



Blue Jay News

Centennial Elementary, 1315 Aspen St., Springfield, OR, 97477



January

- 1/7 Back to School!
- 1/9 PTO - 6:00
- 1/10 Early Release - Spirit Day - Winter Wear
- 1/20 MLK Day-no school
- 1/22 Coffee with the Principal
- 1/24 Early Release - Spirit Day - Sports Day
- 1/31 No school
- 1/25 PTO Splash!

February

- 2/6- PTO @ 6:00
- 2/14 Early Release - Spirit Day - Pink or Red
- 2/17 President's Day - no school
- 2/28 Early Release - Spirit Day - Look alike
- 2/28 PTO - Movie Night

Student Attendance

Our attendance goal is 95%! Help us make our goal every day!

We are so happy to have our Centennial Blue Jays in school, on time, every day! Missing just a few days, even if they're excused absences, adds up to lost learning time and can put your child behind in school. Too many absences at any age can affect a student's chances for academic success. Please help us prepare students for graduation by having them in school!

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COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL

January 22 at 8:45

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EARLY RELEASE

Dismissal is 12:30.
January 10 & 24
February 14 & 28

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PARKING LOT

Please watch for students! No cars in the bus lane, please!

Reading Rules!

Help your student with reading!

As a parent/guardian, you know how important reading skills are to your child's academic success. Use some of these reading tips to support and encourage your child's reading.

1. Set a routine - read at a regular time. Bedtime is often a great time for this!
2. Make a special reading spot - this could be some comfy pillows or a chair.
3. Have books at home - use the public library to check out books or find them at garage sales.
4. Be a reading partner - encourage your child as she reads and ask questions about the story.
5. Set a good example - let your child see you reading, too.
6. Be enthusiastic - show genuine excitement as your child makes the effort to read.
7. Try audiobooks - students can listen to these on their own or with you.
8. Play vocabulary games - encourage your student to use the vocabulary words they are learning at school. Younger students can practice their sight words with you, too.

(These tips, and more, can be found at readingpartners.org)

Cough, Cold, and Flu Season is Here!

It's cough, cold and flu season! One of the best ways to avoid getting sick is to be diligent about hand-washing. We encourage our students to wash their hands frequently throughout the day and especially after: blowing their nose, coughing or sneezing and after using the toilet. Have kiddos wash hands with clean running water, using soap and lathering for about 20 seconds, and then rinsing and drying well with a clean towel. Using anti-bacterial wipes or gel is also very helpful. Let's keep our students healthy and prevent spreading germs at school!

When to Keep your Student Home

Please keep your student home if s/he has a fever greater than 100.5 degrees, is vomiting or has diarrhea. They may return to school when they have been symptom free for a minimum of 24 hours. Please check the Springfield Public School website for additional details.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The new year is a great opportunity for us to take stock and set goals. Our partnership with our community is so important and we appreciate all you do to help us succeed. Creating healthy habits at home for your student goes a long way towards ensuring a positive school experience. In addition to following the tips for encouraging your student to read at home, make time for your child to practice their math facts and even log onto iReady for additional skill building time. Limiting the amount of screen time can have a positive effect, too. Create screen time rules for when and how long your student has access to TV, playing video games, and being online and help them participate in other activities like playing outside, reading books, playing board games, and playing with other toys. Here's to a great 2020!

Principal Williams