



# the Bluejay

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November/December

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## November is a Wonderful Month

As we ride the seasonal train through the falling leaves of November, we look forward to holidays that lie just around the next bend. When we communicate our gratitude in the presence of our children, we are modeling humility and self worth, crucial qualities for personal success and growth. Involving children in acts of generosity helps to cultivate the spirit of humanity within their hearts and minds. Here's hoping that your family has many opportunities to share memorable moments together during the upcoming holiday season. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Dan Sterling, Principal

## Important Dates

### November

Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> PTA Swim Day 11-1pm

Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> No school

Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> PTA Meeting 6-7:30pm

Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> Picture Retakes

Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> Coffee with Principal 8:45am

Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> Early Release 12:30pm

Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup> No School Thanksgiving Break

### December

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> No School

Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> Early Release 12:30pm

Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> No School Winter Break

### January

Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> No School

Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> Early release

Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> No School

Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> Early Release

Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> No School

### **Safety First!**

As the days become shorter, additional alertness while driving is in order, as pedestrians and bikers still have to get where they are going, despite the darkness. As always, thank you for the care that you show in driving in and around our school, especially at drop off and pick up times.

# Family Center News

## Jog a thon Comes in First Place!

Our October Jog a thon was a tremendous success!! We want to thank each and every Centennial student! It was their tremendous efforts that inspired all of us and that led to this being a great event. As of the moment I am writing this, **Centennial families have generously donated \$11,009.38 to the school through the 2015 Jog a Thon!** This sum is significantly higher than we have received in recent years, and couldn't have come at a better time. We will use these funds to support every classroom in the building with resources and outstanding enrichment opportunities.

Combined with the PTA's contributions at every grade level this year, our teachers and support staff will have access to supplemental resources that are key to our mission as a school where learning is a passion that is infused with joy. I would like to thank Crystal Mason and her terrific team of volunteers who made the Jog a thon possible. Thank you, too, to every Bluejay family, for making a hugely positive difference, whether through loving and caring for your kids and making sure they are on time to school and ready to learn each day, volunteering to help in and out of classrooms, and/or through generous financial support.

Dan Sterling, Principal

## A big Thank You to all of our donors for Jog-A-Thon as well!

Pacific Continental  
Portland Children's Museum  
Splash  
Safeway  
Skateworld  
The Duck Store  
Costco

Mckenzie Sew-On for designing and printing all our prizes this year

On October 7<sup>th</sup> Centennial held our first annual Walk and Bike to School Day and had 106 students and families participate! Everyone who participated received a sticker, a tattoo and was entered into our drawing for some fun prizes. Of the 106 entries we were able to draw 28 names for prizes such as lights and helmets for your bikes and/or scooters. What a great turnout and thank you all for helping to keep our streets and sidewalks safe for everyone.

## Box Top Competition Winner!

Congratulations to Mr. Hugo's class for bringing in 1,460 box tops!! In total the students and staff of Centennial brought in 80,560=\$805.60!! All of the money that each class brought in will be used by their teachers to purchase classroom supplies and other classroom needs. Thank you everyone and remember to keep clipping and turning them in. our next competition will be in the spring!

## **Congratulations are in order**

Kudos to Mr. Maulding's class for winning the Sumdog math competition for all of Lane County! Mr. Hugo's class did a great job too as they came in a close 3rd! This is an outstanding accomplishment for our entire 5th grade class!! Thank you students for your hard work and perseverance! Math rocks!

On another note, we would like to acknowledge the accomplishments of 4th grade teacher Kim Hernandez. Mrs. Hernandez was honored with an Outstanding Educator award by the IOTA chapter at the Alpha Delta Kappa Tea late last month.

## **School Store Opening in November**

Centennials student run school store will be open starting in November on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8:20-8:30 in the primary hallway. The school store sells items that range in price from \$0.15-\$1.00 each. There are a variety of erasers, pencils, notebooks, folders, rulers, bookmarks and more!

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

The library is looking for volunteers to help students check out books, to check in book and re-shelving books on Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you are interested please contact our librarian Mrs. Phillips at [chris.phillips@springfield.k12.or.us](mailto:chris.phillips@springfield.k12.or.us)

SMART is looking for volunteers that are able to donate 30 minutes of time twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday to read with students that are signed up with the SMART program. To become a SMART Reader please go to [www.getSMARToregon.org](http://www.getSMARToregon.org) or contact Julie Gifford, Centennial's SMART Site Coordinator at [centennial@getsmartoregon.org](mailto:centennial@getsmartoregon.org)

## **Picture Retake Day Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>**

If your student(s) was absent on our last picture day or you are unhappy with the pictures that you received please take note that Centennial will be having our picture retake day on Tuesday Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> in the gym.

## **Coffee with the Principal Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 8:45am**

We will be having our coffee with the principal on Friday Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am in room 1. Please come join us to hear about what is happening around the school and ask any questions that you may have. Younger children are always welcome. We hope to see you there!

## **Blue Jay Choir will start on Friday, November 13th.**

Choir is open to any 3rd, 4th or 5th grade student. We meet in the music room from 7:45-8:10. Please see Ms. Smith for more information.