

Partnership reemerges with Infinite Campus

A reinvigoration of a past partnership is underway between the Centennial School District and Infinite Campus. Centennial was the incubator for Charlie Kratsch, who created Infinite Campus while working as the district's technology director. He launched the original version of Infinite Campus in 1996, and now it is the largest American-owned student information system (SIS).

The new partnership is a win-win for both organizations and consists of four initiatives.

❶ **SIS Reimplementation**—Centennial's use of the SIS has been confined to its implementation point many years ago. This initiative will add all core products plus all enhancements, improving functionality while providing users with continuous updates and enhancements. Staff will be involved in on-going training through the end of next summer.

❷ **Addition of all Campus Premium Products:** Infinite Campus University, Online Registration, National Records Exchange, Online Payments, Messenger, Data Health Check, Data Warehouse, Data Extract Utility, Continuous Backup and Food Service. This addition will eliminate the need for other third party software products the district is using. For staff, access to Infinite Campus University (ICU) provides



training modules and assistance to greatly increase user capabilities. As with the SIS, staff will be involved in on-going training through the end of next summer.

❸ **HR/Finance/Payroll Pilot**—Centennial is working with Campus on a new product to meet the business needs of the district. This will replace a current third-party product while reducing complexity and creating operational efficiencies. The new system will be operational for the 2011–12 school year. Infinite Campus has been working on this initiative for many years, and Centennial District Office staff have been involved since early last summer.

❹ **G3**—This initiative, currently in the research stage, focuses on personalized learning for every student. Secondary teachers are currently involved in this initiative as is Centennial's Department of Teaching and Learning.

The partnership helps Centennial by increasing utilization of a current product; replacing existing third party systems; reducing complexity in operations; increasing community/parent relations using Infinite Campus solutions; increasing the visibility of communicated data; and reducing overall costs via software consolidation.

Infinite Campus gains by having a premium product user next door (they are located in Blaine north of The Village); learning from the customer feedback it receives from district staff; having a district willing to work on pilot projects; and having a satisfied user who is can serve as a reference.

Teachers win technology awards

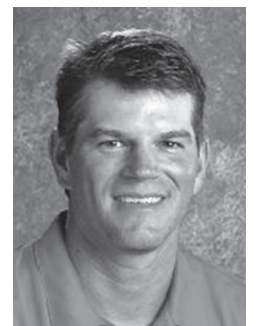
Michelle Thompson and Jason Tlusty were each recognized as a TIES Exceptional Teacher at the TIES 2011 Education Technology Conference. The award recognizes teachers who model best practices in using technology in their classroom.



Michelle Thompson is an outstanding and positive role model for all ages in the use of technology in education. "She is an educational leader in providing stimulating environments for learners and displaying enthusiasm for integrating technology into daily instruction and delivery," says Centennial Elementary Principal Kathy Kaiser. She shares her knowledge and passion freely and took advanced training to be a teacher trainer.

Michelle has had a passion for integrating technology into her first grade classroom for years, understanding that students need the foundational introduction to technology-related tools. Her students utilize the SMART Board in multiple subject areas each day, participating in morning activities and academic stations during the day.

Pushing limits, typically in technology, is something **Jason Tlusty** enjoys doing. A math teacher at Centennial High School, he also handles computer programming classes.



A 15-year employee, Jason is currently piloting a hybrid course using Schoology. Jason has prepared electronic lecture segments explaining various programming concepts. Students login to Schoology, listen to the lectures and then do the required homework before moving on to the next module. Rather than being physically in class every day, they attend 2–3 times per week and are online the other 2–3 days.

While being a district expert in the use of Schoology, Jason is also considered an expert on the electronic grade book used at the high school. "He is a leader in helping teachers facilitate technology," notes Principal Tom Breuning. "He's always pressing the technology edge to bring more to his students and enhance their learning experience."

Upcoming events

Late start for grades 1-12

Centennial School District has a 2-hour late start on Tuesday, Jan. 10 to provide staff development opportunities.

Transportation: 1-12 grade students report two hours later than their scheduled start time. Buses will run two hours late. There will be no morning ECSE since transportation will not be available to run these routes, but the mid-day session will be held. Kindergartners will be bused to school close to their normal times. Kindergarten Plus, morning kindergarten, and KTime Kids Club will run on a normal schedule. Transportation will create separate routes for late starts and communicate to parents prior to the dates.

Frolic benefits community

Centennial High School's Student Council is sponsoring its 9th Annual Frosty Frolic Saturday, Jan. 7, with proceeds supporting the Centennial Area Food Shelf. The race starts at the white building main entry, 4757 North Road. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the 5K race begins at 9 a.m. Refreshments will be served after the race. Cost for the 5K race is \$20 on race day and includes a long sleeve T-shirt. The Kids Fun Run begins at 10 a.m. (\$12 on race day) and includes a short sleeve T-shirt. Contact Patty Mechtel at 763-792-5122 for information.

Award-winning contemporary a cappella singers at Centennial

Take a break from work, grab your family and friends and awaken your spirit with **Tonic Sol-fa**.

Although they are simply four voices and a tambourine, Tonic Sol-fa has spent the past decade on the road carving their niche as the nation's top vocal group. In that time, this quartet has been named one of the top five "must see" groups in America, has been awarded numerous original song and album awards in pop, gospel and holiday genres, appeared on NBC's Today Show and in the pages of Newsweek magazine. Outings with Jay Leno, Shawn Colvin, and Garrison Keillor have propelled album sales to more than 2,000,000 copies (mostly sold from the back of their trailer) and have earned the group thousands of intensely loyal fans.

The New York Times describes Tonic Sol-fa's sound as "A vocal kaleidoscope...unique to the human voice." Improvisational and passionate music combined with cutting-edge stage presence is the benchmark by which critics and fans agree: nobody does it like Tonic Sol-fa.

Tonic Sol-fa won their first Emmy Award in 2010 in the "Musical Composition/Arrangement" category for a song performed in a Toys for Tots public service announcement. The quartet was also voted into the Midwest Music Hall of Fame.

Listen to Tonic Sol-fa's music at www.tonicsolfa.com.

This special event is sponsored by Centennial Community Services and Centennial Middle School.



7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 10

Centennial Middle School Auditorium

Tickets: \$20—Available from middle school cashier (school hours—763-792-5420), community services office (9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday), and at the door

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Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

2

NO SCHOOL

9

Whole Grain Low-Fat
Mini Chicken Corn Dogs
Vanilla Sweet Potato Fries
Garden Salad/Dressing
Variety of Fruit

3

WELCOME BACK!

Whole Grain Cheese or
Pepperoni Pizza
Steamed Cauliflower
Garden Salad/Dressing
Variety of Fruit

10

Tasty Nachos
Cup of Fixings
Hearty Brown Rice
Black Beans
Capri Mix Vegetables
Variety of Fruit
Cinnamon Churro

16

NO SCHOOL

17

SCHOOL ZOO DAY
Zoo Crew Chicken
Nuggets
Roasted Sweet Potatoes
Wheat Dinner Roll
Variety of Fruit
Zoo Shaped Animal
Crackers

18

Pizza Party!
Whole Grain Cheese or
Pepperoni Pizza
Good- 4-U Peas
Garden Salad with
Dressing
Variety of Fruit

23

NO SCHOOL

24 *Year of the Dragon*
Oranges
Lings Mandarin
Chicken
Wheat Dinner Roll
Hearty Brown Rice
Seasoned Green Beans
P/A & Mandarin Orange
Fruit Cup

30

Shrimp Poppers
Land-o-Lakes
Macaroni & Cheese
Wheat Dinner Roll
Maui Island Blend
Vegetables
Variety of fruit

31

Birthday Bash

Italian Dunkers
Whole Grain Spaghetti
with Thai Sauce
Steamed Broccoli
Variety of Fruit
Frozen Juice Cup

6

Super Beefy
Spaghetti with Whole
Grain Noodles
Wheat Dinner Roll
Mixed Greens
Salad/Dressing
Normandy Vegetables
Variety of Fruit

13

Campbell's Tomato
Soup
Toasty Warm Grilled
Cheese Sandwich
Oven Ready Fries
Fresh Jicama Sticks
Variety of Fruit

20

Elem: Annual
Beach Day
Choice of Smuckers
Unrustable
String Cheese
Fresh Baby Carrots
Fresh Fruit
Scooby Doo Bones

27

Build Your Own
Burger on a Bun
Lettuce, Onions, Tomatoes
Oven Ready Fries
Mixed Green
Salad/Dressing
Variety of Fruit

5

Tyson Chicken Patty
on a Bun
Oven Baked Low
Sodium French Fries
Fresh Baby Carrots
Variety of Fruit

12

Ultimate Breakfast
Round
Colby Cheese Omelet
Seasoned Breakfast
Potatoes
Chilled Fruit Sauce
100% Fruit Juice

19

Jennie-O Turkey and
Gravy over Fluffy
Mashed Potatoes
Wheat Dinner Roll
Country Trio Mix
Vegetables
Variety of Fruit

26

Knorr's Wild Rice &
Chicken Soup
Deli Turkey Sub on a Bun
Criss-Cut Sweet Potatoes
Variety of Fruit

4

Tasty Cheese or
Chicken Quesadillas
Cup of Fixings
Black Beans
Whole Kernel Corn
Variety of Fruit
SB Cinnamon Roll

11

Minnesota Hotdish
Day
School Planned Menu

18

Pizza Party!
Whole Grain Cheese or
Pepperoni Pizza
Good- 4-U Peas
Garden Salad with
Dressing
Variety of Fruit

25

French Toast
Sticks with Syrup
Pork or Turkey
Breakfast Sausage
Baby Cake Potatoes
Chilled Fruit Sauce
100% Fruit Juice

Cold entrée choice in elementaries.
Alternate lines available in secondary
buildings. All meals include milk.
Menu subject to change. Products have
been made in district kitchens or
production plants where milk, eggs,
soybeans, tree nuts, peanuts and other
ingredients are used. Nachos and Tacos
made with Low Sodium, Low Fat
Turkey. Salad=50% remaine with fresh
spinach added. SB= School Baked.
On-line information and payment
options at www.paypams.com at no cost
to user. Application for Educational
Benefits available on school district
website.

Lactose free milk available upon written
request.

Lunch Prices

Elem: \$ 2.30/day
\$43.70/month

Sec: \$ 2.50/day
\$47.50/month

Entrée: \$ 2.00

Milk: \$.50

Non-Student/Adult:\$3.50

