



Centennial Elementary 1315 Aspen St., Springfield, OR 97477

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October/November 2018

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Important upcoming dates and events

September 2018

- 27th Coffee with Principal 8:30
- 27th PTA Meeting 6-7:30 in Rm. 1
- 27th Orchestra instrument check out 6:30-7:30pm in Gym and Cafeteria

October 2018

- 4th Picture Day
- 5th Jog-A-Thon Fundraiser
- 10th Walk & Bike to School Day
- 12th Early Release 12:30 pm
- 18th Coffee with Principal 8:30am
- 18th PTA Meeting 6-7:30 in Rm. 1
- 22nd Vision/Dental Screening
- 26th Early Release 12:30 pm

November 2018

- 13th Picture Retakes
- 15th Coffee with Principal 8:30am
- 15th PTA Meeting 6-7:30 in Rm. 1
- 16th Early Release 12:30 pm
- 26-30th Book Fair
- 28th No School ~ Grading Day
- 29&30th No School ~
Parent/Teacher Conferences

Early Release Information

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

First Coffee with the Principal

Thursday, Sept. 27th 8:30-9:00am
Centennial Family Center, Room 1

Join us in The Family Center as Mrs. Halley invites parent input and involvement on 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

Centennial's Walk & Bike to School Day Wednesday, October 10th

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!!

OBOB: Start Reading Now!

The reading list for the 2018-19 school year is available and team sign-up sheets are in the library! If your child wants to participate in OBOB this January, now is the time to start reading those books! If you aren't familiar with OBOB, here is a short introduction:

Oregon Battle of the Books, OBOB, is a statewide voluntary reading program sponsored by the Oregon Association of School Libraries (OASL) and the Oregon Library Association (OLA). Students in 3rd-5th grade are encouraged to participate. The mission is to encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading, to broaden reading interests, to increase reading comprehension, promote academic excellence, and to promote cooperative learning and teamwork among students. Each year a list of books is chosen, and questions are written for each grade level division. Students read the books, discuss them, quiz each other on the contents, and then compete in teams of four students to correctly answer questions based on the books in a "quiz show" format.

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

On Saturday, October 13, 2018, Springfield Public Schools will hold their district wide Fall TAG Testing at Ridgeview Elementary School. The TAG test assesses whether or not your child is at the 97thile or above in the areas of Reading, Math, or Intellectual giftedness. The 97thile 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 13, 2018, 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, Phone Number: 541-744-6383

Centennial Families,

School is up and off to a fantastic start to the 2018-19 school year. I am so thrilled to be serving as principal and have felt nothing but a warm welcome from the Centennial community.

Reminder that students should not arrive on campus until 8:15 unless they come for breakfast at 8am. Students will be staging in the gym at 8:15 until 8:25 when doors open for students to enter classrooms. There is NO supervision before 8:15 outside. If you need childcare before 8:15 Willamalane offers an “Early Start” program conveniently located here on campus. Thank you for your cooperation with keeping kids from arriving too early. Students need to be in class ready to start the day promptly at 8:35.

Pick-up and Drop-off can be very hectic. The Centennial staff want drop-off and pick-up to run efficiently and smoothly to save you time. But more than that, we want your children to be SAFE during these busy times of day. Here are a few pointers to help make this as smooth as possible.

DO:

- Pull as far forward as you can, so you are right behind the car in front of you.
- Have your child ready to exit at drop off, and have your vehicle ready for child to load at pick-up.
- Use the crosswalks and wait for safety patrol to stop oncoming traffic.
- Use the lower parking lot (NOT the bus lane)
- Park cars in designated spaces (NOT in parent pick-up line or along the yellow curb)
- Prearrange any changes to the pick-up routine with teachers ahead of time.
- Be patient as everyone has somewhere to be.

Your cooperation in the parking lot and in the streets near Centennial is crucial to ensuring safety of every student. Traffic increases once the rains start, our dual lane system (separate pick-up/drop off and flow through lanes) will help to keep traffic moving to reduce the time spent waiting in traffic.

Centennial’s behavior expectations are: Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible (SRR). To help students achieve these expectations, Centennial uses Positive Behavioral Interventions Supports (PBIS) to reinforce positive behavior, encourage positive peer relationships, and promote good attitudes that are demonstrated through relations in their social group and community at large.

This year we will be focusing on attendance. It is our goal to have 97% of our students at school each day. We know there are valid reasons why students miss schools and those are still permissible. Such reasons are illness (fever, vomiting, diarrhea, doctors note) or death in the family. If your student needs to miss school, please call the office to let us know.

Coffee with the Principal will be scheduled the morning of the monthly PTA meetings. Hope to see you September 27th from 8:30-9am in Rm 1.

Warmly,
Amy Halley

Welcome to the Family Center

What is the Family Center and where is it located?

The Family Center is a large inviting space in our school where students and parents can come to enjoy a quiet and safe space. Here they can learn about volunteer opportunities, access the Internet, research or obtain information for available resources in our community and discuss other concerns or interests that I may be able to assist with. This room is intended to be a welcoming and positive environment for children and families.

The Family Center is located in room 1 in the primary hallway near the front office. This space is shared with the PTA as well so there are almost always fun things to do and great people to meet. The Family Center is open every school day throughout the school year. The Family Center is open to all families and younger children are always welcome as well.

Please feel free to email me or drop by and say hi anytime!

Sincerely,
Crystal Mason
crystal.mason@springfield.k12.or.us

Collect those Box Tops

At Centennial Elementary, we participate in the General Mills Box Tops for Education program. Last year we earned over \$2000 for our school! Please double-check your throw a ways and recyclables. Collection bins are located in each classroom so please clip them out and send them to school with your child(ren).

Our first friendly competition has started and all Box Tops need to be turned in to the classroom by October 31st! The classroom that brings in the most Box Tops will win a party! Thank you for supporting our school by taking the time to clip and turn in those Box Tops!