

Centennial Elementary

September 2017

Let's Go On a Learning Adventure Together

Wednesday Collaboration Days Starting on September 13, 2017 we will begin a 50 Minute Early Release on every Wednesday. School hours will be 9:00 a.m. – 2:32 P.M. (During Conference Week in October and March we will be dismissing at 12:05 p.m.)

School Pictures We have set aside Monday, October 2, 2017 for picture day for Centennial's children in grades K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th. **Clintworth Photography** will send a flyer home with the prices and then the picture order form/envelope at the end of September.

Fair Tickets Available Tickets are available at the school office for the Washington State Fair in Puyallup, September 1 - 24. One per Centennial student. Send a note to the school if you would like a ticket sent home with your child or stop by the office.

Food Bank Weekend Food Bags The food bank, in conjunction with the local school districts, has created a weekend program, which provides a bag of food items for kids to eat on the weekend. The food bank realizes that families sometimes have trouble getting to the food bank due to transportation and/or work schedules. They want to ensure that students have kid friendly food items that they can eat with minimal adult support if needed over the weekend.

The food bank will take into account your child's age to create a weekend food supply. They are happy to provide siblings, both older and younger, a bag of food also. If you would like to have each of your children be given a bag with food they can bring home on Fridays, contact the school office at 596-8300.

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.

Birthday Treats and Other Celebrations If you are interested in helping your child celebrate his/her birthday at school, please note that due to our nutrition policy, food items that do not meet nutritional guidelines will not be allowed. Please talk with your child's teacher about ideas for birthday celebrations.

Parking at Centennial As we all know, Centennial has a limited number of parking spaces and even fewer with the mini building construction. This is why there are two different time schedules for Curriculum Night in September, why we have only grade level performances at Centennial, and the reason 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. Some neighbors were concerned that people had parked on both sides of the street making the road too narrow for the residents to reach their homes. Any carpooling, walking or biking is much appreciated.

Centennial Play Field and Access to Campus from the Siskiyou Neighborhood – Parents please be aware that we will have access to our school field for a while this fall and then it will be fenced off so the construction company can begin to re-locate the water drainage area on the school campus. We are not sure when they will begin to place fencing around the fields, we just know they will try to give us a two week notice. Thank you for your patience during this time. Parents walking in from Siskiyou will still have a pathway to get to the school.

Nutrition and Policy Guidelines:

- Shall be under 200 calories per unit
- Less than 10% of the calories from a combination of trans/saturated fats
- Nuts - which do not need to fall within the fat guidelines but should have no added saturated fats (Please note that we have numerous peanut allergies in the building and some allergies to tree nuts. Please talk with your child's teacher before sending any items with nuts or nut oils.)
- Yogurt and cheese products need to be made with 2% or lower milk fat
- Foods that contain minimal nutritional value as defined by the USDA, cannot be dispensed at school during the academic day- this includes items such as popsicles, chewing gum, hard candy, jellies and gums, marshmallow candies, licorice, fondant, spun candy, coated popcorn, etc.
- Office has a list of snack ideas

Community Flier Distribution Olympia School District is not distributing hard copies of community flyers to all students at the elementary school level. Instead, OSD will post flyers electronically to the school district's website. You can find approved flyers in the "Activities & Services" section at: http://osd.wednet.edu/activities_services/activities_services

Lunch Menu The OSD Food Service Department has changed procedures and now will be offering the school menu online only. Please refer to the OSD website or CES website for the link to the menu. A few copies will be available in the school office for those families that do not have a computer.

Arrival at Centennial Please remember that there is no staff supervision for students before 8:50 a.m. Students should not be dropped off prior to that time. This includes being dropped off early to the playfield. If a parent is supervising their child on the playfield, then this is the only exception to the policy.

After School Change in Plans...Riding the Bus

If your child is going to ride the bus to another friend's house the following information is needed to complete a bus pass for your child to board a bus after school:

- date
- child's name
- address of the friend's house (friend's name included)
- Bus Route (22, 23, 26 or 29)
- Guardian/Parent's name/signature

OSD Transportation Department has implemented this procedure. A bus pass with the above information is now required. Please make changes prior to school in the AM.

Pumpkin Fund Run Thursday, October 12 Your classroom teacher will let you know when their *track time* is scheduled closer to the event. 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!

FYI - Family Access Accounts- If you cannot access your Family Access Account we may not have your correct email address. Also, note that sometimes your "Spam File" might have your Family Access password. Send a note to the office or the teacher asking that we re-set your log-in.

Spirit Week at Centennial October 9th - 12th

- Monday: Silly Socks
- Tuesday: PJ's
- Wednesday: Sports Day
- Thursday: Wear Orange (Pumpkin Fund Run - afternoon)
- Friday: No School – Teacher In-Service Day

Dates

- 9/13** Early Release Wednesday 9:00 a.m.-2:32 p.m.
9/19 Curriculum Night Grades K-5
5:00-5:45 P.M. grades 3-5
6:15-7:00 P.M. grades K-2
9/20 Early Release Wednesday 9:00 a.m.-2:32 p.m.
9/25 OSD School Board Meeting at Centennial 6:30 p.m.
9/27 Early Release Wednesday 9:00 a.m.-2:32 p.m.
10/2 Individual Picture Day
10/4 Early Release Wednesday 9:00 a.m.-2:32 p.m.
10/11 Early Release Wednesday 9:00 a.m.-2:32 p.m.
10/12 ASB Pumpkin Fund Run
10/13 No School Teacher In-Service Day
10/18 Early Release Wednesday 9:00 a.m.-2:32 p.m.

Please Return

- ❑ Student Enrollment Information
- ❑ Student Health Information
- ❑ Transportation Form
- ❑ Student Right's Handbook (2 pages must be returned- Acknowledgement page and Military page)
- ❑ Emergency Kits

Student Handbook and Monthly Newsletters Online To save resources (paper, money and time) we are making only a few copies of the handbooks and the monthly Centennial newsletter. Centennial's Student Handbook will be available by mid-September online at centennial.osd.wednet.edu. Centennial's monthly newsletter is posted on the school's website and sent to your email via Skyward-Message Center. If you need a hard copy let your child's teacher know. Time sensitive **Reminders/Flyers** will continue to go home in your child's backpack as needed.

Safety - For the safety and security of our children at Centennial we are requesting that the only adults on the playground are our staff members during the school day. Only exceptions will be parents assisting at recess with the Fall Pumpkin Fund Run activity and the end of the year Field Day activity. Thank you for your understanding.

Attendance and Phone Calls Please be aware if your child is not in school for an approved reason (*see the back of the 2017/18 Calendar & Handbook*), you will get an automated phone call from School Messenger alerting you that your child is absent, even if you have contacted the school office regarding the absence. Please bring a note from your doctor or dentist when returning to school after your medical appointment. When leaving a message on the absence line (596-8303) please be specific regarding the reason for the absence.

After School Pick Up Procedures

Striped area of parking lot is the only area to load/unload students.

- Students that are being picked up by a parent/guardian should wait under the “**Student Pick-up Area**” sign.
- Cars will slowly work their way along the sidewalk lane until they are in **the striped area** in front of the “Student Pick-up Area”.
- Please **do not** pick up your child prior to this area, for the safety of your child as well as other students.
- Once you are at a complete stop in the striped area, your child may go to your car. Be sure to **pull as far forward as possible** to allow as many cars to pick up at one time as room allows.
- Only children that have permission to walk/bike home should be on the sidewalk area. All others should be waiting under the “Student Pick-up Area” sign.
- If you do not see your child and you are at the front of the **striped pick-up area**, please either park or loop back around, in order to keep the pick-up line moving. Staff have radios to communicate if you feel your child may not be where they are supposed to be.
- If you want to greet your child at the front of the school, please park and stand to the opposite side of the pick-up area, to alleviate congestion.
- **Cell phones should not be used while picking up or dropping off your students.**

We appreciate your cooperation as it is key to making this a successful pick up routine.

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, (360) 596-8544; Ken Turcotte, Section 504 and ADA Coordinator, (360) 596-7542; and Scott Niemann, Affirmative Action Officer and Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator, (360) 596-6193. All three individuals may also be contacted at 1113 Legion Way S.E., Olympia, WA, 98501.



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