



Centennial Elementary 1315 Aspen St., Springfield, OR 97477

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## **Important Dates**

### **May**

Wed. May 24<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Appreciation

Luncheon 12:00-2:00pm

Fri. May 26<sup>th</sup> Early Release 12:30pm

Mon. May 29<sup>th</sup> No School (Memorial Day)

Tue. May 30<sup>th</sup> Second Round of Dental

Varnish and Sealants

### **June**

Fri. June 9<sup>th</sup> Early Release 12:30pm

Mon. June 19<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration 1:30

Tue. June 20<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Grade OMSI field trip

Wed. June 21<sup>st</sup> Last Day of school

Field Day Fun!

Dear Families,

Each year teachers and the principal make decisions about classroom placements. Classroom placement determines which classroom each student will be assigned to for the next school year. This important process ensures that we have balanced classrooms with great chemistry and combinations of students. It also takes into consideration the styles of learning that each student does best with and allows us to place students with a teacher who is a good match for your child.

**1. How will parent input be considered in the Placement Process?**

Placement Teams, made up of staffers who know and understand the strengths and needs of students within the school setting will use input from past and current instructors of your child, along with parent input, for the purposes of creating balanced classes during the placement process. Parent input will be shared with the Placement Team through the use of the **Parent Input Form**. **You can request a Parent Input Form from the front office.** If you can't come in to get one, we will place a copy in your child's backpack upon your request. **Parent Input Forms are optional. They are due back to the front office by Wednesday, May 24th.**

**2. What does a family do when they have a unique situation that should be considered in the Placement Process?**

It is requested that unique situations be shared directly with the principal to assure discreet sharing of confidential information and consideration in the placement process.

**3. Why shouldn't parents list names of teachers they want for their children?**

Centennial students are assigned to classes on an equitable basis ensuring that each class has students representing a broad range of skills and interests. Parents are welcome to provide input regarding their child's optimal learning environment. Input on this form will be given to a Placement Team of grade level teachers who understand the strengths and needs of students they are placing. Teams look at numerous variables, including personality, friendships, academic strengths, skill level, interests, and gender in placing students.

We are unable to honor parent requests for specific teachers, as this would impact our ability to create balanced classrooms.

**4. Should parents list names of other students they desire to be placed with or apart from their child?**

Not unless there is a very unusual situation. Current and past teachers and support staff utilize direct observations of student to student interactions within the school setting in considering placement. We have found this to be an accurate reflection of how students will work together in the classroom.

**5. What if there are additional questions about the Placement Process?**

Please contact me directly at 541-744-6383.

Thank you,

*Dan*

## **New Communication System Coming for Next School Year**

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 begin 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, 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 for approved activities).

**Many of you updated this information during spring 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.

## **Attention 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Families!**

The last week of the school year is full of fun and memorable events for our 5<sup>th</sup> grade families.

**On Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 in the Centennial Gym we will be holding our annual 5<sup>th</sup> grade celebration event.** During this event, students and families will be watching a slideshow of the events from the past school year. Teachers will share some memories from this year, certificates will be handed out to Safety Patrol members and refreshments will be available. If you would like to help with this event please contact our PTA at [centennial.bluejays.pta@gmail.com](mailto:centennial.bluejays.pta@gmail.com).

**On Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> our 5<sup>th</sup> grades will be going on their annual OMSI adventure for the day.** Students will be boarding school busses at 8:45am at the school and will enjoy a fun filled day at OMSI watching a film in the Empirical Theater and interacting with all the amazing things that OMSI has to offer. Students will be eating their sack lunches on the bus during their ride up and/or back to school. By eating during our bus ride, students will be able to explore more exhibits during their time at OMSI. Students will return to school between 4:00-4:15pm. Please plan accordingly for picking up your students that day. More information will be coming home with your students from their teachers in the following weeks.

# Last Day of School – Field Day Fun!

On the last day of school Centennial will be holding our annual field day event full of fun for all students. This event takes a small army of volunteers to lead the different stations and assist teachers in making sure students are being safe. Below is the schedule of when students will be out on the field enjoying the fun;

- Kindergarten & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade 10:45-11:45am with lunch at 11:50-12:30
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade 11:50-12:50 with lunch at 11:00-11:45
- Child center, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade 1:00-2:00 with lunch at 12:35-12:55

We will have a large inflatable obstacle course, water games, relay games, popsicles and more to keep students busy and having fun. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Crystal Mason at 541-744-6383, [crystal.mason@springfield.k12.or.us](mailto:crystal.mason@springfield.k12.or.us) or just stop by room 1 M-F 8:30-12:30.

## Immunizations

Immunizations are an excellent way to protect yourself and your family against many diseases. Age-appropriate immunization starts at birth and continues through adulthood, with special emphasis through age two. Your health care provider can help you determine which immunizations you or your child may need.

Immunizations are required by state law for children in attendance at public and private schools, preschools, child care facilities, and Head Start programs in Oregon, unless there is a qualified exemption. Many venues that provides care for children outside the home require shots or a medical or [nonmedical exemption](#) to stay enrolled. Religious exemptions signed before March 1, 2014 are no longer accepted. Parents need to submit new proof of immunization or a nonmedical exemption for their children if their nonmedical exemption was signed before March 1, 2014. If parents fail to update this documentation, the child will be reported as "incomplete" or "no record" and may receive an Exclusion Order.

**Deadline for Full Immunization:** At the beginning of each year, per the Oregon Immunization Program, school staff begin reminding parents that children will not be able to attend school or child care starting the 3rd Wednesday in February (2/14/2018) – **School Exclusion Day** – if their records on file show missing immunizations. The Health Services staff work with schools to make every effort to contact families to remind them of this deadline and provide information about resources that may be available.

**Need Help with Immunizations?** Contact your school's health aide for the most current information or visit our school website and look under parent information.