each year. Students must also reapply when changing school levels (i.e., from elementary to mid school; or mid to high school) 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, or if there is a waiting list of within-district students for the requested school. Inter-District requests cannot be approved over a within-district request or to participate in athletics.

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