

Centennial Elementary School

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From the Olympia School District Office Late Start Days

If you have reviewed the 2009-2010 school calendar for our District (or if you have not yet seen it, go to <http://osd.wednet.edu>), you'll notice that from October through June, there will be a monthly one-hour late start for teacher collaboration. This schedule replaces the three early release days that we had in 2008-2009 for this purpose. Teacher collaboration time offers our instructors a chance to work with each other to design lesson plans, discuss successful curriculum and develop interventions to help struggling students. Research indicates that regular, consistent teacher collaboration is a critical element to promote student learning. We also understand that late starts and early releases, regardless of the importance of the purpose, can be a hardship for our families and look forward to working with you to minimize any inconvenience it may cause.

Peter Rex
Communication Director



Pumpkin Fund Run Friday, October 9th

Your classroom teacher will let you know when their *track time* is scheduled. This is an annual ASB fundraiser for Centennial. Parents, helpers, and visitors need to check in at the office prior to going out to the field.

Don't forget to wear orange that day!

Reminder to Parents from Superintendent
Bill Lahmann's letter dated 8/31/ 2009

Here is what you can do to help students and staff members in our schools stay healthy:

1. Communicate to your student(s) the importance of covering their nose and mouth when they cough or sneeze, and to wash their hands often with soap and water.
2. Keep your child at home if he/she shows flu-like symptoms (a fever of 100 degrees or higher and a cough or sore throat) until they are symptom free (without medication) for 24 hours. Students who have a fever of 100 degrees or more will be sent home immediately. The same rules will apply to Olympia School District employees.
3. If your child is at home sick, please provide information about his/her symptoms when you call the school to report the absence. This will help us provide accurate information to the Thurston County Department of Public Health.
4. Make contingency plans for the care of your child in case they become ill or in the event schools need to be closed for an extended period due to a pandemic flu outbreak.
5. If you or your child has a compromised immune system or other condition that would classify your family as a "high risk," you should consult a physician.

Collaboration Day District Wide Late Start First Wednesday of the Month

10:00 - 3:22 P.M.

Full Day Kindergarten, 1st - 5th grades

10:00 - 12:11 AM Kindergarten

1:11 - 3:22 PM Kindergarten

One Hour Late Start - Busses Pick Up One Hour Later
Please remember that if the students' bus pick up time is (i.e.) 8:20 A.M. normally, it will be 9:20 A.M. on a Late Start Wednesday.

October 7th, November 4th, December 2nd, January 6th, February 3rd, March 3rd, May 5th and June 2nd.

Check out the school's website by the end of the month for detail information on collaborative teaching.

SCHOOL PICTURES MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ALL GRADES

Monday, September 28th
K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th



Look for the notices in your child's backpack.

Lifetouch Photography is sending a picture order form/envelope home the week of September 21st. There will be another reminder sent home Friday before pictures.

Picture retake November 4th

Puyallup Fair Tickets available -
one per student.

NOTES from home.....

Post-it-notes are not a good way to send notes to school. We are finding them *attached to all sorts of things....* Any other type of scratch paper will work to ensure that your child's information makes it to the right place.

Olympia School District Food Service

Prices are as follows:

Student Breakfast \$1.35

Student Lunch \$2.10

Adult Lunch \$3.10

Milk .60¢

**Parent Participation on the Instructional Materials Committee**

The District K-12 Teaching and Learning Office is soliciting applications from parents of elementary school-aged students who are interested in serving on the District's Instructional Materials Committee.

The primary role of the Instructional Materials Committee (IMC) is to assist in the review of instructional materials that have been submitted by teachers and administrators for adoption by the Board of Directors. By District policy, the IMC assures that the instructional materials conform to state and federal laws and meet the goals and objectives of Olympia Public Schools. The term of service on the committee is three years. Each year there are approximately seven scheduled meetings of one hour each, usually meeting on a Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Special meetings are sometimes required to respond to a particular issue, complaint or request.

Participation in the Instructional Materials process provides an excellent opportunity for meaningful involvement in shaping the educational programs of the District. We encourage parent applications. Applications are due in the K-12 Teaching and Learning Office of the Olympia School District no later than October 16, 2009.

Please contact your building principal or Tricia Kelley, 596-8585, for an application form or for additional information.

Normal School Day

REMINDER: Students should not arrive at school before 8:50 A.M. School is dismissed at 3:22 P.M.

8:50 A.M. First Bell
8:55 A.M. Warning Bell
9:00 P.M. School Starts (Tardy Bell)
3:22 P.M. Dismissal

AM Kindergarten 9:00 – 11:40 A.M.

PM Kindergarten 12:40 – 3:22 P.M.

Parking at Centennial

As we all know, Centennial has a limited number of parking spaces. This is why there are two different time schedules for Curriculum Night in September, why we have only grade level performances at Centennial, and why we use the Olympia High School Performing Arts Center (PAC) for all Choir performances.

As a courtesy to our neighbors that live near the school, we would like to remind parents to be careful where they park. We had some neighbors concerned that people had parked on both sides of the street making the road too narrow for the residents to reach their home.

If families could carpool or just be aware to park on one side of the street, so in case of an emergency, there is still room to get down the road.

FYI - Type to Learn 4

Students can access *Type to Learn 4* at home, by going to the Centennial website. Go to the library link on the homepage and download the program.

PLEASE RETURN

- Enrollment Card
- Student Health Information
- Emergency Release Form
- Transportation Form
- Student Right's Handbook (last page returned)
- Emergency Kits

