



August 2019

Centennial Families,

Welcome to the new school year! I hope you are having a great summer and this letter finds you looking forward to another great year at Centennial Elementary. I am so excited to be joining the staff this year as principal of Centennial Elementary School and am looking forward to connecting with returning families and meeting our newest Centennial Blue Jays. Teachers and staff are busy preparing the school for another great year of learning and together we can accomplish great things that will lead to every student a graduate, prepared for a bright and successful future. As with any year, there are always new things happening and changes abound. The following are wonderful new staff members who are joining our amazing Blue Jay team!

- Aubrey Massey.....Music/Orchestra
- Angie Lamie.....Facilitating teacher
- Janet Artiga.....Custodian

The following information is very important and will be useful as you get ready for the school year. Please read it carefully as there could be some important changes!

**Arrival and Departure:** Classroom doors will open at 8:20. Please make sure your child does not arrive at school prior to 8:20 unless he/she is having breakfast at Centennial as there is no adult supervision except in the cafeteria. Your child's safety is very important to us so please do **NOT** drop students off prior to 8:20. If your child is having breakfast at Centennial, please have him/her go directly to the cafeteria as those doors will open at 8:00. We begin our day promptly at 8:35. If your child arrives after 8:35, please stop by the office to check in.

\*Many parents enjoy walking their children to classroom door on the first day of school and you are invited to do so. You will not need to sign in on the first day of school. After the first day of school you will need to stop by the office and sign in with your ID any time you come onto campus. If you do choose to come on campus with your student the first day of school, please say a quick goodbye as the teacher will want to have class begin as smoothly and quickly as possible.

*Please be very patient the first days of school as the parking lot will be very busy.  
Get here early and park in the neighborhood whenever possible the first days of school.*

**Dismissal:** School ends at 2:50. On early release Fridays students are dismissed at 12:30.

Reminders about the end of the day:

- We have academic groups running until the very end of the school day. Your student is missing instruction if he/she leaves early for an appointment. Whenever possible, please make appointments after school hours or on Early Release Fridays.
- Follow the directions of our adults and students on safety patrol.
- Park in parking spaces only.
- We do not have student supervision after 2:50. Please be prompt when picking up your child after school.

**Attendance:** Oregon Law requires that your child maintains regular attendance and this includes arriving on time. An absence is considered excused only in the case of a family death, student illness, or doctor appointment. If your child misses school due to a medical appointment, we are happy to excuse him/her when a note from the medical provider is submitted to the office. All other absences are marked as unexcused including family vacations. If your child is attending Centennial via a Within-District or Inter-District transfer, the transfer may be revoked due to attendance issues. Please remember to contact the school when there will be or has been an absence by 9:00 the day of the absence.

**Transportation changes:** Teachers will document what families have identified as typical transportation home for each student. A written note or phone call is required for changes and must be received prior to 2:00. This includes Willamalane activities. *Without a note your child will be sent home by their regular form of transportation.* Your child's safety is of utmost importance to us and we want to make sure your child arrives home safely with no difficulty. If your student is not assigned to a bus or is in the walk zone, he/ she will not be allowed to ride a school bus home per district policy. Students who ride the bus are only allowed to ride the bus route the district has assigned to them.

**Buses:** Transportation services will communicate with families regarding routes and pick-up and drop-off times. Please be aware of transportation policy:

- Students will be routed for their own address, only.
  - Temporary rider permits (permission to be transported to and/or from a different address) will not be considered/authorized until October 1.
  - **KINDERGARTEN students will be dropped off at their bus stop, not their doorstep.**
  - **KINDERGARTEN** students will need to be met by an **ADULT** listed on the kindergarten transportation form
- OR**
- **KINDERGARTEN** students can walk home from school or the bus stop with a sibling in the **third grade or above**.

**Breakfast/Lunch Program:** Families who meet the income guidelines may submit an application for free and reduced lunch. That application can be found on our district website or in our front office. Otherwise student breakfast cost \$1.25 and \$2.00 for adults. Lunch costs \$2.65 per day for students and \$3.60 for adults. Payments to student accounts can be made in the school office or visit [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) to see your student's account.

**Supply List:** See the back page.

**Important dates:**

- **Student Registration** – 8:00 a.m–3:30 p.m. August 21. We will have a Spanish translator during registration hours.
- **Class lists** for grades 1–5 will be posted in the office windows August 30 at 4:00.
- **Meet Your Teacher** September 3, 2:45–3:45 (grades 1-5)
- **Popsicles with the Principal** September 3, 3:45–4:15 (all families)
- **First Day of School** Wednesday, September 4, 8:35–2:50
  - All students in grades 1-5.
  - Kindergarten students with last names beginning with **A–L** only.
- **First Day of School** Thursday, September 5, 8:35–2:50
  - **Kindergarten students with the last names beginning with M–Z ONLY.**
  - Kindergarten students with the last names beginning with **A–L** **do not** come to school on this day.
- **No School: Kindergarten** Friday, September 6, Kindergarten class lists posted at 3:00

- **All Students** attend school, Monday, September 9
- **Open House** Thursday, September 19, 6–7 p.m.
- **First Early Release**, Friday, September 20 - dismissal 12:30

**Medications:** All medications must be checked into the health room by the parent/guardian in its original package. For safety sake please do not send cough drops, over the counter medication, prescriptions, or medicated cream to school with your child. It is also important to stay in communication with the health aide around changes to their medication dosage as well as keeping prescription medications replenished in a timely manner as to not disrupt the medical impact.

**Dress for Success:** Please ensure your child wears appropriate clothes for school. Shorts should be longer than the tip of the finger when arms are fully extended. Spaghetti strap tank tops/dresses, flip-flops and high heels should be saved for home.

**Birthday Parties:** Birthday parties are not allowed in the classroom as they disrupt instruction. Please respect this policy by not bringing food into the classrooms. Teachers find opportunities through the day to celebrate each student on their special day.

**School and Family Communication:** We appreciate the opportunity to work together alongside our students' families to provide your child with the best education possible. Communication with our Centennial families is a priority and we will share newsletters, post to our Facebook page, and update our webpage regularly. Classroom teachers will also use a variety of methods for communicating with you. We encourage phone calls, scheduled meetings, email, and notes from you, as well. Your first point of contact at Centennial is your child's classroom teacher. Once you have talked with the teacher and you feel you need to meet directly with Mrs. Williams, the principal, please contact the school secretary to do so.

This is going to be a wonderful year of learning and growing for our students! We all have a role to play in supporting our school and I am so pleased to have this opportunity to work together with our community of parents/guardians, teachers, staff, and students.

Thank you in advance for all you do to support your child's education. It is an honor to work with you and your children!



Respectfully,

*Marilyn Williams*

Principal of Centennial Elementary School

# Meet Your Teacher and Popsicles with the Principal

Families are welcome to drop off school supplies at this time as well.

Tuesday, September 3  
 Come meet your teacher: 2:45-3:45 p.m.  
 Popsicles with Mrs. Williams: 3:45-4:15

## 2019–20 Centennial School Supply List

	<b>Kinder</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>	<b>Fourth</b>	<b>Fifth</b>
<b>Ticonderoga Pencils</b>	12 pencils	48 pencils	48 pencils	24 pencils	48 pencils	48 pencils
<b>Crayola Crayons</b>	24 pack	2 packs of 24	2 packs of 24	24 pack		
<b>Pencil Sharpener</b>				1 with shavings box		
<b>Pencil top erasers</b>				1 box	1 box	
<b>Crayola Thin Markers</b>	1	1 (or thick)	1 (or thick)	Optional	1	1
<b>Crayola Thick Marker</b>		1 (or thin)	1 (or thin)	Optional		
<b>Elmer's Glue</b>	1 bottle (8 oz.)	1 bottle (4 oz.)	1 bottle (4 oz.)	1 bottle (8 oz.)	1 (optional tacky glue)	
<b>Glue Stick</b>	10	6	6	1	6	1
<b>Crayola Colored Pencils</b>	12 pack	12 pack	12 pack	12 pack	2 (12 packs)	2 (12 packs)
<b>Watercolors</b>	1 set	1 set	1 set			
<b>Fiskar's Scissors</b>	1 pair	1 pair	1 pair	1 pair	1 pair	1 pair
<b>Sharpie</b>		1 black	1 black		2 black	
<b>Expo Dry Erase Markers (Thin)</b>	10	3	3	2		4
<b>Pink Pearl Eraser</b>				1	2	
<b>Index Cards</b>					1 package-lined	
<b>Notebook Paper</b>				1 pkg wide rule	2 pkgs wide rule	
<b>Spiral Notebooks</b>		1 wide rule	1 wide rule	2 wide rule	3 wide rule	2 wide rule
<b>Plain 2-pocket folders</b>		6	6	3~ (3 prong) 1~ sturdy folder for homework	4	4
<b>Composition Notebook</b>					3 wide rule	3 wide rule
<b>Pencil Box</b>			1	1	Zippered pencil pouch	1
<b>Post-its</b>		1 pack	1 pack			
<b>Tissue</b>	1 box	1 box	1 box	2 boxes	1 box	1 box
<b>Ziploc Bags</b>	1 box Gallon 1 box Sandwich	Optional class donation: quart, sandwich, gallon	Optional class donation: quart, sandwich, gallon			
<b>Baby wipes</b>	1 container	1 container	1 container	1 container	1 container	1 container
<b>Backpack</b>	1 (label with child's name)	1 (label with child's name)	1 (label with child's name)			
<b>Yellow Highlighter</b>				1 optional	1	2
<b>Hand Sanitizer</b>				Optional	1	1
<b>Ruler</b>					12" (with cm)	

