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The Round-Up

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY Exploring new frontiers of excellence

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September

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| 5 th | No School |
| 8 th | Subway Night |
| 16 th | Welcome Wagon
8:30 & PTO
Meeting @ 9am
Homeroom Parent
Meeting following
PTO meeting |
| 19 th | No School/ Teacher
Professional Day |
| 22 nd | Picture Day |
| 22 nd | Whataburger Night |
| 22 nd | Buffalo Blooms |
| 30 th | Buffalo Blooms
ends |

October

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| 4 th | Hideaway Night |
| 6 th | Buffalo Blooms
Delivery |
| 13 th | Parent/Teacher
Conferences |
| 14 th | PTO Meeting @9am |
| 18 th | Parent/Teacher
Conferences |
| 20 th - 24 th | Fall Break |
| 27 th | Chipotle Night |

MRS. MILLER'S MESSAGE

Centennial Elementary "Exploring New Frontiers of Excellence"

We have had a wonderful beginning to the 2016-2017 school-year. I can hardly believe Centennial Elementary has been educating and serving families for 9 years! Our enrollment is hovering around 800 students and our class sizes reflect the hard work and diligence of this District to ensure student needs come first. At the last minute, we added an additional kindergarten teacher, Shannon Frye. Thank you parents for your understanding and flexibility when you didn't receive your child's teacher's name on Information Day.

I would like to introduce to you our new assistant principal, Tracy Rich. Tracy is an outstanding educator who has 26 years experience in Edmond Public Schools. She was a classroom teacher 20 years in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade and then served as an enrichment teacher. Not only does she have vast experience as a teacher, she has been an assistant principal for six years. She is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and grew up in Edmond. I can say from experience she is a top-notch educator. Mrs. Rich was my children's 4th grade teacher at Northern Hills Elementary. We are so thrilled to have her serve at Centennial!

- Thank you PTO volunteers for assisting in a very successful and smooth running Information Day
- We would like to welcome new families to Centennial with a "Welcome Wagon" reception for parents. The reception will be Friday, September 16th at 8:30. The reception runs in conjunction with our PTO Meeting that will begin at 9:00. We look forward to seeing you and getting to know your family.
- Please remember we are out of school on September 5th and the 19th. Monday, September 19th is a professional development inservice day for our teachers.
- Thank you to all of you who were able to attend our Back-to-School Nights. Parents are the first, most long-lasting, most significant teacher in their child's lives. Parent interest and involvement is high on the list of factors contributing to success in school. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Miller

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in need of volunteers for everything we do at Centennial. We are also using the website to sign up for volunteering. If you would like to volunteer for anything from cutting Box Tops to Field Day, please log on and fill out your information. This has replaced the paper forms, so please submit your interest online. www.centennialpto.org

A Letter from the PTO President

2016-2017

Welcome back to our returning Buffalos!

To our new families and students, welcome to the Centennial family! We hope you all enjoyed a fun-filled summer and are ready for another exciting and successful 2016-2017 school year!!

As many of you know, our PTO is an active partner in the success of our school. Whether you are a new parent or a seasoned veteran, the PTO hopes that you will jump right in and become actively involved in our school community. Parents are the heart of our school! By working together, we can truly make a difference in the school and in the lives of our children. Our purpose is supporting the education of our children at Centennial Elementary by fostering relationships among the school, parents, and teachers.

How you can help:

1. Attend PTO meetings and stay informed by reading the monthly meeting agenda or the meeting minutes. This information can be found at www.centennialpto.org. The PTO general meetings are a great way to meet people and to find out how to participate and volunteer in the PTO activities and events. Our first general PTO meeting will be September 16th at 9am in the cafeteria
2. Support PTO-sponsored fundraisers. Because we offer a variety of fundraisers and ALL participation is optional, please support those which make you most comfortable.
3. Volunteer for PTO-sponsored activities and committees. We could not accomplish what we do without the support of our volunteers.

On behalf of the PTO board and all the volunteers, we wish everyone a very productive year ahead and look forward to your continued support. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at mawade721@aol.com or [\(405\) 812-6920](tel:(405)812-6920). Please know that questions and suggestions are always welcome!

Go Buffalos!

Melissa Wade

Fundraising

Dates to

Remember:

**September 1 -
September 16
Cookie Dough
Sales**

**Sept 8 - Subway
Sept 22 -
Whataburger**

**September 22-
September 30
TLC Gift
Cards/Buffalo
Blooms**

Media Center News

Michele Sheffe

The Media Center offers many opportunities for students to talk about and read a variety of books. Our third through fifth grade students can be a part of a book club. It meets every Wednesday morning before school in the media center. There isn't a sign up or any requirement except to share about the books they are reading. It meets in the media center from 8:20-8:50.

2016 marks 100 years since the birth of Roald Dahl, the author of beloved stories such as Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Matilda, Fantastic Mr. Fox, James and the Giant Peach, The Witches and The BFG. Centennial 3-5 grades will have The Roald Dahl Splendiferous Showdown which is A fast-paced and interactive live trivia show inspired by the storytelling of Roald Dahl. There will be a flyer sent home next week for students to purchase books by Roald Dahl.

If you are new to Centennial, the media center has a private Instagram account called Centennial Readers. You can follow this page by request, if your Instagram account isn't your name be sure you let me know your account so I will know to let you join us. I never name our students on the account but just share pictures of events and happenings in the media center.

Meet The Masters needs you!

1) Our Committee Chairs are retiring after the 2016-17 school year. We need **two committee chairs** for next year (and to shadow this year, if possible). Meet the Masters is an art program in which our children get to learn about an artist and then do an art project inspired by the artist. If parents volunteer to help, they get to join in the process! Committee members gather supplies, email sign ups for other volunteers to run a classroom art project, set up computers so volunteers can run an artist bio and other assorted administrative tasks. Committee members are welcome to also volunteer in the classroom, but are not required to do so. All of the materials you need to help run this program are already done – it's just a matter of coordinating the program. As of now, these responsibilities are divided up between the four committee members. The time commitment is typically no more than a couple of hours a week, and in many weeks, nothing at all. If you are interested please email Mary Snyder (tommarysnyder@gmail.com) or Galadriel Hutchings (galadhutch@yahoo.com) or let the PTO know.

2) We need **class room volunteers for this year**. Volunteers may teach the art project, assist the kids, and/or show a slide show as go over a written bio on the artist of the month. Step by step instructions for the art project and art supplies are provided. **To volunteer, please sign up in the classrooms at open house, email Mary Snyder (tommarysnyder@gmail.com) or Galadriel Hutchings (galadhutch@yahoo.com) or come to the meeting. Details below.**

There will be a **Meet The Masters meeting Tuesday, September 20th from 9am-10:30am in the school Cafeteria**. This meeting is for all volunteers and those who are interested in learning more about volunteering. We will get you everything you need to start volunteer including training and answer any questions!!!! For those who have done this before, you can just come to the beginning or end of the meeting and pick up your binder.

Box Tops for Education

Earn cash for our school! It's easy! Box Tops are worth 10 cents for Centennial and each one really does make a difference. Look for Box Tops on hundreds of participating products, including cereal, snacks, paper products and produce. For a complete list of participating products and more ways to earn more Box Tops cash for Centennial, visit BTFE.com.

Here's How Box Tops Work:

Buy the products, clip the Box Tops, send them to school during our collection week, and we take care of the rest. This is one of the easiest ways to raise money for our school! We will have a collection drive in the middle of October, so start collecting today!

This year we have been using the new PTO website

www.centennialpto.org

to streamline processes in an attempt to make life at Centennial a little easier for parents. So far, we have used it to order spirit wear and fill out forms online for Info Day. It has been really successful and we could not have done it without you. In the weeks to come we will be using it for ordering Family Fun Night Tickets, pizza, and updates on Stampede of Giving.

If you have any questions about what's going on at the school please log on.

Spirit Wear

Thanks for helping us unroll a new spirit wear system. The online orders have been great, and we hope that you enjoyed a quicker, smoother, and more efficient way to get your Centennial attire. If you still have spirit wear needs, please place your order online at centennialpto.org no later than September 9th. We will be placing one final order on September 10th for ALL hoodies, sweats, shirts, mom shirts, and personalized totes. We will order very few extras. Now is the time to get your orders in! Everything that we have ordered will be delivered to the oldest child in the family the last week of September. If anything changes in that timeline, we will let you know.

Spirit wear orders that have been ordered by 8/26 have been delivered, if we have the items in stock. If you have not received an item, kindly email stayconnected@centennialpto.org. Please keep in mind that Youth XS Dri Fit, mom shirts, hoodies, sweatpants, and totes will not be in until the end of September.

If there are any items that need to be exchanged, we ask that you do so by September 9th. Email stayconnected@centennialpto.org with your exchange and we will get it processed.

Enjoy sporting your 'Be a Buddy' shirt as we support the anti-bullying theme this year!

Go Buffalos!

Amber Bird, Christy Soucek, and Lindsay Eberhardt



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Starting back to school can be a big transition for many children and families. The first several weeks of school are a huge adjustment in sleep and eating schedules. A hungry and sleepy child cannot focus. Structure and daily routines provide security for children. Listed below are a few reminders to ensure back to school success:

- Children in elementary school need approximately 10 hours of sleep.
- Eat a good and healthy breakfast. Talk to your child about healthy choices.
- Have your children lay their clothes out for the next day prior to bedtime. This can save time and the headache of indecision.
- Create a "Homework Station." Consider stocking your Homework Station with a timer, pencils, glue sticks, paper, markers, crayons and erasers. Establish a time and place for homework as part of the daily routine. Homework becomes an expected part of daily life.

The biggest transitions your children experience when beginning a new school year are food, sleep and homework. Good planning is the key to a successful school year.

Centennial Buffalos are off to a wonderful start!

Family Fun Night

Welcome back! Please put on your calendar November 11th from 5:30-8:00 is our annual Family Fun Night!! It is a family fun event with Bounce Houses, BINGO, Cake Walk, pizza, an auction and raffle and many more games! Please bring the whole family to have some fun! Between now and then we would like to start asking for businesses or families to donate cash to help offset costs or sponsor larger ticket items for the auction or raffle. If you are interested please email me, Cindy Hogue at: cdg1975@aol.com for more information. All donations are tax deductible. Thank you!!!

Fundraising 2016-2017

2017 Goal: \$75,000

How do we make that goal?

Cookie Dough: Cookie Dough kick off is September 1st. Please look for the packets to arrive in Thursday folders on that day. Sales will run through September 16th, and cookie dough will be delivered on October 13th. There will be a way to order online, so feel free to hit up out of town family and friends.

Buffalo Blooms: Our fall Buffalo Blooms (TLC gift cards) will begin on September 22nd and end on the 30th.

Family Fun Night: Mark your calendar for Friday November 11th from 5:30 to 8:00. This will be a fun night with food and games for the whole family. There will be lots of baskets and auction items to bid on. If you would like to donate an item (big or small), please contact Amanda Pope (ffndonations@gmail.com)

Restaurant Nights: Do you have too many after school activities and don't have time to cook? Please join us on September 8th at the Subway on Covell and Air Depot and on September 22nd at the Whataburger off of I-35. A portion of the sales will go back to our school.

Make sure to mention that you are with Centennial schools.

If you have any questions regarding fundraising or want to be involved with a fundraiser, please feel free to contact me.

Kristy McIntire
Vice President of Fundraising
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COOKIE DOUGH KICKOFF!!

We are excited to announce we have brought back the Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough Fundraiser to Centennial! Your child's sales packet will be sent home Thursday, September 1st. Please be on the lookout. Sales will run September 1st through September 16th.

Your child can receive an invitation to the Rise Above BMX fundraising show by selling just ONE item! For a sneak peak of the action log onto riseabovebmx.com.

We appreciate your family's involvement in our PTA fundraising goals. We hope to achieve continued playground and grounds improvements as well as technological advances for our students here at Centennial!

Buffalo Blooms

Back to school and new fall planting go together, so be ready to buy your beautiful flowers, trees, and shrubs with TLC. We will kick off this easy fall fundraiser Sept. 22nd-30th with delivery on Oct. 6th. TLC gift cards are sold for \$20 value to be used for anything except landscaping services. Centennial purchases at a bulk rate of \$16; therefore, \$4 from each card purchase goes directly back to our school. This is a true WIN

WIN!!! NEW THIS YEAR, ONLINE ORDERS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CENTENNIAL WEBSITE, (CENTENNIALPTO.ORG) DURING THE SAME DATES AS ABOVE. Delivery will still be Oct 6th. Order forms for a more traditional ordering option will be going out in Thursday folders soon.

THE ROUND UP

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Success Maker

Success Maker is a before school computer lab aimed at helping students having a difficulty in a core class. We are looking for lab monitors to come in the mornings and help the kids get logged on and running. For every 20 visits, it has been shown that the kids move up a level in proficiency!! If you have one morning each week or even every other week, you could come at 8:20 until 9:00 am, we would love to hear from you! Please email me at tiffanybealwhite@gmail.com.

Homeroom Parent Meeting!

Welcome back to what is sure to be a fabulous year! My name is Cindy Hogue and I am the Homeroom Parent Coordinator for 2016-2017! Homeroom Parent meeting is September 16th right after the first PTO meeting. If you can't attend that one I will have a make up one on Wednesday September 22nd at 9:00 a.m. right after drop off!! Please plan on attending one of the meeting!!

I will see all of you soon and please don't ever hesitate to stop me, call me, or email me with any questions or concerns!

Cindy Hogue <mailto:cdg1975@aol.com>

GREEN TEAM

Throughout the year, your child will receive various communications from Centennial including Thursday Thoughts, event reminders, monthly lunch menus, etc... If you do not currently receive e-mails from Centennial PTO, sign up at <http://www.centennialpto.org/subscribe-to-centennial-email.html>. You will then be added to our weekly e-mail distribution list.

Thank you for helping us GO GREEN!

Christy Hiemstra, VP Membership, Green Team

'16-'17 PTA BOARD MEMBERS

President: Melissa Wade
President Elect: Deanna Pryor
VP Fundraising: Kristy McIntire
VP Membership: Christy Hiemstra
Treasurer: Emily Crooks
Assistant Treasurer: Brooke Groves
Secretary: Lauren Bailey

'16-'17 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

5th Grade Committee- Ali Haller, Angie Dugger
Bedlam Food Drive/Giving Tree- Missi Gwartney, Kerri Tatum
Book Fair- Mandee Flying Out, Macy Wilson
Box Tops- Christy Hiemstra, Lauren Bailey
Buffalo Blooms- Kerri Tatum
Cookie Dough- Elizabeth Peters, Mary Brann
Decorations- Wendy Deatsch
Faculty Liaison- Michele Scheffe
Family Fun Night (Donations)- Amanda Pope
Family Fun Night (Baskets)- Stephanie Bruehl
Family Fun Night (Activities)- Melissa Wade
Garden Club- Geraldine and James Cummings
Healthy Lifestyles- OPEN
Homeroom Parents/Teacher Appreciation- Cindy Hogue
Meet the Masters- Mary Snyder, Galadriel Hutchings
Newsletter- Lauren Bailey
Odyssey of the Mind- Wanaka and Scott Wilkie
PALS- Summer Johnson
Pass it On- Amy McCollom
Popcorn- Cindy Debenedictis, Lindsay Fournier
Promotions- Yvette Bowman, Randi Brasher
Safety/Traffic- Mary Brann
School Supplies- Cindy Hogue
Spirit Wear- Lindsay Eberhardt, Amber Bird, Christy Soucek
Stampede of Giving- Lisha Snydr, Angie Dugger
Street of Dreams- Amber McCollough
Success Maker- Tiffany White
Teacher Luncheons- Kristy McIntire, Mandee Flying Out, Beth Black, Miranda Winchester
Watch DOGS- Mark Oates
Yearbook- Lisha, Snyder, Angie Dugger

Centennial Elementary PTO Mission Statement

The purpose of the Centennial Elementary School PTO is to promote activities that enhance the education and well-being of the students and staff in a way that complements and enriches the learning environment. We will build community within the school by positively impacting the lives of our children and their families.

Contact the Centennial Elementary PTO

