

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

I can't believe it's March. What a great school year we've had so far! I would like to thank you for raising such wonderful children and allowing us to contribute to their educational experience. I also wish to thank Centennial's outstanding faculty and staff. They make it a pleasure to come to work each day knowing that in every classroom, great things are taking place which stimulate curiosity and the desire to expand each child's knowledge and experience.

Thank you for your recent participation in Parent Teacher Conferences. We appreciate your continued support of us as we strive to enrich the lives of your children. Communication is a wonderful way to answer questions, clarify misunderstanding, and provide information regarding student performance, attendance and behavior. Feel free to schedule additional appointments with counselors and/or teachers at other times to address your concerns.

As this third term comes to a close and we begin the final term of this school year I encourage everyone to have a strong finish. Please continue to remind your children of the importance of pushing through to the end and remember to monitor their academic progress, behavior and attendance by checking online through Power School.

Thank you again for the privilege of working with you and your children in preparation for a bright future!

Mitch Swenson
Principal

PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank Julie Burr and Tammy Murray, along with all the parents who helped with the luncheon for parent teacher conferences. It was a success, as always, and much appreciated. I would also like to thank Linda Pattberg for organizing the volunteers for Reality Town and the many other parents that volunteered. This activity requires a lot of help, but is well worth the effort. I want to thank Joy Loosli for organizing, collecting information, and putting together the Newsletter each month. It is so much appreciated. She keeps us all in the know of what is happening. Thanks to all those that help in every way at Centennial. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!

As this year just seems to be flying by, it made me think of a Hallmark card a friend gave me not too long ago, which read: "Parents do not realize, when their daughter is a child, how fleeting the moments truly are. And in the blink of an eye, the little girl who did pirouettes down the hall is dancing her way through her own life." How true this is. As I now have my oldest child getting ready to graduate and move out, it seems like just yesterday she was in Middle School and life was so easy. I hope as this year continues to fly by that we can take time to smell the roses and enjoy every minute we can with our children. Treasure the time now; it goes by way too quickly.

'08-'09 PTA BOARD VACANCIES

Hi, my name is Linda Pattberg and I will be the PTA President next year at CMS. I am looking for parents to fill these positions:

Ribbon Week/Health & Safety Commissioner

Magazine Drive

Reflection

Bulletin Board

Teacher Appreciation

Box Tops & Cartridge Recycling

Beat the Teach/Read-A-Thon

Legislative VP

I'd really appreciate any help you might be willing to give. I can't do this without you. Please contact me ASAP, by phone (224-5515) or email (linda.pattberg@gmail.com). Thank you!

Linda Pattberg, PTA President-elect

REGISTRATION FOR '08-'09 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration for students who will be 7th graders in the 2008-2009 school year will be April 4th (6th Grade Day at Centennial) from 9:30-11:45. Current CMS students will not attend school that day.

Students who will be 8th graders in the 2008-2009 school year will receive their registration materials on March 26th; registration sheets need to be returned to their English teachers by Monday, March 31st.

NOMINATE A GREAT TEACHER FOR THE HUNTSMAN AWARD

Know of an outstanding public school teacher worthy of a \$10,000 bonus? Send in your nominations for the 16th annual Huntsman Awards for Excellence in Education. Nomination forms are available through any public school, the local PTA or by logging on to Huntsman's education awards Web page at www.huntsman.com/haee. The 2008 awards will go to six teachers, three administrators and a volunteer. Each comes with a \$10,000 check and a crystal obelisk. The nomination deadline is Wednesday, April 2, at 5 p.m.

BAND BULLETIN

The Centennial 8th Grade Band students have a planned activity with the Timpview High School band on Wednesday, March 12th. Starting at 3:30 PM at THS, the CMS students will have a sectional with the 08-09 THS student section leaders. After this rehearsal, the band will rehearse with Dr. Fullmer. The band will take a supper break, with the THS band providing dinner for the CMS students. The evening will conclude with a combined concert starting at 7:00 PM. The concert will begin with the Provo District 6th grade beginner band, followed by the Centennial 8th grade band, then the Timpview HS band. The concert will conclude with all the bands combining for one last exciting selection.

The CMS bands will also perform on March 18th in the Centennial Auditorium starting at 7:00 PM. This concert will start with the 7th grade beginner class, followed by the 7th grade band, and concluding with the 8th grade band.

The band invites everyone to our concert on March 18.

INTERNATIONAL WEEK

The foreign language classes are sponsoring International Week March 10th-14th, celebrating the culture and language of France, Germany, and the many Spanish-speaking countries. Students have created colorful posters representing each of the languages taught at CMS. Treats from each of the countries will be sold during lunch: eclairs from France, Churros from Mexico, and Gummi bears from Germany. The cost to students is simply the cost to buy the treats from the bakery or store. There will be a word-of-the-day contest with words in each of the languages. The student who uses the word-of-the-day in speaking to the person at school who has a candy coupon will win a full-size candy bar. Bon jour! Buenos dias! Guten tag!

INTRAMURALS INFO

Intramural sports continue on Fridays after school. For the next few weeks, the boys will be playing soccer and the girls volleyball. Come join us for great fun and exercise, then ride the late bus home at 4:00!

MESA CLUB

Come and prepare for the end of the year competition by building mousetrap cars in MESA club! Prizes will be given to the engineer(s) of the car that goes the longest distance and the car that goes the fastest. Everyone is welcome to come. We will be meeting on the 12th and 26th of March in room 38. See you there!

CHOIR CONCERT

The Spring Choir Concert is here already! Come listen to Concert Choir, Girls Ensemble, Choir I and General Music in the new auditorium on Thursday, March 13th. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. Choir students need to arrive at 6:15 p.m. in order to warm up and prepare for the performance. Please also remember that there is an after-school rehearsal to be held on Tuesday, March 11th from 3:00-4:00. See you at the concert!!

MUSICAL THEATER

Thank you to everyone who auditioned for Into the Woods. Everyone did a really great job and we were very impressed with all of the talent that we saw. Rehearsals are underway and going very well. We look forward to having some great performances. Don't miss our production of Into the Woods, Jr. on April 10-12, 2008!!

ORCHESTRA NOTES

The CMS String Solo Festival was held on March 6. Two adjudicators worked for 4 hours each to listen to the solos prepared by all of our string students. Solos were evaluated for musicality, technique, tone quality, rhythm and intonation. Perfect scores were given to Aya Dijkwel and Lauren Pope, both cellists, with several other students just one point off. Congratulations to all the students who participated in this challenging event.

Our Spring Concert will be held in the CMS Auditorium on Thursday, March 20th at 7:00 pm. Works by Bach, Mozart, and Beethoven will be included in the program. We are planning for several of our top soloists to share their talent that evening, as well.

April 1st is the District Orchestra Festival at Timpview High School. This annual festival, which includes all elementary and secondary string students in the district, will begin at 6:30 PM. Middle School students will perform "Three Scenes from a Green Valley" and "Evening Prayer" from the opera "Hansel and Gretel". We're very proud of the accomplishments of our orchestra students. We hope you can come to hear what they can do.

NJHS NEWS

There will be an NJHS Meeting after school on Tuesday, March 25th in room 50. We will be working on a school service project and planning meetings for the rest of the year.

STUDENT COUNCIL CORNER

The end of the year is in sight, bringing an intensity to learn more, play more, and really treasure the middle school experience. Please be aware of the following events sponsored by Student Council:

Student Body Elections

Students run as boy/girl teams for President/Vice President and Secretary/Historian. There will be a mandatory elections meeting on Tuesday, April 8th at 3:00 PM in room# 52. At least one candidate from each pair must be in attendance at that meeting in order for the team to be eligible. Applications will be available in the Counseling Office with more information. Applications must be turned in by April 22nd at 8:10 AM; campaign videos will be due on April 25th at 8:10 AM. Campaigning will take place from April 28th-May 2nd, with voting on May 2nd at 8:15 AM.

Appointed Student Council Positions

Students who are interested in serving as Public Relations Officers may pick up applications in the Counseling Office. Those applications are due May 6th at 8:10 AM, and interviews will be held on May 7th. Students who want to be on Student Council for first semester in the 20082009 school year may also pick up applications in the Counseling Office. Those applications are due May 9th at 8:10 AM. Interviews for Student Council positions will be held May 13th-15th. *Late applications will NOT be considered.*

Please refer to page 10 of the Student Agenda for further information.

CALENDAR ITEMS

March 10-14

International Week

12 Spelling Bee Finals, 3:00 PM, Media Center
13 CMS Choir Concert, 7:00 PM, Auditorium
18 CMS Band Concert, 7:00 PM, Auditorium
20 Timpview High School 9th Grade English Honors Test, 3:00 PM, Cafetorium
20 CMS Orchestra Concert, 6:30 PM, Auditorium
21 EARLY OUT, 12:50 PM, END OF TERM
28 Dancing with the Student Council Assembly (for students)
April 3 Dancing with the Student Council Finals, 7:00 PM, CMS Auditorium (for parents)
4 NO SCHOOL; 6TH GRADE ORIENTATION
8 Mandatory elections meeting, 3:00 PM, room #52
10 Travel Club Author Brunch
10, 11, 12 CMS Drama Play, "Into the Woods," 7:00 PM, Auditorium
14-18 NO SCHOOL; SPRING BREAK

