

January 2024

IN THE LOOP WITH CENTENNIAL



Updates for Centennial Elementary Families

January



UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter break
Dec 25th-Jan 1st

Classes Resume to
regularly scheduled
hours on Jan 2nd

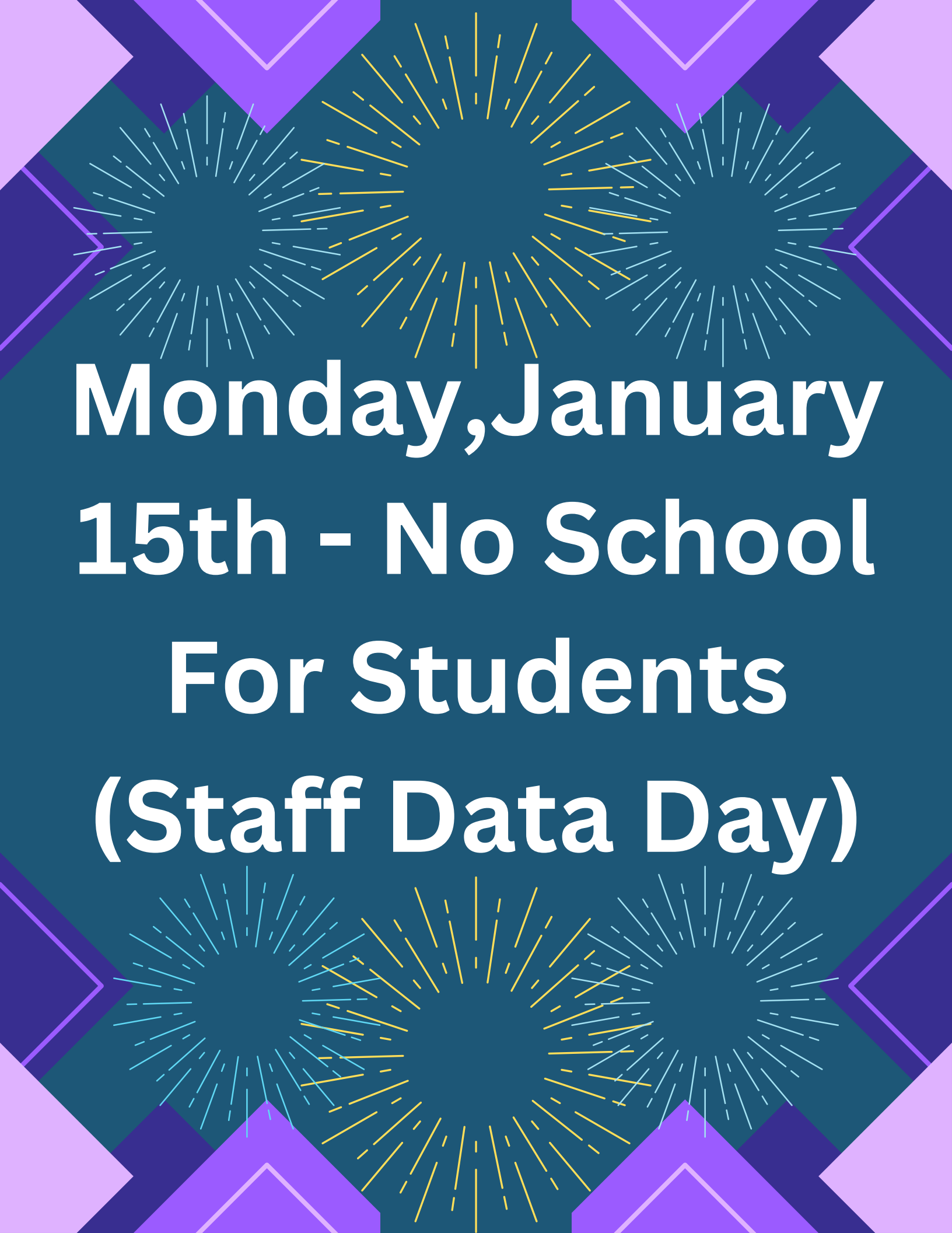
Jan- 15th No School
For Students Staff Data
Day.

Feb- 18th- Save The
Date.Build It Up!
More Info Below





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2nd – Regularly.
Scheduled Hours



**Monday, January
15th - No School
For Students
(Staff Data Day)**

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

Principal
Mrs. Waddell



Mark Your Calendars !!!

August 28th - September 8th - Reading & iReady Math Assessments

January 8th - January 19th - Reading & iReady Math Assessments

May 6th - May 17th - Reading & iReady Math Assessments

ISASP (Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress) for 3rd-5th grade students
April 22nd - April 26th



Save the date for: Build it Up!

This is a STEM Fundraising event for Centennial Elementary PTA to assist with playground funding, Centennial Scholarship, and teacher projects

February 18 from 1pm-4pm

Where: Centennial Elementary

Building theme activities include: Lego building competition, marble run room, card houses, craft room, hot wheels race room, build a boat to see if it floats and many more.

Please help us out by collecting the following items:

Toilet paper rolls

Paper towel rolls

Egg cartons

Styrofoam (large, thick pieces about 2 inches thick)

Kleenex boxes

bubble wrap

Christmas paper rolls

cereal boxes

Janitor toilet paper rolls





Dear Parent or Guardian:

Heartland AEA will conduct hearing screenings this school year for kindergarten through 2nd grade and 5th grade students.

We encourage you to watch a 2½ minute video with your younger student showing what we do during a hearing screening. The video can be found at: <https://youtu.be/gaHiry9D7Jg>. It will help your student know what to expect when it's their turn to play the listening game!

Students who do not pass this initial screening may receive a recheck by the audiologist at school at a later date. Parents will be notified about the results only if the audiologist has a concern after recheck. This is a screening program and does not identify all hearing or ear problems. If your student has recently had hearing or ear problems, feel free to send this information to the school nurse to share with the audiologist.

If you do not want your student to receive a hearing screening, please notify the school. If there are any questions about the hearing screening program in your school, please contact your school nurse or principal.

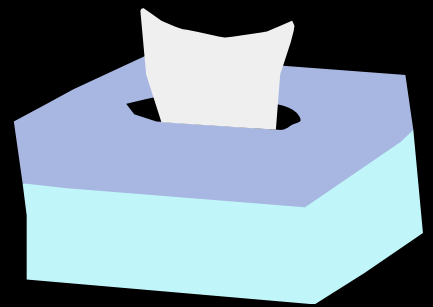
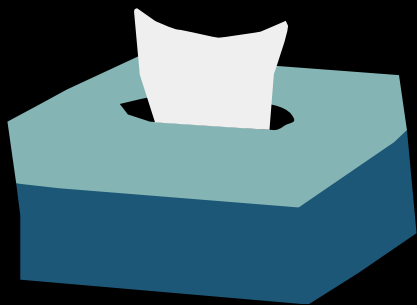
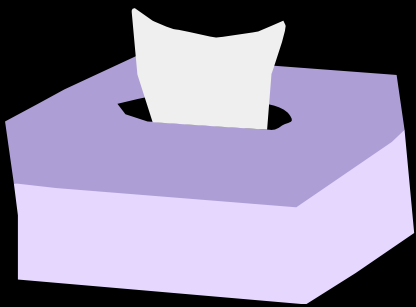
Screening Date: January 24, 29 & February 1st Start time @ 9:15
Recheck Date: February 23 start time @ 9:15.

This will be screenings for

Pre-K, 1st, 2nd and 5th grade



Tis the season! If you are able
to send your student with a
box of tissues or two.
It would be most helpful and
appreciated!



Leader In Me

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People is one of the key frameworks of the Leader in Me process. The 7 Habits help students learn and apply communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, and social-emotional skills.

Leader in Me "Table Talk"

EACH DAY DURING SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS, WE HAVE A MISSION MOMENT. THESE GIVE STUDENTS TALKING POINTS AROUND THE 7 HABITS. HERE ARE A FEW TO DISCUSS AS A FAMILY.



How can I be a leader and help our school and at home?"

"What words do we think of when we hear the word Leadership?"

"What words would we like someone else to use to describe us?"

"Which of the 7 Habits are you working on here at school and at home?"

"How can we use the 7 Habits to make our school a happy and inspiring place to learn?"

"What matters most to the students and teachers at our school?"

"Think about your classroom mission statements and what matters most to your class!"

"What is the most important thing you can accomplish today?"

"How do we want our school to look and feel?"

"What words can you use to show that we value leadership, kindness, and respect?"

"How can I create space when we feel frustrated, angry, or overwhelmed?"

"How are we pursuing our goals and dreams right now?"

"What can you do to Be Proactive when you feel frustrated or upset?"

"Who has control over our 'weather' and how we feel?"

"What can we do to help make someone feel better today?"

"Who is counting on us to do the right thing?"

2024

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 (25 min. for grades K-1st & 30 min. 2nd -5th 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 frostbite 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



Morning Temperature	On Top	On Bottom	And...
60 degrees or warmer			
45-60 degrees	 	 	
35 – 45 degrees (2 layers)	 		 Fall or winter coat & a hat
Below 35 degrees (2 layers) 	 		 Warm coat, hat & gloves

Please have your child dress appropriately for outdoor recess so they are able to go outside when weather permits.





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

