

Dec 2024

# IN THE LOOP WITH CENTENNIAL



Updates for Centennial Elementary Families

# DECEMBER



## UPCOMING EVENTS



12/2- PTA  
Meeting

12/12- 3rd Grade  
Music Concert

12/17- 5th Grade  
Band Concert

12/23 - 01/01  
Winter Break

01/02 - Classes  
Resume

# Centennial PTA



President: Melissa Wubben  
Vice President: Emy Gregg  
Treasurer: Jennifer Reutzler Vaughan  
Secretary: Lindsay Allen



**Mon, 12/2 PTA Meeting @ 6:00pm  
in the Centennial Library**





# 2024-2025 CENTENNIAL CONCERTS

HELD IN THE CENTENNIAL GYMNASIUM



## DEC. 12, 2024

**3rd Grade** – arrive 6:15 p.m. perform 6:30 p.m.

Please refer to the note and have your student dress up in nice clothes with the accessory related to their specific part – for example: elves dress up and wear an elf hat (or santa hat if an elf not can not be found), reindeer dress up and wear antlers. Special characters were given instructions in the note that was sent home.



### DEC. 12, 2024

**3rd** – arrive 6:15 p.m.  
perform 6:30 p.m.



### FEB. 20, 2025

**2nd** – arrive 6:15 p.m.  
perform 6:30 p.m.

**4th** – arrive 7:15 p.m.  
perform 7:30 p.m.



### MAY 16, 2025

**Kindergarten** –  
perform 2:00 p.m.

**Hello Centennial Families!**

**I wanted to get our testing dates out to you this year as soon as possible, so we don't have students absent at these times. Please keep these dates in mind when scheduling appointments that would take your student out of the building.**

**Thank you for working with us to make sure your student is present!**

**Mrs. Waddell**



## **Assessment Windows**

### **FAST**

**Aug 26th-Sept 6th**

**Jan 6th-Jan 17th**

**May 12th-May 23rd**

### **iReady**

**Aug 26th-Sept 26**

**(Grades 1-5)**

**Sept 20th-Sept 26th**

**(Kindergarten)**

### **ISASP**

**April 21st-May 2nd**

### **ELPA**

**Feb 3rd-March 28th**



# 5th Grade Band

## Concert!

**When: Tuesday, Dec 17th.**

**Where: JR High School  
Auditorium**

**Arrival Time: 6:45pm**

**Concert Start Time: 7:15pm**

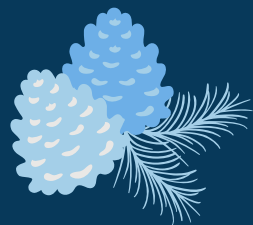
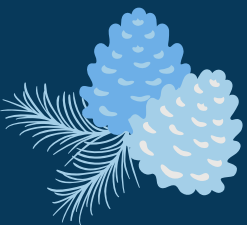
**Details: Students should arrive by 6:45pm and report to the band room to drop off their instrument cases. There is no official uniform, you may wear nice clothes and if available black/gold school colors.**

**Signs or other guides will be posted. Parents can proceed to the auditorium when they arrive.**





**Dear Centennial Families, It is during this time of year that we are reminded of the wonderful and amazing people that make up our Centennial family. We just "wrapped up" an amazing event at Centennial and could not have done it without the generous donations of money, food, gifts, gift cards, and more! We have countless donors from our Centennial community that reached out to help us this year and to say that we are grateful is an understatement. Thank you to all of the wonderful people who made this year's Season of Sharing event a success! You put many smiles on the faces and in the hearts of our students and families. We wish you a very happy and healthy winter break!**



# Happy Holidays!

Thank you so much from  
your Centennial Family



**Principal:**

**Mrs.  
Waddell**

**Admin Asst:  
Ms. Tyler**

**Admin Asst:  
Mrs. Ross**

**Counselor:  
Mrs. Buerger**







# Supporting *Leader in Me* at Home

We are often asked how parents can support our school's leadership initiative. Each time we are asked we give the same answer: "Use the 7 Habits language at home."

As the school year unfolds, the students are learning the language and meaning of the 7 Habits. By hearing the same language at home and at school, you send your child a message of what is important and that we are all on the same team—the team that wants to help your student succeed. When parents and schools support one another, the sky is the limit!

## **Below is a summary of each of the habits:**

- Habit 1: Be Proactive (I'm Responsible for Me)
- Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind (Have a Plan)
- Habit 3: Put First Things First (Work First, Then Play)
- Habit 4: Think Win-Win (Everyone Can Win)
- Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood (Listen Before You Talk)
- Habit 6: Synergize (Together Is Better)
- Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw (Balance Feels Best)

## **In order to encourage the 7 Habits language at home, here are some questions you can ask your child:**

- How were you proactive today?
- What is your end in mind with this project/work/task?
- How do you plan to put first things first in this situation?
- What would be a win-win for us?
- I want to hear what you think first and then I will share. How do you know when you are being listened to?
- How can we work together on this?
- How would you like to sharpen your saw today?



Winter Break  
December  
23<sup>rd</sup>-Jan 1<sup>st</sup>  
No School!

Happy  
Holidays





Classes  
Resume  
Jan 2nd





# Centennial Elementary Cold Weather Recess

## Guidelines

Parents, with cold weather and snow just around the corner I thought it'd be good to review our outdoor recess guidelines.

**All students are required to go out for recess unless they have a note from the doctor.** Rule of thumb is if they are healthy enough to be at school they should be well enough to attend recess.

The information below is based on the temperature at recess time, so if there is a change in the weather/temperatures, the flag color can change at any time during the day from morning, lunch, or afternoon recesses.

**Green Flag:** Full outdoor recess: **wind chill** temperatures greater or equal to **15 degrees or above** (*25min. for grades K-1<sup>st</sup> & 30 min. 2<sup>nd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> lunch recess.*)

**Red Flag:** **No** outdoor recess if **wind chill** temperatures less or equal to **14** degrees or it's raining or snowing.

Please make sure your child dresses for the cold and wears a winter coat, hat, and gloves. Snow boots and pants are required to play in the snow and if not worn your child will be limited to the black top playground area.

If your child walks to school, it is very important they understand the importance of dressing warm and keeping exposed skin areas covered since cold weather emergencies such as frost bite and hypothermia can set in quickly if not prepared.

**Parents of pre-school students:** Teachers follow the same temperature guidelines with a 20-minute recess.

**Shorts and Sandals/flip flops:** Our guidelines for wearing shorts and sandals to school are **wind chill temps of 50 degrees or above**. I understand some like to wear shorts for PE which is fine as long as they wear long pants until and as well after PE.

Thank you! School Nurse Mrs. Snethen



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