

CENTENNIAL NEWS

From the Desk of Principal Stiglic

Thank you Exxon Mobil Corporation Grant

Centennial School received an Exxon Mobil Alliance Program Education Grant of \$750.00. We will use the grant to buy materials to help our reading program. We want to thank the owner, Mr. Jeeno Joseph of the Exxon Mobile Gas Station, located at 7 North 120 Rt. 59, Stearns Road and Rt. 59, Bartlett, Illinois 60103 for helping us gain the grant.



Join the Centennial Students and Staff for "Annie"

Annie is a Broadway musical based upon the popular Harold Gray comic strip *Little Orphan Annie*. The musical's songs "Tomorrow" and "It's the Hard-Knock Life" are its more popular pieces. Performances of Annie will take place on **Wednesday, November 4th and Thursday, November 5th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Centennial Gym. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. We encourage all the parents, guardians, relatives, students and school stakeholders to attend a performance. We want to thank Ms. Ellis and all those who have helped her prepare the students to perform. Advance tickets are on sale now.

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Pizza Lunch with the Principal

Parents and guardians are invited to Lunch with the Principal at 12 noon, on Tuesday, November 3. **Please R.S.V.P. by November 2 by calling 630 213 5632 (school office).** We will discuss how to improve reading, communications and the use of technology in our school.

Meet with the Principal

Parents, guardians and school stakeholders are invited to an informational meeting with the principal on **Tuesday, November 3, at 6:30 pm, in the all purpose room.** This meeting is being added to give parents who couldn't make the noon meeting a chance to meet with the principal. We will discuss reading, technology and RTI at this meeting.

Schedule at a Glance:

Tuesday, November 3rd
Pizza Lunch with the Principal 12 Noon; Meet with the Principal 6:30 p.m. ; PTC Meeting 7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4th & Thursday, November 5th Annie 7 p.m.

Friday, November 6th
Market Day Internet Orders due

Monday, November 9th
Market Day pick up

Wednesday, November 11
Veteran's Day No School

Thursday, November 12
Citizen's Advisory Council Meeting Elgin High School

Thursday, November 19
Assembly: Author Carolyn Crimi Presentation; Family Reading Night

Monday, November 23
Institute Day No School

Tuesday, November 24
Parent Teacher Conference No School

Wednesday, November 25
Thanksgiving Recess No School

It All Adds Up! Box Tops, Campbell's Labels For Education and NEW this year Tyson's Project A+

We have recently signed up with Tyson Food's Project A+. In your grocer's freezer section, look for Tyson Products that display the Tyson Project A+ logo. The label you save is easily identified by looking for the simple 1,2,3 program steps. Each label you save is worth 24 cents!

Also, don't forget to keep clipping Box Tops and Campbell's UPC codes. This year, we have banked over 4000 Campbell's points. Over the years, we have been able to purchase sports equipment and other various items for the school. Those 10 cent Box Tops do make a difference. For 2009, we will earn about \$750 for Centennial.

Just simply send these items with your child and they can be given to the office, teacher, or dropped in the large soup can foldable container in the upper level of the school opposite the office. Just remember: for Campbell's only the UPC code needs to be donated. Please do not send the entire label or just the front label as they no longer accept these. For the Box Tops, please make sure they are not expired. Expired Box Tops are not redeemable and can affect our participation in the program.



Thanks for all you have done supporting these programs!

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Parisi at 630-289-2908.

SCRIP Program



SCRIP is a simple way to earn money for Centennial by ordering gift/merchandise cards to use as gifts for family/friends/teachers/bus drivers or for your own day to day shopping! It's a great way to budget for grocery shopping, dining out, and gas!

How does it work? You purchase gift cards at face value and the retailers give our school \$\$ back. It's so easy and a great way to earn money for our school! There are many cards to choose from. Visit www.shopwithscrip.com for retailers.

There are two ways to order:

1. Fill out the order form your student brings home, make check payable to Centennial PTC & place in an envelope marked SCRIP to your child's teacher.
2. Register on-line at www.shopwithscrip.com and enter enrollment code: 47E2943A7246. After you shop, print out your order, make check payable to Centennial PTC and place both in an envelope marked SCRIP to your child's teacher, or pay online using Presto Pay. See website for details—direct debit from your checking account and only send in your order form. If you use Presto Pay, SCRIP will reduce our shipping costs for each order placed.

Not available to pick up your gift cards? No problem, just designate on your form a friend or neighbor authorized to pick up your order for you; or authorize us to send your order home with your child in a sealed envelope with your name on it. It will be placed in your child's backpack to bring home. SCRIP dates for this month:

Orders due Oct. 30; pick-up Nov. 6

Orders due Nov 13; pick-up Nov. 20

Pick-up location is in the lobby of Centennial; times are from 8:15-9:00 & 2:15-3:00.

What is RTI?

“Response to Intervention” is a systematic process to improve student academic outcomes. RTI key components are: improving outcomes for **all** students, multi-tiered system of supports, examining progress at regular intervals, research-based instruction, research-based interventions, early intervention/prevention, educational teams and parental involvement in the process.”

The RTI Educational Team will use the following format to address the needs of students:

1. Problem Identification (Is there a problem? What is it?)
2. Problem Analysis (Why is it happening?)
3. Plan Development (What shall we do about it?) and
4. Plan Evaluation (Did our plan work?)

The Centennial School staff started RTI training on Friday, October 2. We have established an RTI team and will be working toward full implementation by the start of school in August of 2010. You will continue to hear more about RTI in future newsletters. (This information is from Carla Cumblad, Ed.D., U-46 RTI Coordinator, October 2, 2009)

Teach Good Health Habits

As parents and teachers know, children have a way of picking up colds and other illnesses at school. As the number of swine flu (H1N1 Flu Outbreak) cases increases in the U.S., it becomes even more important to teach kids how to stay healthy.

Proper and consistent hand washing is one of the easiest ways to prevent the spread of flu. Teach kids by example by showing them proper hand washing technique:

- Wet hands with water and apply an amount of soap recommended by the manufacturer to hands.
- Rub hands together vigorously for at least 20 seconds, covering all surfaces of the hands and giving added attention to fingernails and surfaces where jewelry is worn.
- Rinse hands with water.
- Dry thoroughly with a disposable towel.
- Use towel to turn off faucet.

For younger children who may rush their hand washing, have them sing a short song such as "Row Row Row Your Boat," or the "Happy Birthday" song, which will ensure they wash for at least 20 seconds. Placing hand-washing reminders at children's eye level will also help them become consistent hand washers.

Teach kids to adopt these other healthy habits in order to prevent the spread of germs:

- Avoid sharing objects such as utensils, cups, and bottles.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and wash your hands afterwards. If tissue-less, cough or sneeze into your elbow or upper arm, not your hands.
- Keep your hands away from your eyes, nose and mouth to keep germs from entering your body.



Faculty Writing Workshop

The Centennial Faculty will attend an in-service session at 2:45pm on Monday, November 9. We will have Dr. Mary Hausner as our guest speaker. She will teach us the new district writing program, **“Being a Writer.”**



Parent Teacher Conferences

Parents and teachers have the same goal for students. Both groups want the best possible education for the students. Therefore, we need to work together to provide positive motivation for students. The parent/teacher conferences provide one opportunity for teachers and parents to collaborate on ways to improve student's educational opportunities at Centennial School. Please schedule and attend the upcoming parent/teacher conferences.



Most recent donation to the school: \$777

Total of all donations: \$18,515

Amount accumulated toward next donation: \$160

Number of REDcard holders who have designated Centennial: 68

Take Charge of Education

The Target *Take of Education* program donates money to designated schools when Target cards are used. Centennial School has received over \$18,500 since joining the program.

If you don't have a Target card or Target Visa, you can easily apply for one at any Target store. Just be sure to designate Centennial School (School ID 46556) and the school will earn money each time you use your card.

The Target card can be used at Target stores and Target.com with 1% of purchases donated to the designated school.

A Target Visa card can be used everywhere Visa credit cards are accepted. Donations total 1% of your purchases at Target and Target.com and 1/2% of purchases made elsewhere with your Target Visa.

Holiday Sing

The Holiday Sing will take place on **Wednesday, December 16** at Bartlett High School.



Schedule follows:

5:30 p.m. Kindergarten
6:15 p.m. 1st & 2nd Grades
7:00 p.m. 3rd & 4th Grades
7:45 p.m. 5th & 6th Grades

Fun Fair

Walk A Thon



Students enjoyed a new format this year with fun party music.

Thanks to all who supported Centennial's 12th Annual Walk-A-Thon! Over \$12,000 was raised this year. Funds raised will support a Reading Specialist for Centennial.

Thanks to Mrs. Rajewski (Walk A Thon Chairperson), the PTC, parents, staff members and community participants who made the Walk A Thon a great success this year!



Check out the new website: www.centennialptc.com

Family Reading Night

Family Reading Night is on **Thursday, November 19th**. Centennial families are encouraged to turn off their televisions and read together. Watch for more information to be sent home with students.



To kick off the day, we are having author Carolyn Crimi come to Centennial. She wrote a book that was on the Monarch book list last year called "Henry and the Buccaneer Bunnies." She will give an exciting presentation at 2 assemblies on the morning of November 19th. We are very grateful to our fabulous PTC for providing us this wonderful opportunity!

Student Council Coin Drive



Bring in your coins! The Student Council Coin Drive will run through **November 16**. Funds

raised from the annual coin drive will support the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. In the past, the Student Council has raised over \$2,000 from the annual coin drive. Please help support their cause again this year!