

MINERS GOLD RUSH NEWS

OCTOBER 2009

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardian:

I hope your child has had a great start to the school year and that you and your family have settled into a nice smooth 'school routine' that includes plenty of rest for your child, a good breakfast every day, a consistent homework time every afternoon or night, daily reading and, hopefully, writing. Please remember to communicate any questions or concerns you may have to your child's teacher or to Ms. Jepsen or me should the need arise.

Because of the H1N1 flu the elementary schools in the district will be suspending Perfect Attendance Honor Roll for the entire school year. Many schools have already been hit hard by the flu bug and we really do not want to encourage students to attend school when they are ill. As you know, this strain of the flu is very contagious and just coming to school for part of a day could infect other students. Unless we have another similar type of health issue next year we will reinstitute the attendance honor roll next year.

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The search for our new superintendent has been narrowed to six candidates who are:

Rod L. Blunck, Ed.D., Superintendent, Brighton 27J School District;

Christopher E. Gdowski, Esq., General Counsel, Adams 12 Five Star Schools;

James Q. Hammond, Ed.D., Superintendent, Davis Joint Unified School District, Davis, Calif.;

Peg M. Kastberg, Community Superintendent, Jefferson County Public Schools, Colo.;

Joseph J. Redden, Executive Management Development Consultant, Marietta, Ga.; and

Robert K. Webber, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, Adams 12 Five Star Schools.

There are additional opportunities for community members to participate in the process and provide input to the school board. I encourage you to attend the community interview sessions and the schedule is provided below.

LOCATION	DATE/TIME
Educational Support Center 1500 E. 128th Ave., Thornton	Wednesday, Oct. 7, Conference Center 6:15-7:15 p.m., Robert K. Webber 7:30-8:30 p.m., James Q. Hammond, Ed.D. 8:45-9:45 p.m., Rod L. Blunck, Ed.D.
Support Center 1500 E. 128th Ave., Thornton	Thursday, Oct. 8, Educational Conference Center 6:15-7:15 p.m., Christopher E. Gdowski, Esq. 7:30-8:30 p.m., Peg M. Kastberg 8:45-9:45 p.m., Joseph J. Redden

The district has switched to a new computer program we use to maintain student information and records. Some schools are using this program, called Infinite Campus, to keep students grades. Centennial is not using Infinite Campus for that purpose this school year. Later in the year the district is planning on opening up the parent portal of the program to give parents access to their children's grades but since we are not using the program for that yet, our parents will not be able to. This school year we will continue to communicate with you in the same way we have in the past. We will probably make the switch with grading to the new program next school year.

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.

Respectfully,

Warren Rudkin

NOTES FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Parent Workshops offered by District 12

District 12 is offering a number of parent workshops to provide educational opportunities for parents of District 12 students and the community. Classes will be held at the Educational Support Center (Training Center), 1500 E. 128th Avenue, Thornton. Snacks will be provided but child care will not be provided. Please register with Stacy Hollenbeck at 720-972-4783 if you are interested in attending any or all of these workshops or if you have questions.

Date	Time	Topic	Instructor
Oct. 6	6:30 p.m.	Bullying	Kathleen Keelen
Nov. 12	6:30 p.m.	Gangs	Officer Lucero
Jan. 14	6:30 p.m.	Substance Abuse	Officer Marting
Feb. 11	6:30 p.m.	I-Safe	Officer Coonts
Mar. 11	6:30 p.m.	Facebook/ My Space	Officer Coonts
Apr. 8	6:30 p.m.	Setting Boundaries	Stacy Hollenbeck

We hope that parents can attend these workshops!

Keep up the GOOD WORK! Students are doing a great job getting to school on time and coming to school healthy! Please remember that every Wednesday is early release day. School dismisses at 1:15 p.m.

You may call the attendance line at (720-972-5298) 24 hours a day to let us know if your child is going to be late or will be absent.

Are you starting to feel the chill in the air? We need to make sure we are dressing our children appropriately for the weather. Please be sure your children have coats, hats and gloves as the weather continues to get colder. We do try to get the children outside for recess weather permitting, as often as possible.

Sincerely,
Ms. Jepsen

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 5 Choir practice 2:35 – 3:45 p.m.

Oct. 8 Choir practice 2:35 – 3:45 p.m.

Oct. 9 Teacher Work Day – **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

Oct. 12 Mid-term reports go home

Oct. 14 Vision/Hearing Screenings for students

Oct. 17 CPTO Aluminum Can Recycling Drive
8:00 a.m. parking lot

Oct. 20 CPTO meeting 6:30 p.m. Library

Oct. 23 All 5th grade Field Trip – Denver Zoo
9:15 – 2:00 p.m.

CPTO Sock Hop 5:30 p.m.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Our school collects the box tops for education. The collection box is located in the library. Please help us collect as many as possible to buy more incentives and books for the library.

KCEE NEWS

Every Wednesday morning we will be airing a 5 minute broadcast featuring writers and readers from around the school. For the first trimester we will have volunteers from the 5th grade to be our announcers. If your child comes home talking about our news show or being featured on the show, then they have shared their masterpieces or a book summary with the entire school.

CENTENNIAL POST OFFICE

Our student Post Office is up and running. Students deliver the mail every day during the school year. Even parents can write letters to students or teachers. There is a special gold mailbox in the library by the door where you can put a letter. We also have the addresses and stamps available for parents to use. Our students and staff are already making use of our mail system. Get involved by just writing to a friend, last year's teacher or anyone else at Centennial.

Our postal workers for this year are:

AM Post Master: Mason Watt

Assistant Post Master: Luis Arciniega-Valdez

Mail deliverers: Keelyn McKissack, Autumn Romero, Breanna Rech, Mariah Casorla, Isahia Swan, and Luis Arciniega-Valdez.

PM Post Master: Kaylea Beck

Assistant Post Master: Rachel Gonzales

Mail Sorters: Kristin Culbert, Bailee Moats, Raymond Troch, Shae DeBoer, Brian Arellano and Rachel Gonzales.

OCTOBER IS WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH

October is International Walk to School month and October 7th is International Walk to School Day. This is an international effort to get children and adults to walk/bicycle more. Please try to get up a few minutes earlier on October 7th so you can walk to school. You may even decide that this is the way to go from now on! We could all use a little more exercise.

HALLOWEEN PARTIES- Friday, October 30th

Centennial will have their Halloween parties on Friday, October 30th for the first 45 minutes of the school day – 7:45 – 8:30 a.m. Students should come to school wearing their costume with regular clothes on underneath. After the party students will simply remove their costumes and store them in bags or back packs. If you would like to come to your child's party please do so. We encourage you to bring healthy breakfast type foods if you bring food items. More specific information will be coming home from your child's teacher.

ART NEWS

Dear Parents,

This year art students at Centennial will create a "portfolio" folder to hold artwork made in class that will stay in the art room all year long. This will enable me to see improvements in students' artwork throughout the school year

and also to select artwork for display in the school's hallways or in the District Art shows. Please know that your student's artwork will come home at the end of the school year in the portfolio case that they have decorated. The only artwork to be sent home will be 3-D artwork as well as Original Works art (Centennial's fundraising program) which will be sent home in October. Parents are welcome to come into the Art room (room 69) to see your child's artwork any time after school or during conferences.

Please note: the Art room could use the following items for donation.

Wallpaper scraps

Fabric scraps

Used Etch-a-Sketch(s)

Egg cartons

Old tennis balls to use to shape clay

Sincerely,

Ms. Penn

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