



# The Blue Jay

Centennial Elementary 1315 Aspen St., Springfield, OR 97477

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## September/October 2019

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**Website** – <http://blog.springfield.k12.or.us/centennial/>

**Facebook** page: <https://www.facebook.com/CentennialBlueJays/>

### Important upcoming dates and events

#### September 2019

- 19 Open House (6-7:00)
- 20 Early Release (12:30)
- 25 Coffee with Principal (8:30)
- 27 Orchestra instrument check out 6:30-7:30pm in Gym and Cafeteria

#### October 2019

- 3 Picture Day
- 3 PTO meeting
- 4 Jog-A-Thon Fundraiser
- 4 Walk & Bike to School Day
- 11 Early Release 12:30 pm
- 23 Coffee with Principal 8:30am
- 22 Vision/Dental Screening
- 25 Early Release 12:30 pm

#### ATTENDANCE

Student attendance is very important! If a student will be absent or tardy for any reason please call the school at 541 744-6383. You may call and leave a message at any time.

**Help your student be successful by attending school!**

#### Early Release Information

- All elementary students will be served lunch just as a regular day of school.
- Students will be released at 12:30 pm.
- Please make sure to plan ahead. Thank you.

#### Coffee with the Principal

**Wednesday, Sept. 25, 8:30-9:00am**  
Centennial Family Center

Join Principal Williams in the Family Center to discuss your involvement in the goals of Centennial this school year. Refreshments will be served, and younger children are always welcome to come with you to the Family Center.

#### *Note from the PTO*

If you are looking for ways to be involved in our school, please consider working with our Parent Teacher Organization. Parents can help as much or as little as they choose. It's a great way to be involved in your student's education!

Find out more at our Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/centennialbluejayspta/>

**October 4  
Centennial's Walk & Bike to  
School Day!**

Join millions of kids around the world walking, biking, skating and scooting to school!

Please remember to stop by the table out front that morning to get your prize! Have fun!!

***Student Drop Off and Pick Up***

In order to keep our students safe, please keep the following in mind when dropping off and picking up your students:

- Vehicles must use the lower parking lot area – no vehicles in the bus lanes.
- Unless you are picking up a kinder student, please wait outside the building after school.

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

On Saturday, October 26, 2019, Springfield Public Schools will hold a district wide fall TAG Testing at Ridgeview Elementary School. The TAG test assesses whether or not your child is at the 97<sup>th</sup>ile or above in the areas of Reading, Math, or Intellectual giftedness. The 97<sup>th</sup>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, October 26, 2019, 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 your child's teacher and the school TAG Contact Karen Tunnell (541-744-6383)

**Principal's Message**

Hello, Centennial families! School is back in session and I am so excited to be the new principal at Centennial Elementary! We have wonderful students and a very skilled and dedicated staff. We love volunteers so please fill out a volunteer form if you would like to help out. Our Family Center has moved to the Nest and continues to provide resources for our families. Please check with Crystal Mason for additional information.

Also, you may have noticed some new faces and a furry one too. Let me introduce you to our 4-legged friend, "Teddy." He comes to work each day with his owner Ms. Cristal, as her service dog. We talked with students about what not to do and how they can keep Teddy from being distracted from his job. If you see Teddy while visiting Centennial please allow him to focus on his owner and please do not touch or talk to him. He is awfully cute and he has an important job!

Welcome back!  
Marilyn Williams  
Principal