



the Blue Jay

Centennial Elementary

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January 2019

11: Early Release @12:30

- 11: School Spirit Day: White out/snow theme
- 16: Coffee with the principal (8:30-9:15am Room 1)
- 17: PTA 6pm (childcare & dinner provided)
- 21: No school MLK

25: Early Release @12:30

- 25: School Spirit Day: Crazy Hair Day
- 28-31: School Wide Reading Assessments

February 2019

- 1: No school for students: teacher work day
- 4-15: School Wide Math Assessments
- 14: Valentines Day
- 15: Early Release @ 12:30
- 15: Spirit day: Twin/look-a-like day
- 18: No School: Presidents Day
- 20: Coffee with the Principal (8:30-9:15am Room 1)
- 21: PTA 6pm (childcare & dinner provided)
- 28: 4th grade music performance 7pm

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Happy New Year Centennial families! It is hard to believe that it is now 2019! We have several exciting things happening at school and I encourage you to keep up to date with the most current information by checking our Facebook page and website periodically.

Our new secretary, Deb Jolda, is officially taking the reigns of the Centennial office. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding while she continues to learn the ropes.

I hope to see parents at the *Coffee with the Principal*. This is a great opportunity for me to better know the school community and best support our students/families. Coffee with the principal is informal, younger siblings are welcome, and a chance for you to ask questions or hear about the current events happening at our school.

Winter benchmarking will be starting in a few weeks. Teachers will be communicating specific dates and times but it is very important we have students at school for benchmarking. Teachers use this reading and math data to plan for instruction and to evaluate student growth.

Winter is just starting and with that comes cold and flu season. Attached you will see the "When Should a Student Stay Home or Be Sent Home from School" addressing student illness and whether or not they come to school. Best line of defense is encouraging frequent and thorough hand washing with soap and warm water! Please also make sure students come with coats and when it is really cold, hats and gloves. Write names in all outerwear so they are returned to your child if they become lost. The lost and found table tends to grow quite large over time. 😊

Thank you,
Amy Halley, Principal



ATTENDANCE:

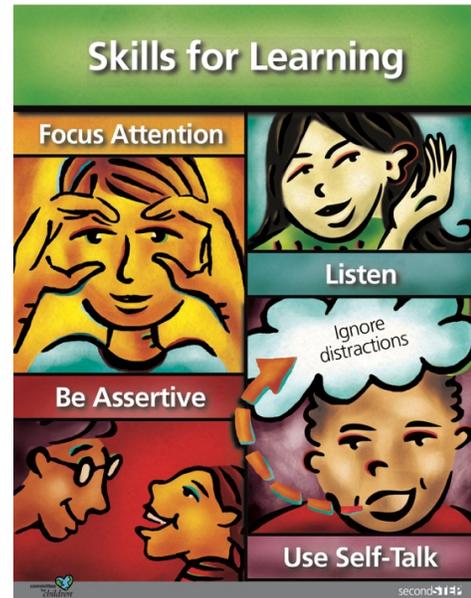
Here at Centennial we have committed to improved attendance rates. When a child misses 10 or more days they are at risk of not making adequate progress in school. If they miss 10+ days every year they will have missed the equivalent of one school year by the time they graduate. Attendance is strongly connected to positive relationship to school/peers and academic success. As a school we aim to have 97% of students in school everyday. Our goal is to increase our monthly attendance rate by 1% from last year. This means for January we hope to have a monthly average of 92.5%. That is 32 or fewer kids gone per day. Just think that is over one WHOLE class of students gone each day. Yikes! Attendance not only impacts your child's education but that of the whole class. When a teacher has to spend time reviewing and re-teaching to catch students up it takes away from the group.

SOCIAL SKILLS:

We are recently received an updated social skills curriculum called **Second Steps**. This curriculum will be taught by the classroom teachers to all students. There are monthly themes we will be sharing with families through parent letters. Our first unit is called: Skills for learning and this month we will be focusing on "Following directions". In February classes will move into the next theme of "Keep calm & Be assertive".

January/February Character Traits:

Generosity, Empathy, Focus, Common Sense, Good Natured, Kindness, Self-discipline, Cooperation



HANDBOOK REMINDER: The complete student handbook can be found on our website.

Cell Phones: *"Cell phones and other electronic devices are not to be turned on during school hours. While at school, parents are asked to turn cell phones off so that classes and offices are not disturbed".* Cell phones and tablets should be "off and away" while at school. We understand that many children text or call parents as they transition to and from school. We respect that level of safety, however, there has been an uptick of students using their devices to play games, watch videos, take photos, etc. while on campus. If you have sent a phone with your child, please remind them of the expectation and purpose of why they carry it.

Toys and Nuisance items: *"Toys should not be brought to school. They can be lost, stolen, or broken, causing disappointment to your child, and they may cause disruption. Certain items are prohibited on campus. Prohibited "nuisance items" include: matches, lighters, laser pens, shocking devices, rubber bands (when used to shoot or snap), spit wads, squirting devices, aerosol sprays, and other such items. These items will be confiscated, and disciplinary action may result from possession or use of these items"* Please do not allow your children to be bringing toys to school with them. Not only are they at risk of being damaged, lost, or stolen it can be a big distraction to the instructional day.

When Should a Student Stay Home or Be Sent Home from School?

***Please notify the school office if your child is treated for any of these conditions.**

A NOTE FROM THE DISTRICT NURSE: Please DO NOT send an ill child to school. There could be some serious health problems for your child and other students. If your child is ill or their fever is higher than 100.5 degrees, you should contact your health care provider for advice. If you need assistance in finding a health care provider, you can call for an appointment at the Springfield School's Health Center (541) 682-3550.

Some students have medical conditions that may become life threatening when exposed to measles, chicken pox/shingles, fifth's disease, rubella and hepatitis. If your child diagnosed during the school year with any of these diseases or any other chronic illness or condition, please call our office as soon as possible at 541-744-4131.

**If a student is sick enough to visit a doctor they must have a doctor's note to return to school.*

Student's Symptoms/Diagnosed Illness	Student May Return to School When
Fever greater than 100.5 degrees (orally)	Temperature below 100 degrees (orally) for a minimum of 24 hours without use of Tylenol or other fever- reducing medicine
Rash or rash with fever – new or sudden onset	Rash disappears. Written consent from doctor to district nurse
Yellow or brown drainage from eyes or unusual drainage from other parts of the body, such as a draining sore	Discharge must be gone or the student must have a written consent from doctor to district nurse
Vomiting	Symptom-free for 24 hours
Diarrhea: 3 loose or watery stools in one day	Symptom-free for 24 hours
Cough: Deep, barking, congested or productive of colored mucous.	Symptom-free or student must have been on antibiotics for 24 hours or have a written consent from the doctor to district nurse. Antibiotics are not effective for viral illnesses. When antibiotics are prescribed for bacterial infections, take all medications as prescribed until gone.
White, clay-colored or bloody stool	Written consent from doctor to district nurse
Yellow color of skin or eyes	Written consent from doctor to district nurse
Brown or bloody urine	Written consent from doctor to district nurse
Stiff neck or headache with fever	Symptom-free or written consent from doctor to district nurse
Unusually sleepy, lethargic or grumpy	Symptom-free or written consent from doctor to district nurse
Strep throat diagnosed by health care provider	MUST have been on antibiotics for 24 hours and have written consent from doctor to district nurse. If no antibiotic given, call school nurse before sending child to school.
After an illness of 2 or more weeks, surgery or other change in health status	Written instructions from doctor and parent regarding medication or special health needs must be provided to the district nurse

SPS Health Services Questions? Contact the district nurse at: **Health Services (541) 744-4131**

