



Centennial Elementary School

Shannon Ritter, Principal

June 2018

Hello Centennial Families ~

It is amazing that we are already starting to wrap up this school year. It has been another wonderful year here at Centennial and I could not be more proud of the accomplishments of our students! As we start to look forward to the 2018-2019 school year we will have some big changes for sure. We will say good-bye to some incredible teachers and hello to exciting new construction plans. Retirements are always bitter sweet. While we are thrilled for staff members to get to explore new interests and adventures, selfishly it is hard to say goodbye.

Please join me in congratulating two outstanding educators who will be greatly missed:

- **Mrs. Diane Stewart**, 1st Grade Teacher, will be retiring at the end of this school year after teaching for 38 wonderful years. Over the years, she has taught special education, Kindergarten and 1st grade. Mrs. Stewart would like to share "I am so thankful that I have spent the majority of my career at Centennial where I have met and worked with such an awesome staff and group of parents. I will really miss working with kids and watching them grow. I hope to come back and volunteer. Thanks for the great ride!"
- **Mrs. Jana Gedde**, Music and PE Teacher, will also be retiring at the end of this school year after teaching for 38 years. Mrs. Gedde would like to share "I've always declared that I have the best job in the world - a chance to share my passion for music and PE/health with wonderful students with the support of such an incredible Centennial Community! I am so blessed to have had this experience for the past 24 years. Thank you!" She is also, of course, looking forward to more time with families and more adventures.

It has been an honor to work alongside these two fantastic educators! Best of luck and please do come back and say hi!

A few additional changes for the fall:

- Mrs. Elizabeth Martin has graduated from Kindergarten and will be moving up to join the 1st grade team
- Mrs. Laura Hendrix will be making a shift from Special Education to round out the Kindergarten team
- Mrs. Carolyn Balderston will be moving back up to join the 4th grade team
- Mrs. Renee Bottoms will be joining our Special Education team as the K-2 Resource Teacher. She will be greatly missed by the Tenino School District but lucky us!
- Welcome back to Mrs. Jennifer Knight. Mrs. Knight has worked at the district office supporting teachers for the last two years. Before that she taught at Centennial. She will be joining the 4th grade team as well.
- Mrs. Melissa Hayes will be stepping out of the classroom for the 2018-2019 school year. She will be completing her Principal internship in the fall and serving as additional support in the office during our remodel. Additionally, she will be working with some of the younger grades to support W.I.N. (intervention & extension time).

Now on the construction! As you have noticed, the "mini-building" is really starting to come together. It will be complete and ready for our 4th and 5th grade students for the first day of the 2018-2019 school year. The students are in the process of helping to rename the "mini-building" - more to come on that!

The main building modernization work is scheduled to begin on June 22, 2018. This modernization project will be completed in September of 2019. The project will be completed in phases during the year which will require classrooms to move. We have developed a plan that will require classrooms to move no more than twice during the school year - out of their current room to a temporary location and then back into their permanent

classroom. Here is an abbreviated schedule of the work to be done and some highlights - these dates are **flexible of course**, depending on job completion!

- June 15, 2018: The library is packed up and moved. A small collection will be kept for use in the fall for grades K - 2. There will be a technology emphasis during library class for students in grades 3 - 5. The library will temporarily be located in the mini-building until construction is complete mid to late November.
- June 20 - 21, 2018: "The great move" begins - all phase 1 classroom including 4th and 5th grade classroom contents will be moved.
 - Phase 1A: June 22, 2018 - August 30, 2018
 - Office Area, Adjacent music room & Special Education spaces, Library, main hall and concrete play area
 - Phase 1B: June 22, 2018 - November 16, 2018
 - Pod A, Library and addition of 2nd Gym
 - Phase 2: November 19, 2018 - March 29, 2019
 - Pod B
 - Phase 3: April 1, 2019 - August 30, 2019
 - Pod C
 - Phase 3b: June 20, 2019 - August 30, 2019
 - Gym, kitchen, parking lot, front entry & playfield area
- Modernization complete: September 1, 2019

Our school motto for the year will be: "If Plan A doesn't work, that's okay, there are 25 other letters in the alphabet"! We got this! :)

In the meantime, pardon our dust and thank you for your continued flexibility as we work to build an even better Centennial!!



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Last Day of School - 12:05 p.m. Dismissal

The last day of school for all students is Wednesday, June 20. We will have our annual Field Day in the morning with lots of games and activities. It will look a little different this year. School will be dismissed at 12:05 p.m. **Lunches will not be served.**

Centennial's Remodeling Starts June 22

The office area, Health Room, Staff Room, Music Room, Resource Room, Library, main hall & conference rooms and Pod A will be packing up and moving out of their current locations starting around 1:00 p.m. on June 20 and then finishing up on June 21. **The school will be closed** while we pack up and move to our temporary locations. The office and health room will be relocated to the cafeteria or mini building main floor (depending on completion of the mini building) and we plan to be **open on Thursday, June 22**. The remodeling will continue through next school year in other areas of the school. We are looking forward to seeing our new spaces. *Please note the playfield and play toy areas will be fenced off during construction this summer.*



Fall 2018 – 2019 School Begins

Wednesday, September 5, 2018 9:00 a.m. – 3:22 p.m.

Check your child's report card for a flyer announcing who will be your child's teacher next year, for the 2018-2019 OSD School Calendar and 2018-19 supply list for Centennial. The school website will also have a link to the flyers.

Full Day Kindergarten - Fall 2018-19

Families with a kindergartener starting this next fall will be meeting with their child's kindergarten teacher for a conference on one of the first three days of school (September 5-7). The first day of school for kindergarten students will be Monday, September 10.

Next Year's Teacher

Please look for a flyer in your child's report card announcing who will be their teacher next year.

Moving

Will you be moving this summer or making other arrangements? Are you currently enrolled in more than one school? If the answer to either of these questions is yes, please inform our school office staff. Our voicemail will be in operation all summer and will be checked periodically through June and then starting again in August. Having accurate enrollment numbers is critical to our planning. Please help by keeping us updated of your plans. Also, encourage new neighbors to register at the school through June 29. These new families may also leave a message on our voicemail. Thanks for your assistance.

The Little Red School House Project Distribution Day

A free distribution of supplies and school clothing to Thurston County students will take place Thursday, August 16, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Komachin Middle School – 3650 College Street Lacey WA – for directions call the school at (360) 412-4740. Intercity Transit bus route #64. If you know a family who may need help, please let them know!



Lost and Found

is overflowing with coats, sweatshirts, and an extensive assortment of other odds and ends that need to be found! Please look when you are here. Any items not claimed by June 20 will be donated to a local charity.



Pick Up Medications

If your child has medication at school, please make plans to pick up the medication by the end of the day on Wednesday, June 20th. If you wish to have your child continue taking medications when school begins next fall, a new authorization form needs to be signed by both you and your physician.



Fines, Negative Balances and Library Books

Please return all library books, textbooks, pay for any lost or damaged library books by June 8th and clear up any negative food service balances before the end of school. If your child does not receive a report card on the last day of school, it may be because books are missing or fines have not been paid. **The office will hold report cards until all fees are paid.**



Emergency Kit Reminders

Most of our students had emergency kits in zip-lock bags stored at school for use in an emergency. We would like to thank our Emergency Kit Coordinator, Andrea Cuning, for organizing this activity. These kits will be sent home for storage and repacking over the summer. Please plan to return them first thing in the fall.

Welcome Back to School Event in the Fall

The staff, Booster Club and PBIS Council would like to invite all of next year's families to join us for a **Welcome Back to School Day** on Tuesday, September 4, from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Come any time during this hour and a half, meet your child's teacher, pick up the fall paperwork that needs to be completed, have your child put his/her supplies in their desk, and visit the Booster Club tables set up in the gym area. We will send more details home in the **August Newsletter** that will be mailed to families.

Booster Club

We would all like to thank our Centennial Booster Club for their continuing support throughout the year. Many of the members and officers put in hundreds of hours. We would like to say a special thank you to our 2017-2018 officers Robin Bailey – President, Geoff Pohl – Vice-President, Lamia Murphy– Secretary, Paul Maloney & Brandi Sorem – Co-Treasurers, and Kelly Boyer – Communications. Also, thank you to all the project chairs and their committee members that work on special projects throughout the school year. The Centennial Booster Club supports many of the programs in our school through financial assistance and volunteer work. Field trips, library books, music equipment, reading textbooks, enrichment software for the whole school and enrichment materials for each classroom are just some of the items and programs made available by Booster Club. This is truly a highly effective school because all of us have worked together. We are all appreciative of the support from this tremendous group. Thank you, Booster Club!

Upcoming Events

- 6/1 ~~Cancelled Friday Sing~~ – moved to another date
- 6/4 Taste of Kindergarten Screening and Orientation – by appointment
Pearce Field Trip 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Corrick Field Trip 9:00 -2:00 p.m.
- 6/5 Ninji Competition – Mrs. Gedde
- 6/6 Walk 'N' Roll to school
Currie and Pearce Program at 7:00 p.m.- *Note change in date*
- 6/7 Second Grade Field Trip 9:00-a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Talent Show grades 3-5
1:30 p.m. 3rd grade
2:10 p.m. 4th & 5th grades
- 6/8 Friday Sing at 9:15 a.m. -*Note change in date*
Half Day- Early Dismissal at 12:05 p.m. – teachers working on report cards
- 6/13 Band & Orchestra Concert at 9:15 a.m. -*Note change in date*
- 6/14 Currie and Miller Field Trip
- 6/19 Kindergarten Field Trip
- 6/20 School Dismissed at 12:05 p.m.
- 6/21 School Office closed due to packing and relocation of office to the cafeteria
- 6/22 Office open in temporary office location (Cafeteria)
- 6/29 School office closes for the summer
- 8/20 Office open for the 2018-19 school year

Booster Club News!

Have you seen our new website? Please bookmark and check back frequently for the latest news from Centennial Booster Club. www.centennialboosterclub.org

Booster Club Annual Meeting: Mark your calendar for Tuesday, June 12, 7:00 p.m. in the library. Everyone is welcome to participate in our last Booster Club meeting of the year. We will discuss upcoming activities like field day, vote for Booster Club Board of Director positions, construction update, and set our budget for next year.

Thank you for making Carnival 2018 such a successful event! We hope you enjoyed the Fiesta as much as we did! A special thank you to all of you that volunteered on a committee, donated an auction item, delivered cakes and cookies, volunteered to run a game, worked in the kitchen, and so many more behind the scenes! We couldn't have done this without everyone's help.

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.google.com/maps/place/1113+Legion+Way+S.E.,+Olympia,+WA,+98501).