

Centennial Elementary School

Principal, Shannon Ritter

January 2016

Collaboration Day

District-Wide Early Release

First Wednesday of the month & other dates as designated on calendar

9:00 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

Lunch will be served on these days.

AM Kindergarten 9:00 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

February 3, March 2, and May 4

Reading Month

Battle of the Books will start practice on February 1st running through February 29th, during 3rd, 4th and 5th grades' library class time. The theme this year is **Read S'more Books!**



Used Book Sale February 25th

Character Day March 4th

Battle of the Books Championship March 22nd



Centennial's Website –
centennial.osd.wednet.edu

Science Fair Registration Packets – now available online at

Centennial's website

Volunteering at Centennial – application on line at osd.wednet.edu/community/volunteer

Teacher Web Pages –
centennial.osd.wednet.edu/staff/teacher_web_pages



Olympia Junior Programs

Information regarding the Olympia Junior Programs (OJP) will be coming home shortly. These plays are presented by various groups from around the country. The plays take place at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Olympia. It is a wonderful experience for your child.

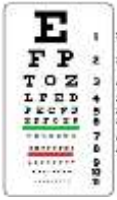
Your signature on the envelope is imperative in order for your child to go. Plays this year are:

- *Aesop's Fables* grades 1-3
- *Jack & the Beanstalk* grades 1-3
- *The Lightning Thief* grades 4 & 5
- *Let's Go Science Show* grades 4 & 5

Booster Club's OJP representative, Liz Nelson, is coordinating the plays for Centennial.

January is School Board
Appreciation Month. We would like
to thank the Olympia School
District Board of Directors for their
service to our district!

Vision & Hearing Screening



Lion's Club Vision and Hearing van was at Centennial on December 10th. Thank you to all the parent volunteers that assisted with the screening.

UP-COMING EVENTS

- 1/23 Technology Fair at OHS Commons
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Free Admission
- 1/25 Passport at PM Recess
- 1/27 Kindergarten Program at 7:00 p.m.
Dress Rehearsal at 2:45 p.m.
- 1/29 END of SEMESTER
Early Release at 12:05 p.m. – Grading
- 2/3 Collaboration Day - Early Release at 12:05 p.m.
- 2/1-12 HiCap Nominations for 2016-17 for grades 2nd – 5th
- 2/8 *Physics on Wheels* -Assembly 9:15 – 9:45 a.m.
- 2/8 -2/9 Pacific Science Center Van – *Physics on Wheels* – Lessons and Exhibits
- 2/10 First Grade Program at 7:00 p.m.
Rehearsal at 2:45 p.m.
- 2/12 Report Cards Go Home
- 2/15-16 Mid-Winter Break – No School
- 2/19 Science Fair Registration Packets Due
OJP *The Lightning Thief* grades 4-5
Performance at 10:00 a.m.
- 2/20 District Wide Kindergarten Event “Learning All About Kindergarten” at Capital HS @ 10:00 a.m.
- 2/24 Fifth Grade Program – Miller & Corrick at 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal at 2:45 p.m.
- 2/25 Used Book Sale
- 3/15 Science Fair 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- 3/22 Battle of the Books Championship
1:30 – 2:15 P.M. - Grade 3
2:15 – 3:10 P.M. - Grades 4 & 5
- 3/29 5th & 6th Grade Band Festival at WMS
6:00 p.m. 5th grade Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Concert

Inclement Weather

There is nothing like a period of inclement weather to remind all of us to make sure we are ready for emergencies. Many of us have revamped or added to our emergency supplies at home, now we need to make sure each family is “school ready” for an emergency. We have school-wide plans in the event of inclement weather, earthquake, or fire.

Most importantly, please make sure your child is prepared at school. Is your child’s emergency pack at school? Does your child bring a coat to school each day in case an emergency forces us outside for an extended period of time? Does your child know what to do in the various situations so he/she doesn’t have to call home? Does your child know what to do if he/she arrives home and no one is there?

In Case of Emergency



Keeping your contact information up to date is vital in an emergency. When your child has been injured at school or is sick, the office needs to have accurate contact information. It is also necessary for teachers to have up to date contact information to keep you informed regarding your child’s progress. Please send a note in with your child if you have a change to your phone number(s), address, or email information.

Reminder to call the Attendance Line

at 596-8303 to report any absences or late arrivals. The office needs to know as soon as possible.

This is a 24-hour recording phone line. Please feel free to call this number at any time that you are aware that your child will be absent.

Learn All About Kindergarten Day

On Saturday, February 20, the Olympia School District will hold its annual "Learn All About Kindergarten" informational event starting at 10 a.m. at Capital High School.

During the event parents will learn about a variety of topics related to kindergarten and school in general, including how to register for kindergarten, kindergarten program options, riding the bus, and how to use the district's Family Access student information system to stay updated on everything from grades to lunch accounts.

A reminder that children should be 5 years old by August 31, 2016 to be eligible to start kindergarten this fall.

The event is geared for adults of incoming kindergartners in the Olympia School District. Child care is not provided. Capital High School is located at 2707 Conger Ave. N.W. in Olympia.

Spell-check Pitfalls

Q: My daughter says spelling is no big deal because we have spell-check and autocorrect. How can I convince her that spelling still matters?

A: Spell-check and autocorrect are handy tools. But they're not foolproof, and they're not always available.

When your child writes a school report, sit with her while she runs spell-check. Together, look for examples of mistakes caused by relying on the computer. This often happens with homophones (*it's* and *its*, *you're* and *your*), for instance. She'll need to know the difference to use the correct word.

Also, help her think of situations where she won't have spell-check or autocorrect, such as taking a test or using special software that doesn't include the feature. And if she can't spell a word, she may not recognize it when she reads, which can interfere with her comprehension.

Finally, point out that if she studies her spelling words, thinks carefully about how words are spelled, and proofreads her work, she'll find that the best spell-check is in her own head!♥

January 2016, Home & School Connection

Mark your Calendars for Fifth Grade Outdoor School

Our fifth grade students will be attending Outdoor School at the Cispus Environmental Center in Randle, Washington, April 13 - 15. This will be a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday trip.



Cost is \$150.00 per student. You are welcome to start making payments on your child's Outdoor School tuition.



**Centennial's
Science Fair
Sponsored by
Centennial Booster
Club**

We would like to invite all K-5 students to take part in this year's Centennial Elementary Science Fair! The fair will be the evening of Tuesday, March 15. We hope your student will take part in this fun and educational opportunity!

Registration forms are available online. Download and return registration forms to your classroom teacher by February 19.

Fifth Grade Parent Meetings for Middle School Options

- 3/1 Parent Meeting @ Marshall Middle School at 6:30 p.m.
- 3/10 Parent Meeting @ Washington Middle School at 6:30 p.m.

The Library is now accepting gently used books for the ASB Used Book Sale at the end of February.



Mark Your Calendar
Character Day
Friday, March 4

We will be celebrating the end of our Reading Month on Friday, March 4 by having a “Character Day” at school. Students may come dressed as a favorite character from a book they have read. More details to follow.

Battle of the Books Championship

March 22

Final Battle of the Books Competition

1:30 – 2:15 P.M. - Grade 3

2:15 – 3:10 P.M. - Grades 4 & 5

Centennial Gym



Read S'more Books

February 1-February 29

Reading Month begins in February. This is a time to encourage students to read at home. Students can count oral reading, silent reading and being read to. Students are to count only reading done at home, not in school. Information will be sent home soon, along with the form to record reading minutes. Extra forms are available in the library and in the office.

If students meet their reading goal school wide, all students will receive a S'more scratch and sniff bookmark and hot chocolate with marshmallows.



Centennial Soundtracks
Choir Notes

1/29 Soundtracks performing the National Anthem for the OHS Basketball Game



3/24 Soundtracks performing at the FamOLY concert at OHS PAC 6:00 p.m.

5/18 Soundtracks (& Shooting Stars) performing at the Centennial Spring Choir Concert at OHS PAC 7:00 p.m.

5/23 Soundtracks performing the National Anthem at the Seattle Mariners Baseball game in Seattle

Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books is another reading incentive program offered to 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students at Centennial Elementary during February’s Reading Month. The goals of this program are to encourage students to broaden their reading interest, increase reading comprehension and promote academic achievement.

Battle of the Books is a team effort. Each student is part of a team. Students choose to read books from a list of selected titles. They discuss the books, quiz each other on the contents, and then compete in teams to correctly answer questions based on the books in the list. Students can check out the books at the CES library or the public library.

Practices take place in the library during the student’s regularly scheduled library visits starting in February. The final championship will be on March 22. Parents are welcome to attend.