



Centennial Elementary School

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From Our Librarian, Heather Slater:

February has been an exciting month to celebrate reading at Centennial. During this last month students participated in two very special events, Reading Month and Battle of the Books. Reading month helps to encourage reading as a habit. We had a successful reading month with students logging in over 300,000 minutes of reading.

Third, Fourth and Fifth grade students also participate in a reading competition called Battle of the Books. This program encourages students to broaden their reading interest, increase reading comprehension and promotes academic achievement. It also encourages students to read other genres that they might not pick on their own.

Reading is one of the most important skills your child will learn in school. Like all skills, improvement comes with practice, and our Library provides a wide variety of books for students to borrow for reading practice, information, and enjoyment. You can help your student by reading to or with him/her and asking questions about the story. Encourage your child to spend time reading at home every day.

Spring Break

No school the week of April 2-6

Break for Learning

During spring break, inspire your child to enjoy learning adventures outside the classroom. Consider these ideas.

- Live coverage. Let your youngster practice writing and speaking by pretending to be a news reporter covering your family's spring break. He might write about activities like playing with cousins or making his favorite meal with you. At the end of the week, invite him to read his "broadcast" to the family.
- Spot the state. Print out a United States map online, or have your child draw one, and take it in the car. Everyone calls out license plates they see from different states, and your youngster finds and colors each state on his map. How many states will he locate by the end of spring break? ♥ *March 2018, Home & School Connection*

Kindergarten Registration for Fall 2018

Began on Monday, March 5 Pickup kindergarten registration between 8:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. in the school office.

- Registration can be returned to the office starting Tuesday, March 6 during regular school hours for kindergarten and any child that is new who will be entering Centennial in grades 1-5 in the fall.
- ***Taste of Kindergarten and Screening*** will be held on June 4. Parents can sign up for their choice of orientation times when they return the registration packet to the school office.



Centennial is Walking N Rolling!

Join us by walking or biking to school on:

- April 11
- May 2 (National Bike to School Day)
- June 6



Students who participate will be greeted in front of the school and given a prize. By walking and biking to school we reduce traffic, get exercise, help the environment, and meet our neighbors.

Family and friends can also participate by taking the Pace Car Pledge. By taking the pledge you agree to slow down and drive carefully to make our community safer for walking and biking. Those who sign-up will get a sticker to display on their car. Learn more and sign-up for the Pledge at: <http://bit.ly/PaceCarPledge>
Join the fun and be part of the solution! Centennial is partnering with the Walk N Roll, a program of Intercity Transit with a focus on encouraging youth to walk, bike, and use transit.

Professional Development for Teachers and Principals:

During the 2017-2018 school year, the Olympia School District is providing professional development in the areas of English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, the Teacher/Principal Evaluation Program, Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports and Foundations of Cultural Responsiveness. The district welcomes any suggestions or comments about teacher and principal professional development from parents and our community members at large. Please direct any comments to a building administrator or to the OSD office of Teaching and Learning at 360-596-8540. Thank you for your interest in improving our schools!

Fifth Grade to Sixth Grade Information

Parents, please make sure your fifth grader has all their immunizations up to date for middle school. If your child has had the required immunizations, please send the information to school and we will get it entered. Washington Middle School Counselors will be at Centennial on March 14 to visit with our fifth graders and hand out registration packets. Parents, please fill out and return the sixth grade registration forms your child brought home. All forms will need to be back to school within two weeks (March 30). Thank you for your help.

Fifth Graded Outdoor School

Our fifth grade students will be attending Outdoor School at the CISPUS Environmental Center in Randle, Washington for three days. Students and staff will leave Centennial on Wednesday morning, April 25, and will return in the afternoon on Friday, April 27 around 2:00 p.m.

The Center has been developed specifically for student environmental studies and has excellent facilities for both study and research. Information regarding Outdoor School was distributed in February. The cost for a child to attend for these three days is \$150. If you have any questions or need a scholarship, please contact your child's teacher or Roz in the office.

Head Lice Article from our Nurse

Spring is in the air! Conference week and Spring Break are just around the corner. This is often a time when we see more incidences of head lice. Prevention of head lice is key:

- Encourage children not to share personal items such as coats, hats, brushes, combs, hair barrettes/scrunchies, pillows, etc.
- Lice do not fly or jump, they crawl.
- If your child is scratching his/her head more than usual, this is a warning. Using a bright light, check for lice, nits & scratch marks.
- Lice & nits are very small. Adult lice are the size of a sesame seed. Nits feel like a little grain of sand stuck to the hair shaft and must be manually removed or they hatch into lice.
- If your child has been treated for lice, please check in at the main office prior to returning to school.
- The internet is a great resource for how to get rid of nits & lice.

Build Sibling Bonds

Q: I'd like my kids to be close, but they bicker a lot. How can I help them have a better relationship?

A: It's common for siblings to squabble. What's important is that they form a connection that helps them enjoy each other (at least sometimes) and handle disagreements. Try giving them tasks that require them to rely on each other. For instance, one might wash dishes and the other dry them, and then they could put them away together. Also, encourage them to spend time doing something they both enjoy, like hitting baseballs or playing with toy dinosaurs. Finally, use their disagreements to build their conflict-resolution skills. When they argue, let them take turns setting a timer for 1 minute and explaining their side to the other. If they can't come up with a solution, suggest they take a break by going into separate rooms. They can try again when they've both calmed down and had a chance to think. ♥ *March 2017, Home & School Connection*

Upcoming Events

- 3/5** Kindergarten Registration Begins
- 3/6** CES Booster Club's Science Fair 5:30- 7:30 p.m.
- 3/7** Miller and Currie 5th grade Program – Program at 7:00 p.m.
- 3/12** 5th Grade Parent Night at Washington Middle School – 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- 3/13** Battle of the Books Championship
 - 3rd grade – 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.
 - 4th-5th grades- 2:15-3:00 p.m.
 - Booster Club Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 3/14** WMS Counselors and Administration visit 5th grade students in morning at Centennial
- 3/19** OJP Field Trip – *Frindle* grades 4-5 10:00-11:00 a.m. buses leave by 9:20 a.m.
- 3/22** FamOly Concert at OHS PAC at 5:45 p.m.
- 3/27-30** Conference Week- Early Dismissal 12:05 p.m.
- 3/27-30** Climbing for Kids Competition during PE
- 4/2-6** Spring Break – No School
- 4/16** OJP – Field Trip *Mr. Popper's Penguins* 10:00-11:00 a.m. buses leave by 9:20 a.m.
 - Field Trip – Fourth Grade 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 4/20** Friday Sing at 2:45 p.m.
- 4/25** Field Trip - Mrs. Miner and Mrs. Thies 10:20 a.m.-1:45 p.m.
 - Second Grade Program at 7:00 p.m.
- 4/25-27** 5th Graders on Field Trip to Outdoor School – Cispus
- 4/26** Field Trip – Mrs. Balderston & Miss Rethwill 10:20 a.m.-1:45 p.m.
- 4/27** Field Trip – Mrs. Peterson 10:20 a.m. -1:45 p.m.
- 5/3** Class Pictures
- 5/12** Booster Club's Carnival at Centennial 4:30-8:00 p.m.
- 5/16** Spring Choir Concert at OHS PAC 7:00 p.m.

OSD 2017-18 Notice of Nondiscrimination

The Olympia School District will provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without discrimination based on race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. The district will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. District programs will be free from sexual harassment. Auxiliary aids and services will be provided upon request to individuals with disabilities. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies, reports of alleged sexual harassment, concerns about compliance, and/or grievance procedures:

- Jeff Carpenter, Title IX Officer, jcarpenter@osd.wednet.edu, (360) 596-8544
- Ken Turcotte, Section 504 and ADA Coordinator, kturcotte@osd.wednet.edu, (360) 596-7542
- Steve Rood, Director of Career and Technical Education, srood@osd.wednet.edu, (360) 596-6109
- Scott Niemann, Affirmative Action Officer and Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator, sniemann@osd.wednet.edu, (360) 596-6193. All four individuals may also be contacted at [1113 Legion Way S.E., Olympia, WA, 98501](https://www.olympia.wa.gov/1113/Legion-Way-S.E.-Olympia-WA-98501).