



Centennial Elementary 1315 Aspen St., Springfield, OR 97477

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Principals Corner

PBIS and Centennial's Discipline Policy

Centennial's behavior expectations are: Safe, Respectful, Responsible (SRR). In order to help students achieve these expectations, Centennial uses Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) to reinforce positive behavior, encourage positive relationships, and promote positive attitudes that are demonstrated through good sportsmanship and consideration for others.

PBIS does not guarantee that all students will always behave appropriately. When students are found to have violated rules or have been disrespectful to others, our staff members caringly teach or re-teach expected behaviors.

Serious rule infractions, such as fighting or engaging in very disrespectful behavior, are brought to the attention of the principal immediately. Centennial's disciplinary philosophy is based on explicitly teaching and reinforcing appropriate behavior, and increasing the chances that the student will engage in appropriate behavior in the future. This is done by allowing students to rectify wrongs where possible, take responsibility for their actions, and recognize the benefits to themselves in committing to better choices. In sum, Centennial's discipline approach is *educational* in nature, not punitive. It is our goal that all students will, to the extent possible, make decisions that contribute to a positive learning environment for themselves and others.

Dan Sterling
Principal

Important Dates

October

Oct. 2nd Early Release 12:30 pm

Oct. 8th Picture Day

Oct. 9th No School

Oct. 16th Jog-A-Thon

Oct. 19th PTA Meeting 6-7:30 pm

Oct. 23rd Early Release 12:30 pm

Oct. 29th Box Top Collection Due

November

Nov. 11th No School

Nov. 16th PTA Meeting 6-7:30 pm

Nov. 20th Early Release 12:30 pm

Nov. 26th-Dec. 2nd No School

Crossing Guard/Safety Patrol

Safety patrol has started thanks to our wonderful 5th graders and our Supervisor Mrs. Valle. We would like to remind parents about a few of our crossing rules here at Centennial.

1. Please remember to walk your bike, scooter and/or skateboard safely on campus. Please do not ride them as this can easily cause you to crash into fellow students.
2. Please listen to the directions of our Safety Patrol team when crossing.
3. Please wait for Safety Patrol members to be fully blocking the intersection with flags out before crossing and please cross on the crosswalk BETWEEN our crossing guards.

WALKING AND DRIVING TO SCHOOL

Students are encouraged to use great caution when walking or riding their bicycles to school. Use crosswalks with care and stay on sidewalks whenever possible. Crossing guards will be on duty before and after school. Please follow their directions for safety.

Drop Off in the Morning

- On the lower level, please use the inside lane to drop off your child(ren);
- Do not leave your vehicle unattended at any time as this may interfere with emergency and safety vehicles, buses, and properly parked cars that wish to exit.;
- If you need to come into the building, please park your car in a designated parking space or in a legal space on the street.

Pick Up

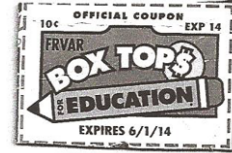
- On the lower level, please use the inside (curb) lane to pick up your child(ren)
- Pull up to the car ahead of you, but do not block the crosswalk
- After your child is safely inside the car, slowly pull to the outside lane and proceed to exit the parking lot;
- Please be courteous to others by picking up your children as soon as they arrive.
- **REMEMBER not to leave your vehicle unattended at any time as this may interfere with emergency and safety vehicles, school buses, and properly parked cars who wish to exit (and make room for others to park).**
- If you need to come into the building, please park your car in a designated parking space.

Use of the Upper Level

- Because school buses take priority on the upper level, it is important that cars do not limit their ability to come into the driveway and make their way around to their designated drop off and pick up areas. By request of the bus drivers, **please do not park your car on the curb on the upper level until after the buses have departed in the morning and the afternoon.**

Family Center News

I want to start by saying a huge THANK YOU to two dedicated volunteers Julie and Josefina who have come in almost every day since the beginning of school to help cut and collate workbooks for our teachers. With their help we have managed to get a great head start on that huge project for the year! Thank you to all the other volunteers as well that are helping here in the Family Center, in the classroom and in the library. You are a part of what makes Centennial rock!



It's Box Top Competition Time!

At Centennial we do a friendly classroom competition around our Box Top collection. Our goal this year is to raise \$2000 for our school! This money is used by each teacher to get much needed classroom supplies. To help us reach our goal please keep an eye out for those Box Tops and send them with your child to class. Each classroom has a collection container. The class that earns the most will win popcorn party but in the end we are ALL WINNERS! Thank you for your continued support!

Jog-A-Thon 2015

As many of our returning families will notice our jog-a-thon has been moved this year from the Spring to the Fall. We have chosen to make this move so that the money raised at this event that goes into our school enrichment fund can be used this year to fund all of our fun field trips, special guest speakers, our Spanish enrichment teacher Adrianna Gordillo, classroom rewards and supplies. Please keep an eye out for the pledge envelope that will be coming home with your student. We hope to see you all here cheering our students on at this fun event!

2015 JOG-A-THON Schedule

*All of Mrs. Galloway's class will be running during the 4th grade time

10:00-10:30	5 th Grade	12:30-1:00	BREAK
10:30-11:30	BREAK	1:00-1:30	2 nd Grade
11:30-12:00	4 th Grade	1:30-2:00	3 rd Grade
12:00-12:30	1 st Grade	2:00-2:30	Kindergarten

FOR A STUDENT TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZES, PLEDGE MONEY MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE OFFICE BY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND.

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

On Saturday October 11, 2015, 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 97%ile or above in the areas of Reading, Math, or Intellectual giftedness. The 97%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 10, 2015 for the above grade level test in Reading, Math, and Intellectually Gifted. The testing will then continue on Saturday, October 17, 2015 in Writing, Science, Reference & Research and/or Social Studies. After testing, we will meet as a team with your school to discuss the next steps.

Please check in with your school about any questions you may have about either the spring TAG qualification testing or the TAG acceleration testing.