CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
November/December/January 2015-2016
CREATIVE MINDS SUCCEED

LUNCH

ZOLOGIST: scientists who study the origin, development, habits, behaviors and interactions of animals.

Centennial welcomed Ms. Bonnie Van Dam, an Associate Curator of Birds from the Detroit Zoological Society, as a part of our Career Lunch and Learn program. Over 185 excited students met with our visiting Zoologist during their lunch period and were given the opportunity to hear what a day in the life of a Zoologist is like, what school subjects are important to study for this career and about all the things she does in her profession.

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Contingency Plans

Occasionally, school systems have to send students home early due to weather conditions, power outages, boiler failure and so on. Although we try to avoid sending students home early, there have been times in the past and there will, no doubt, be times in the future when this action is necessary.

Please discuss this possibility with your children, and devise a plan for them to follow. Your plan might involve going straight home and calling a parent at work. It might involve going to the neighbor’s home, if the neighbor agrees. It might involve a high school child staying at home with the younger children. Whatever plan is decided upon, make sure your children know it and follow it, for their safety and your peace of mind.

Whenever possible, students at the elementary level will not be released unless a contact has been made with a parent, guardian, or other individual listed on their emergency card. Please continue to keep emergency contact information up to date for all students regardless of their ages.

Centennial and Millenium Middle School marching bands entertain during the Pumpkinst fest Parade!
REQUESTS FOR HOMEWORK

If a student is absent three or more days, a parent may call the office to arrange for work to be collected. We request that you not contact individual teachers directly as it is much more efficient and less disruptive for arrangements to be handled by the office staff. Please note that teachers require 24 hour notice to prepare homework. Work can then be picked up in the office at the end of the next school day. Additionally, if a student will be gone for a pre-arranged absence (such as a vacation), there is a form which must be completed in advance. When work is requested for a long period of time (such as an extended vacation), teachers will do their best to anticipate what will be covered based on their lesson plans; however, at times, these plans may be altered while the student is gone. Therefore, it is always important for the student to speak with the teacher when turning in assignments upon return to school.

Vacations will be considered as unexcused absences. If you are planning a vacation please stop by the main office and pick up a pre-arranged absence form.

Notification Regarding Report Cards at Secondary Schools

Grades can be viewed on line using Skyward. First marking period report cards will be handed out at conferences or sent home with students to those parents not in attendance. Report cards will be be mailed home at the end of each semester. Parents will receive an email alert when report cards are ready to view for all other marking periods. Parents without email access will have a report card sent home with their student.

Security

As a parent, volunteer and/or visitor please help with the following:

Never open the door for other visitors.
Report any concerns to the office immediately.
Whenever possible, schedule appointments with staff prior to arriving at school.
Whenever possible try to avoid picking students up early from school.
Have your photo ID available prior to pressing the call button at the front door.
Once at the main entrance-
  Press the call button.
  The office staff will respond.
  State your name and purpose for your visit.
  Extend a photo ID towards the camera.
Once inside go straight to the office to sign in and receive your visitor badge/sticker.
Visibly display your badge/sticker during your entire stay at the building.
Remember to return your visitor badge/sticker and sign out in the office at the end of your visit.
First Day of School
Students’ first day back will be September 8th. This is a half day with dismissal at 10:29 AM. Office hours will be 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM.

Emergency Cards
All returning students must fill out a new emergency card regardless if they are at the same school or not. Every year a new card must be completed with reliable phone numbers.

Student Drop Off
Student drop off will continue to be the same with parents dropping off/picking up in the front loop. The south-east doors off 9 Mile will remain locked. The south-west doors off 9 Mile and bus loop doors will be open. See page 10 for more information.

Students are not permitted in the building until 7:20 am at which time supervision will take place. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please call the main office.

CLASS CHANGE SCHEDULE

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Lunch Periods
Lunch “A” 10:44 am - 11:14 am
Lunch “B” 11:16 am - 11:46 am
Lunch “C” 11:48 am - 12:18 pm
5th Hour 12:23 pm - 1:22 pm
6th Hour 1:27 pm - 2:28 pm

1/2 DAY BELL SCHEDULE
1st Hour 7:35 am - 8:00 am
2nd Hour 8:05 am - 8:30 am
3rd Hour 8:35 am - 9:00 am
4th Hour 9:05 am - 9:30 am
5th Hour 9:35 am - 10:00 am
6th Hour 10:05 am - 10:29 am
Announcements 10:25 am - 10:29 am
Dismissal 10:29 am

Messages to Students
In order to protect instructional time, students are not called down to the office for messages or to pick up items (lunches, homework) except before lunch at 10:44 AM. Please do not text or call cell phones to contact students during the day as these are to be turned off.
Please contact the office before 10:00 AM for messages to be relayed.

CELLULAR PHONE USE POLICY
Please be advised that if your child brings a cell phone to school it must not be heard, seen, or used, unless approved by the classroom teacher or principals for instructional use or in the cafeteria. If a student is caught with a phone that is not off and out of sight it will be confiscated and they can pick it up at the end of the day in the office. Parents, we ask that if you need to speak with your child during the course of the day, please call the office and we will call them down to speak with you.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.
We are pleased that a large number of students take advantage of the Breakfast Program in the CMS cafeteria. However, if students do not carefully manage their time, it will result in an unexcused tardy to first hour. The serving line will open at 7:20 am and will close promptly at 7:30 am to prevent students from coming to the cafeteria at the last minute. If students would like to buy breakfast, they should go to the cafeteria as soon as they arrive in the building; they can socialize after eating. Students will be expected to eat, go to their lockers, and arrive on time to their first hour classes. We do not expect issues with late busses, so students should have ample time to accomplish these tasks. Passes will not be issued from the cafeteria. If students are not able to manage their time, then perhaps purchasing breakfast at school is not a viable option for that student.

ENERGY DRINK ADVISORY
Parents, please do not send students to school with ultra high-energy drinks. Not only do your sons and daughters have enough adolescent energy already, but many of the products currently on the market have warning labels that indicate use by children is not recommended. Previously, we had a student experience a negative reaction after drinking several of these.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS - HOTLINE
For up to date school closings and transportation information, including cancellations and double bus runs, please call - 248-573-8251

Water Bottles
Students will be permitted to carry water bottles with them throughout the school day under the following conditions:

- The bottles may only contain water.
- Only clear bottles will be permitted (No colored bottles of any kind).
- No soft plastic bottles.
- The water may not become a distraction to the learning environment.
- Water bottles will not be allowed in computer labs, technology labs, Media Centers or gymnasiums.
Centennial Middle School  
October 15, 2014  
SIP Meeting Minutes

Present  
Parents:  Cyndi Agnew, Allison DeHorn, Josephine Caruso-Ruhl  
Staff Members: Kellie Angelosanto, Carol Hildebrandt, Brenton Montie, Michelle Sanderson, Brian Toth

Minutes: Brian Toth

Absent: Denise Allan, Kristina Hughes

The meeting began at 1:02 p.m.

General Announcements
It has been a great start. Thank you!
Michelle Lurz, Board of Education member and Board of Education CMS Liaison, introduced herself and described her role as the BOE liaison for CMS.

Upcoming Events
- October 22 Parent Teacher Conferences  
- October 26 Staff vs. Students Volleyball Game  
- October 26 CMS Book Fair Begins  
- October 27 Washington D.C. Parent Meeting  
- November 3 PTO Hungry Howie’s Day  
- November 3 Curriculum Day-No School for Students  
- November 5 PTO Dairy Queen Day  
- November 5 Eighth Graders Depart-Washington D.C.  
- November 8 Eighth Graders Return-Washington D.C.  
- November 11 Veterans’ Day

School Improvement/NCA
Mr. Toth shared that the November Curriculum Day will be related to Cultures of Thinking and a mini-conference for staff, hosted by staff.

Budget Update
- Mr. Toth shared the current enrollment of CMS, which is 990. At this time last year the enrollment was 928 and two years ago it was 896.  
- Mr. Toth thanked the SIP team for supporting the purchase of a Chromebook cart. The PTO also purchased a Chromebook cart. CMS will soon have six full (36 Chromebooks) carts and two half (18) carts.
**Code of Conduct**

**Review of Crisis Plans**

Four evacuation drills have occurred this year. Students always meet with their first hour teacher.
The first tornado drill is November 12th.
One lockdown drill has been completed. The students have been doing a great job with the drills.

**Old Business**

Mr. Toth met with district leadership and Integrated Design Solutions to discuss the room numbers at CMS. IDS is looking into the cost of making the changes suggested at the last SIP meeting.
Mr. Toth shared that the Electronic Communication Device Pilot in the cafeteria has been successful and there have not been any issues.
The district is continuing to look at making the registration process all online.
Mr. Montie suggested having a designated day or two for 7th/8th graders to tour the building if registration is online.
Mr. Toth met with a representative from Applied Imaging regarding copy machines.
There is a follow-up meeting this week and information will be shared at the next SIP meeting.
Co-teachers will soon have access to a Chromebook when they are in their co-taught classroom. This was requested at the last SIP meeting.

**New Business**

- Mrs. Sanderson asked if “mouses” can be purchased for the Chromebooks. A discussion ensued and it was decided by the SIP team to purchase 36 “mouses”.
The district has been working with a Safe Routes to School group. The group suggested CMS allow students to ride bikes to school. The SIP team voted to continue with our practice of not allowing students to ride bikes. The decision was based on student safety with the concern focusing on the darkness of the morning commute.

The meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m. Our next meeting is November 11, 2015.
The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am. In attendance were Brian Toth, Laura Hewitt, Jerilyn Ranalli, Laura Steffes, Sarah Jones, Beth Gratopp, Kelly Vangelov, Jenny Urtel, and Beth Johnson. Meeting ended at 10:07 am.

Secretary Report:
The September minutes were approved at the meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and approved.

CHEERS Report:  Kelly Vangelov
Still working on figuring out doing a Color Run with Millennium. $100 deposit to hold the date. Checking to see if allowed to do on school grounds.
We have plenty of volunteers for Picture Retake Day and Parent Teacher conferences Cheers Coordinator will take over Spirit Wear duties for the future.

Treasurer’s Report: Sarah Jones
We have $36,284.21 in the bank and a $5049 reserve in a CD.
We will be paying $11,000 to entertainment still. Waiting for bill.
We Deposited $18,349.75 this month. All from Entertainment Book Fundraiser.
We will be paying $1098 for the Elmos and $9825.91 for the Chrome Cart.

Fundraising Report: Beth Gratopp
We collected $18,739.75 in our Entertainment Book Sale. Our projected profit is about $7494.81.
A total of 624 books were sold. 6th grade sold 297, 7th grade sold 208, and 8th grade sold 119.
We still need to collect 147 books from students that were not sold.

Principals Report: Brian Toth
New student luncheon was a great success.
One student requested financial assistance for the DC trip. PTO will fund $470 to send student on the trip.
There are 250 out of 330 8th graders going to DC. The 8th graders not going to DC will be going to the Holocaust Museum
Principal requested $500 from PTO to pay for busing to the 8th Grade trip to Holocaust Museum.
A motion was made to add $500 to our budget for 8th Grade Field Trip. It was seconded and approved.
The staff wanted to thank the PTO for the Chrome Books. It was greatly appreciated.
SIP Report:
No Report

New Business:
Neon Party will be Thursday, January 21st from 2:45-4:45.

Old Business:
PTO will be ordering Thank you cards
A motion to purchase Chrome books at a discounted price was seconded and approved.
PTO By-laws will be updated. Proposed edits include adding Fundraising Chair as part of PTO and removal of trustee. Also, there will be no longer be a term limit set for a person serving on the PTO.

Important Dates:
School Calendar can be found on website: www.slbs.us

PTO Meeting Dates for 2015-16
**All meetings are held in the 7th/8th Grade office conference room.
Friday, November 13th @ 9:00 am
Friday, December 11th @ 9:00 am
Friday, January 8th @ 9:00 am
Friday, February 12th @ 9:00 am
Friday, March 11th @ 9:00 am
Friday, April 15th @ 9:00 am
Friday, May 13th @ 9:00 am
Friday, June 10th @ 9:00 am

CMS PTO Members:
President Laura Hewitt philandlaurahewitt@yahoo.com
Vice President Laura Steffes lsteff@att.net
Secretary Jerilyn Ranalli rjranalli@sbcglobal.net
Treasurer Sarah Jones jones30891@msn.com
Fundraising Beth Gratopp beth_gratopp@yahoo.com
Cheers Kelly Vangelov kellyvangelov@gmail.com
***Important Safety Notice***

Attention Parents

We ask your assistance in not parking by the “drop off” loop prior to school. The loop was designed to drop students off at the right curb and then continue to the exit. The concern has been that parents park and wait for the bell before releasing their student thus creating back-ups and safety concerns.

Please adhere to the following:

- Please proceed to the furthest point available in the loop to drop off your student. Stopping on the curve will only create problems. Do not park or remain in the line of the traffic pattern.
- Please keep right. Drop off on the left side requires students to cross traffic.
- The loop is not designed to hold cars for long periods of time. If you would like to wait with your student until school is open, please move to the parking areas behind CMS: there is enough space.
- Do not use the parking lot area or the sidewalk by the cafeteria as a “drop off” loop. This also has created safety issues as staff is entering the building.

In the interest of student safety, your cooperation is appreciated.

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**E-MAIL INFORMATION**

If you would like to e-mail Derrek Ross, please be sure to add the #2 after his name, rossd2@slcs.us

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**MEDICATIONS**

Over the counter or prescription medications can only be given in school with authorized school forms filled out and signed by a physician detailing dosage and time intervals with the name of the medication. Parent’s portion must also be filled out and signed. Forms must be renewed annually. Medications need to be in their original container with student’s name on them and need to be brought to and picked up from school only by a parent. No medication will be kept for more than one school year.

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**NEW STUDENT LUNCHEON**

New seventh and eighth grade students were treated to a luncheon where they had a chance to meet each other and be introduced to the principals, counselors, the activities coordinator and other staff members. The luncheon was hosted by PTO/CHEERS and counselors Mr. Gilders and Mrs. Judd.
Forms to Return to School
(If you haven’t already done so)

Required:

- Emergency Card
- Technology Agreement

Optional

- CHEERS Volunteer Form
- Disclosure of Personal Information
- Pesticide Notification
- Free/Reduced Lunch Form

Please remember to send a note with your child to the office before school if he/she will be picked up early.

Students will then receive a pass with the appropriate time they need to leave to show to their teacher. This will keep classroom interruptions to a minimum.

Upon return, please bring doctor/dentist slip for attendance.

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Mission Statement
The Centennial Middle School partnership of staff, parents, and community will provide its students with an opportunity to achieve their individual potential through diverse and challenging educational experiences in a safe, cooperative environment that respects individual differences and fosters productive, independent and responsible citizens.

CMS PHONE NUMBERS
Please feel free to make copies for your home and car.

7TH/8TH GRADE OFFICE - 248-573-8600
7TH/8TH GRADE FAX - 248-486-4302
6TH GRADE OFFICE - 248-573-8590
6TH GRADE FAX - 248-486-4303
ATTENDANCE - 248-573-8610

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CENTENNIAL

December 10—Band Concert SLHS 7:00 PM
December 15—Choir Concert SLEHS 6 & 7:30 PM

Section 504 Notice of Nondiscrimination
Applicants for admission and employment, students, parents, employees, sources of referral of applicants for admission and employment, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the South Lyon Community School District are hereby notified that this District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, height, weight, marital status, genetic information, or any other legally protected characteristic, in its programs and activities, including employment opportunities. Any person having inquires concerning the South Lyon Community School District’s compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Section 504 is directed to contact Melissa Baker, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, 345 South Warren, South Lyon, Michigan 48178, 248-573-8130, who has been designated by the South Lyon Community School District to coordinate the District’s efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, the ADA, and Section 504.