

## **MINERS GOLD RUSH NEWS**

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### **NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents/Guardian:

I hope this newsletter finds you warm, dry, and enjoying better weather. We had a rough week last week with the snow and colder temperatures and I want to thank you for making sure your child made it to school on time and was appropriately dressed. As you know, it's hard to start the day well with students coming in late and being cold and/or wet when he/she arrives at school.

The weather can cause other issues that impact our student's safety when more students are being driven to school due to inclement weather. Specifically the traffic around Centennial both before and after school can pose a problem if we aren't careful and courteous while driving and walking. Please remember that the speed limit before and after school is fifteen (15) miles per hour on all of the streets that border our school grounds.

The street directly in front of our main entrance (with the flag pole) is 132<sup>nd</sup> Ct. The side of the

street closest to the school is our hug-and-go lane. Drivers should not leave their vehicles on that side of the street and should pull forward when possible to create more room behind them for more cars to squeeze in. The hug-and-go area includes the circle at the end of the street. Please do not block the driveways as cars are coming and going. The other side of the street can be parked on but I would ask parents to be very careful when letting students in and out of vehicles. It is very dangerous to let children in and out of cars on the traffic side of the car. Please let students in or out on the sidewalk side, and instruct them to cross at the crosswalks.

Westlake Drive and 132<sup>nd</sup> Avenue run along the other sides of the school grounds near the playground areas. Parking is allowed there also but there is a time limit on how long a vehicle should be parked there. Cars should not park there for more than fifteen (15) minutes. I know it is very crowded before and after school but many parents are unable to find places to park because cars are parked there for quite a

while sometimes. When cars are parked there earlier than 2:15 it can make it very difficult for the parents of our pre-school students to find a place to park to get their children.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students and parents safe as they both drive and walk to school – especially on poor weather days.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. My school phone number is 720-972-5283 and my email is [warren.rudkin@adams12.org](mailto:warren.rudkin@adams12.org).

Respectfully,

Warren Rudkin

**NOTES FROM THE  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

*TIPS FOR GETTING SAFELY TO SCHOOL*

We are very fortunate that Centennial is a walk-in school, but with so many kids walking to school it is important for us to practice basic safety principles. Below are a few tips that, if followed, will greatly increase safety on your child's walk to school. Please review these tips with your child.

- **Parents can lead by example** by sponsoring a walk-to-school program with their neighbors. This responsibility can be shared among households and it is a great way to practice walking safely through the neighborhood.
- **Look** left, right then left again before crossing the street.
- **Dress** with safety in mind. Bright colors and helmets for bike riders are always a good idea.
- **Cross the street** only at intersections.

- **Don't assume** that the car driver sees you. Never walk in front of a car that is moving, even if it is slowing down. Wait for it to stop and make eye contact with the driver before crossing.

Thank you for helping us to keep our children safe on their way to school and back home again!

Christine Jepsen  
Assistant Principal

**ELEMENTARY ASSESSMENT DAY**

December 7<sup>th</sup> is Fall Assessment day. Attendance is required for the time period requested by your child's teacher.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Nov. 4	CPTO Skate Night 2 – 4 p.m.
Nov. 6	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip – Arvada Center 11 – 2 p.m.
Nov. 9	Choir practice 2:35 – 3:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	Teacher/Parent Conferences 8 – 8 p.m. <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Nov. 11	<b>NO SCHOOL – VETERAN'S DAY</b>
Nov. 12	Math Olympiad 2:45 – 3:30p.m. Room 42  Choir practice 2:35 – 3:45 p.m.
Nov. 13	1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester Ends Irwin Extended Day Kindergarten Field Trip Petco 9:40 – 11:3a.m.

- Nov. 16           Choir practice 2:35 – 4 p.m.
- Nov. 17           CPTO meeting 6:30 p.m. Library
- Nov. 19           Grandparents Lunch – more  
information to come
- Math Olympiad 2:45 – 3:30p.m.
- Choir practice 2:35 – 4 p.m.
- Math Night 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- Nov. 23           Choir practice 2:35 – 4 p.m.
- Nov. 24           Report cards go home
- Nov. 25 – 27      **THANKSGIVING BREAK**  
**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- Nov. 30           Choir practice 2:35 – 4 p.m.

**MATH NIGHT AT CENTENNIAL**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

We will have a Math Night at Centennial for all grade levels, kindergarten through fifth, on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Please come that evening with your child to learn more about our math program, how you can help your child with math, and to learn more about the games that are played at school and can be played at home to improve your child’s math skills. We will also have our computer lab open for you to explore the math software that is available on line. More specific information will be coming home with your child about what you will have the opportunity to do with your child that evening. We aim to make the night informational, interactive and focused on you working with your child to learn

and even make a game you can play at home. Please join us on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**CPTO NEWS**

Help our school earn a share of \$15,000! Centennial earns points when you shop at the Orchard Town Center. To help, simply bring your original receipt from The Orchard Town Center stores and restaurants to the Guest Services Kiosk and Centennial earns points for every dollar spent. We will receive a portion of the \$15,000 at the end of May.

Earn an extra 500 points for Centennial by registering at [www.Orchard.Shoptopia.com](http://www.Orchard.Shoptopia.com), print your registration and take that to the guest services kiosk.

Thank you for your support!

**FUNDRAISER NEWS**

The Kay Pierce fundraiser will be delivered at the end of November or the beginning of December. Delivery was delayed due to orders for fruit needing to ripen before delivery.