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Centennial Middle School  
January 27, 2012



## Centennial Middle School Contact Information

Principal Bob Stevens:  
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Main Office:  
763-792-5400

Activities Hotline:  
763-792-5617

Attendance Line:  
763-792-5407

Counseling Office:  
763-792-5413

Volunteer Contact: Kris Kottke  
kkottke@isd12.org

Office Hours:  
7:15 am — 3:00 pm

Middle School Website:  
[www.isd12.org/cms/](http://www.isd12.org/cms/)

## Mark Your Calendars

*Friday, January 27th  
Report Cards Going Home*

*Thursday, January 9th  
Time Out Day*

*Friday, February 10th  
Two-Hour Late Start Day*

*Friday, February 17th  
Teacher Workshop Day  
**NO SCHOOL***

*Monday, February 20th  
Presidents' Day  
**NO SCHOOL***

*March 6th, 8th & 9th  
Spring Conferences*

## *Time Out Day Thursday, February 9th*

*As we prepare for our upcoming Time Out Day on February 9th, we need your help. The attendance clerk in the past has faced the challenge of contacting between 70 and 140 families on Time Out Day to verify student whereabouts. We take the responsibility of attendance recording and being accountable for your child's safety very seriously, and we know you do too. Please help us by calling the attendance line in advance at 763-792-5407 if your child is going to be absent on Thursday, February 9th. We hope to see all the students participating in Time Out Day. However, please know we will be considering all reported absences as "excused absences" on that day.*

*Thank you in advance for your assistance.*

*Bob Stevens*

## Report Cards

Please be aware that students will be given their report cards during Advisory on Friday, January 27th and asked to bring them home to their parents. Keep in mind that you can also access your child's grades through the Parent Portal. A postcard has been mailed home to all families with this same information. We believe that students should be able to be responsible to bring their report card home to their parents and that parents need good information to make sure this happens.

## Spring Conferences

On Monday, February 27th the on-line conference signup will be up and running. Please remember to take the time to go on to the school web page at [www.isd12.org/cms/](http://www.isd12.org/cms/) to sign up for your parent-teacher conferences. If you have any problem with technology or have any questions regarding signup, please call Lisa Gramer at 763-792-5413.

Thank you,  
Bob Stevens

### MESSAGE FROM THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT:

The Counseling Department would like to thank all the parent volunteers who participated in Career Speaker Day! We had a wide variety of careers represented and the speakers did an excellent job engaging our students and providing them with a snapshot of their career paths and current positions. The following careers were represented: geologist, RN, veterinarian, IT project manager, training & development, quality engineer, court reporter, FBI/Secret service, police officer, sales engineer, physical therapist, air traffic controller, research coordinator, commodities broker, artist/freelance illustrator, and human resources support manager.

We would like to thank the following people for sharing their careers and experiences: Stacey Larson, Susan Nygaard, Pat Jennrich, Michelle Rademacher, Amy Tolbert, Lynn Cothron, Lori Stouten, Tom Perzichelli, David Jansa, Kristine Spreigl, Lori Danzl, Allison Iwan, Brian Rydlund, Officer Young, Steven Thomas and Gina Montague. This was an exciting time for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders since they'll be planning for their high school courses on February 1st during their math classes and they're looking forward to their futures. This also tied in well with their Explore results/discussion from last week in their social studies classes.

### **Box Tops for Education labels, Kemps caps, Land O'Lakes caps & Campbell's soup labels**

Just a reminder that we collect Box Tops for Education labels, Kemps caps, Land O'Lakes caps and Campbell's soup labels at the Middle School. Our next deadline to turn those in is March 1st. You can turn them in to the school office or have your children bring them in. Thank you for your support!



### CMS PTA:

Our Annual Family Bingo & Silent Auction Night is just around the corner! This year our Family Bingo Night event will be held in the Centennial Middle School Gym on Friday, February 3rd from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.



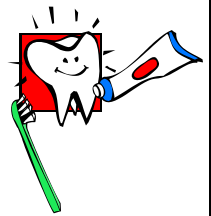
Bring the whole family for an evening of fun and prizes (like a digital camera, digital picture frame and so much more!) Concessions will be available! We will also be hosting a silent auction with winners announced in between games.

Guests are also invited to bring a non-perishable item to jump-start our Spring CMS Food Drive. Each person donating a non-perishable item will get a raffle ticket to win a prize!

If you have any questions please contact us at [centennialmspta@gmail.com](mailto:centennialmspta@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!

### **Give Kids a SMILE!**

The Furey Dental Group, located at 700 Village Center Drive, North Oaks, will provide free services for children from low-income families who don't have access to dental care. Appointments are available on Friday, February 3rd. For an appointment, call 651-490-9011. "Give Kids a Smile" is coordinated statewide by the Minnesota Dental Association, whose members are dedicated to making sure all children's smiles are the picture of health.



### **Helpful Tips for Families**

**Homework:** Homework can be requested via the attendance line at 763-792-5407 after two days of absence. Don't forget that homework is available for pick-up in the cafeteria from 3:00 pm until 4:30 pm. Please see one of the paraprofessionals for assistance. If you have questions about homework, please email the teacher directly.

**Morning drop-off:** Please be reminded that the doors open to receive students at 7:15 am each day. However, students sit in the cafeteria until 7:25 am when the first bell rings, and then students still have an additional 15 minutes before the 7:40 start of Advisory. Remember, we don't start taking attendance until 7:40 am. This may help as you navigate morning drop-off traffic.



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Schedule of events:

6:30-7:30 PM ~ Storytelling

8:00-9:00 PM ~ Dance & Drum

Ongoing from 5:30—9:00 PM ~ hands-on exhibits including food, buffalo, wolf, regalia, and games

Fry bread tacos and vendors with one-of-a kind items

Bring your friends and family

## Centennial Schools

## Annual Spirit of the Earth Expo

Friday

February 24,  
2012

5:30—9:00 PM

Centennial  
High School  
Red Building—  
Lower Gym  
4881 101st  
Lane NE

Everyone is  
invited – no  
admission fee

Contact Tricia  
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