

Centennial Elementary School

Principal, Shannon Ritter

March 2017



Spring Break
No School
April 3 - 7

Centennial A.S.B.



Thank you for supporting our used book sale on March 2. We raised \$428.

Thank you to all the families that donated books to this cause. Also, a big thank you to Mary Beth Ricks, Heather Slater and Laura Currie for their coordination of this event.

Kindergarten Registration Fall 2017-2018

Registration Forms available starting 3/27

Fifth to Sixth Grade

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 15 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 29). Thank you for your help.

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 12, and will return in the afternoon on Friday, April 14 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.



From Olympia School District - Administrative Office

The Olympia School District is committed to offering professional development to teachers so that they can better meet the needs of all of the students in their classrooms. During the 2016-2017 school year, the district is providing professional development in the areas of: English Language Arts, Mathematics and the Teacher/Principal Evaluation Program. The district welcomes any suggestions or comments about teacher professional development from parents and the community. These can be directed to your building principal or to the OSD K-12 Teaching and Learning office at 596-8585. Thank you for your continued support and interest in improving our schools.

Bring Learning Home

Help your child feel proud of the skills she's learning by giving her opportunities to use them outside of school. You'll boost her confidence—and she'll see that reading, math, and science are useful in everyday life. Pose questions like these for her to answer.

How can we organize our cabinets?

Your youngster may enjoy giving your kitchen cabinets a makeover. Suggest that she draw a "blueprint" for organizing dishes, pots and pans, canned goods, and other items. Review it together, and try some of her ideas—perhaps arranging spices in alphabetical order or stacking plates by size.

What will we do this weekend?

Let your child plan a fun outing for your family. She could start by checking the weather forecast. Then, encourage her to read newspaper listings and community websites to find activities, such as an arts and crafts fair, a free concert, or a minor league baseball game. She'll need to read for details like times, locations, and prices before she presents her idea.

Where should we keep the bread?

Ask your youngster to conduct a science experiment to discover how to keep your bread fresh and mold-free the longest. She could use what she's learning in science class to set identical slices of wrapped bread on the counter, in the pantry, and in the refrigerator. What does she find? She'll be excited when you use her results to decide where to store bread.♥

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Kindergarten Registration for Fall 2017

Begins Monday, March 27
Pick up 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 29 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 5. Parents can sign up for their choice of orientation times when you return the registration packet to the school office.

UP-COMING EVENTS

- 3/15 WMS Counselors visit with 5th grade students at 9:15 a.m.
- 3/17 Friday Sing at 2:45 p.m.
- 3/20 OJP Field Trip *Wings of Courage* grades 4-5 at Washington Center at 10:00 a.m.
- 3/21 Booster Club Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 3/27 Kindergarten registration packets ready to be picked-up
- 3/28-31 Spring Conferences – Early Release Dismissed at 12:05 p.m.
- 4/3-7 Spring Break – No School
- 4/11 Soundtrack Performing at SAFECO Field at the Mariners Game. Bus leaves at 1:50 p.m.
- 4/12-14 Outdoor School – 5th Grade – go to CISPUS
- 4/14 Friday Sing at 2:45 p.m.
- 4/18 OJP Field Trip *The Incredible Undersea Trail of Joseph P. Lawnboy* grades 4-5 at Washington Center at 10:00 a.m.
- 4/19 Second Grade Program at 7:00 p.m. Dress Rehearsal at 2:45 p.m.
- 4/28 Friday Sing at 2:45 p.m.
- 5/3 Collaboration Day – Early Release Dismissed at 12:05 p.m.
- 5/4 Spring Pictures
- 5/12 Friday Sing at 2:45 p.m.
- 5/13 Carnival at 4:30 to 8:00 p.m.



Practicing Patience

In today's world, youngsters often have instant access to information, songs, and movies. As a result, they might not learn patience. Encourage your child to get better at waiting patiently with these tips.

Set an example. Let your youngster see you waiting calmly during challenging situations. In a traffic jam, you could say, "It looks like we'll be sitting here for a while. Would you read your story to me?"

Discover strategies. What does "wait a minute" or "wait 5 minutes" look like? Look at your watch, and have each family member raise his hand when he thinks 1 minute has gone by. They should raise their hands again when they think it's been 5 minutes. Repeat the activity, but this time, ask each person to do something he enjoys like reading or drawing. Does the time seem to go faster? Your child will learn that staying occupied will help him be patient.♥

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Short Notes

Keep Up Attendance

Good attendance matters all year. Show your youngster that going to school every day is job number one. If you plan to visit relatives or take a vacation this summer, check the school calendar to make sure your trip won't overlap with the end of this school year or the beginning of the next one.

Siblings as Roommates

Have more than one child? Consider letting them share a room—even if they don't need to. Sharing space can help siblings bond and teach them about cooperation and respect. Plus, youngsters may be comforted and find it easier to fall asleep with someone else in the room.

Build Observation Skills

Boost your child's powers of observation during your next walk. Together, gaze at a scene (say, a playground) closely for 1 minute to observe as many details as possible. Then, turn around and take turns asking each other specific questions, like "How many swings are there?" or "What color is the slide?"

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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.

Notice of Nondiscrimination 2016-17 School Year

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; **Kari Lewinsohn, Section 504 and ADA Coordinator**, (360) 596-7538; 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.



Questions about Centennial's Attendance

Q: What does it mean when we see OT under absence?

A: This indicates your child is out of the building on a school sponsored field trip. This does not count as an absence on your child's attendance.

Q: Why are we seeing an increase in tardies on our child's attendance?

A: Tardies at the elementary school show up on your child's attendance when they arrive to school after the 9:00 a.m. start bell.

If you pick up your child between 2:52 p.m. and the dismissal bell your child's attendance will be indicated with a "D" to show an early departure. This early departure will add into the tardy count for your child's attendance.

When providing the reason for your child's absence please include specific information ie: your child is going to a medical, dental, counseling or speech appointment.

Wanted for Health Room

Sweatpants, socks and gently used underwear. We are needing extra clothes for our children due to the weather. If you have any clothes that has been borrowed please, wash and return to the school.

Annual Olympia School District Night at the Tacoma Rainiers

Tickets are available for the annual Olympia School District Night at the Tacoma Rainiers on Saturday, April 15.

The Rainiers will take on the Albuquerque Isotopes beginning at 5:05 p.m. at Cheney Stadium in Tacoma.

All students, families, teachers, staff and the Olympia School District community are invited to join us for this fun-filled district event. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us and show support for the Rainiers and our schools.

Last year we sold more than 200 tickets. Let's see if we can surpass that this year!

Be sure to arrive on time to watch Superintendent Dick Cvitanich throw out the ceremonial first pitch. Then stick around after the game for "Kids Run the Bases."

We hope to see you there!



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Promo code is OSDNIGHT

Or <https://oss.ticketmaster.com/aps/rainiers/EN/promotion/home>

