

### Mark your Calendars:

April 7: PTC Meeting  
April 10: No School  
April 16: Kindergarten Orientation

# Centennial News

April 2009

## From the Desk of Principal Stiglic

### **Mail in Registration for 2009 - 2010**

Mail-In registration materials will be sent home with all current students before the end of the school year. Parents and guardians are encouraged to complete the registration sheets and register their child in this manner.

### **Parent/Guardian/Teacher Relationship**

Your concerns are important to those of us who work at Centennial School. However, the first step in the process should be meeting with the student's teacher. Please remember that a positive working plan between parents or guardians and the school staff will go a long way to making the student's educational experience the best it can be. If meeting and planning with the teacher doesn't yield success then a meeting should be set up with the teacher, parents and principal.

### **Teacher Selection**

Classes are selected in the spring and during the summer by teachers, school staff and the school administration. We believe in homogenous classes. Classes will have similar students. Parents are not a part of the selection process. We don't accept requests for individual teachers. Class lists will not be finalized until after August Late Registration.

### **Centennial School Kindergarten Orientation**

We will host orientation for next year's kindergarten parents on Thursday, April 16, at 9am. Parents (only) are encouraged to attend this important informational meeting. Please don't bring students to this meeting. Parents will need to be present in order to pick up important registration information.

### **Staff Members of the Week**

The Centennial Staff Members of the Week of March 16 were Mr. Wolosek (Physical Education Teacher), Ms. Wallace (Music Teacher) and Mrs. Welch (Art Teacher). They are being honored for their work in their classes and for their extra work for Centennial School and students. Ms. Wallace has directed our Holiday Sing and many other student musical performances. Mr. Wolosek coaches our school basketball teams, field day, and directs many before and after school athletic programs. Mrs. Welch is a very successful outside supervisor and spends many hours displaying student work in our school.



### **April PTC Meeting**

The next PTC meeting is Tuesday, April 7, 2009, 7pm, in the school's all purpose room. We are encouraging parents and guardians to attend and participate in the PTC meetings. The PTC sponsors fund raising and social activities for the school. The 2008 walk a thon raised over \$12,000.00 for Centennial School students.

### **Academic Excellence Award**

The State Superintendent of Education, Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D., has awarded the 2008 Excellence Award for Exemplary Academic Performance on the Illinois Learning Standards Tests to Centennial Elementary School. A very high performance on the State assessment tests for three years is one of the requirements for receiving the award. Also, 92.5% of Centennial School students met or exceeded State standards in reading and 96.7% accomplished it in math. We owe this recognition to the students, parents, school staff families and other stakeholders of Centennial School.



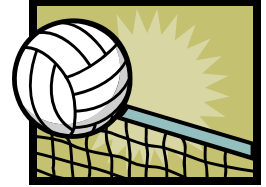


### Centennial Basketball

The boys finished the basketball season with a record of 7 and 0 in the Elgin League. They earned the number one seed in the Elgin Tournament because of their undefeated league record. The girl's team finished five and two and earned the number two seed in the end of year tournament. The girl's team lost in the semi finals to Coleman. The boy's team beat Laurel Hill and then won the championship with a three point win over Creekside Elementary School. We would like to congratulate both teams for an exciting season.

### Centennial Volleyball

The Centennial Volleyball team has games scheduled against Horizon and Prarieview Elementary Schools.



### Before School Basketball

The third grade before school program will end in April. The second grade before school program will begin in April. The first grade group will begin playing in May. Please register for the second and first grade program asap.

### Track and Field (April and May)

The third – sixth grade track and field program will begin in April. The third and fourth grade students will compete against Prarieview School in May. The fifth and sixth grade track team will compete against the Bartlett schools, after school, on May 26<sup>th</sup>, at Bartlett High School. We will be competing for a traveling trophy at the Track Meet.

### Field Day

We can use many volunteers to help with our annual field day. The field day will take place, during the school day, on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Jump Rope for Heart/Hoops for Heart

The kindergarten through sixth grade students at Centennial school collected approximately \$3000.00 for the American Heart Association. Since 1999, Centennial students have contributed approximately \$37,000.00 to The American Heart Association. Thank you for your support over the years. I would like to give a special thank you to Mrs. Hull and the PTC for the work they put into this positive activity.

Mr. Wolosek



### Student Council Update

The Centennial Student Council has been doing an amazing job this year with their fundraisers. In December, the student council collected enough presents to fill **TWO** S.U.V.'s. The presents were donated to the People's Resource Center's *Share the Spirit* program in DuPage County. In February, the annual candy gram drive took place. The student council spent two weeks selling candy grams, taping candy and organizing the grams for each class. The money raised will be sent to the Almost Home Foundation, an animal adoption facility that has placed animals with families here at Centennial.

Finally, beginning April 6<sup>th</sup>, the student council will begin its annual coin drive. It will be run the same as last year, where silver coins in your class bucket are points towards your class and pennies in your class bucket are points away from your class. The money raised through the coin drive will go to the Journeys of the Heart Adoption Services. This organization helps families adopt children overseas and also helps children that may never be adopted. Journeys of the Heart has also had an effect on families here at Centennial. Start saving those coins!

