

# Centennial Elementary School

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## From Our Principal:

Newsletter October 2016

Dear Centennial Families,

As I've observed each classroom over the last ten weeks I've been impressed at the high caliber of educators and students we have at Centennial. Our students have worked hard this quarter to gain new skills and show how much they've grown. I love that everyone is working hard to go the extra degree with regard to academics, but now is the time for relaxation, fun, and celebrating quarter one successes!

Several families have shared their Fall Break plans with me: many are going to Disneyland, some families are excited for the start of hunting season and heading up North, while other families plan to stay local and enjoy activities like picnics in their backyards or flashlight tag. Whatever your plans are for the Fall Break spend it together as a family and use this time to build those lasting memories and live like a kid yourself!

My family and I will be going to Disney World over the break. I went to Disney once as a child, but it's been nearly 30 years. Not only am I excited to experience "The Most Magical Place on Earth" as an adult, but I am beyond excited to re-live this adventure through my seven-year-old daughter, Tori. I can't even imagine what her reaction will be when we walk through the turnstile and she experiences that magic for the first time!

Maybe your "Most Magical Place on Earth" isn't Disney, but wherever it is, I hope you enjoy the extra time with your children and make memories over the next two weeks. Go outside and play with your children, go on a bike ride, stay up late watching movies, and laugh until your bellies hurt.

See you on the 18th!

Rachel Broadley, Principal.



## A Message from the Assistant Principal:

Greetings Centennial Community,

It is hard to believe that a quarter of the school year has passed. This first quarter marked another great beginning for Centennial and was filled with many accomplishments, successes, and great memories. As we all look forward to Fall Break to relax and recharge, we are also eager about the many great things that lie ahead. The second quarter is an exciting time for many us, as temperatures begin to drop and we start to sense the holidays soon approaching. The holiday season brings many traditions and special memories to so many of us. The Centennial community prides itself on our traditions and the countless special memories experienced here. I am especially looking forward to my first Pumpkin Lighting and being a part of one of the wonderful traditions that continue to separate Centennial from any other school. Enjoy your Fall Break and I look forward to seeing all of you when we get back to make new memories and continue to celebrate all the great things we do at Centennial.

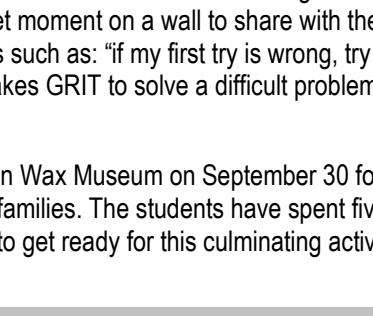
Sincerely,

Matthew Verville

## Student Government: "STUGO"

**Spirit Week is October 24—28th**  
**Monday: Crazy hair**  
**Tuesday: College shirts**  
**Wednesday: Twin Day**  
**Thursday: Throwback Thursday**  
**Friday: Pajama Day**

Congratulations to  
Mrs. Johnsons class for winning a  
cheesecake party by donating the  
most jars of P-nut butter!!!



## LIBRARY NEWS:

Fall Book Fair Runs Oct. 18—21. Stop in on the day we return from Fall Break, and see all Book Fair has to offer!

Battle of the Books #2 will be on Dec. 9th. The 4 battle books are available to check out in the library, see Mrs. Kolins.

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4	12:01-12:15	12:16-12:31	4	12:01-12:11	12:12-12:31
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## Early Release Every WEDS @ 1:00

### Birds Nest News:

**KINDER News :** Kindergarten will be focusing on our unit farm, pumpkins and apples! We will be going on our field trip to Schnepp Farms Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure your child has a sack lunch and weather appropriate clothing. We are going to have so much fun! We will then have our Halloween parties on Monday October 31<sup>st</sup>. Your child's teacher will send more information about the party.

Please continue to practice letter identification, letter sounds, and sight words at home. We hope you have a fantastic fall break!

**First Grade News:** Happy Harvesting! Fall is here and with it comes lots of frightful fun in first grade! We will be getting ready for Halloween by learning about creepy crawling spiders in science, reading and writing. Don't forget our classroom Halloween parties will be Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. Check the weekly email to see how you can sign up to help or what supplies need to be donated. We appreciate all that you do to help us make 1<sup>st</sup> grade FUN! Our first fieldtrip to the Mesa Performing Art Center is coming up on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure to return permission slips and \$10 by Friday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>.

**SECOND Grade News:** We are so excited for fall in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and have so many exciting things to look forward to! In science we are focusing on the human body as well as science related careers. We are excited to have a parent who is also a registered nurse in a NICU come to speak to the grade level about career expectations and the education that is required in the field. We continue to thank all parents and families for their support as the school year progresses!

**THIRD Grade News:** In third grade we will be starting some new and exciting concepts. For science we get to dive into our plant unit as well as the scientific method. Reading and writing will go hand in hand this quarter with a focus on non-fiction and non-fiction text features as well as writing informative papers. Our social studies unit will include Ancient Greece and mythology. This is a fun unit that incorporates a literature study using a book from the series *The Magic Treehouse*. For math we will begin 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter with multiplication and division again. We will focus on different units and some two step word problems. Don't forget to be practicing those math facts daily at home. We are excited for our first field trip to Butterfly Wonderland. This will be on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Keep an eye out for information from your child's teacher. Thank you!!

**FOURTH Grade News:** Fourth grade will be taking our first field trip of the year to Goldfield Ghost Town on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Since there's no better way to learn about history than to experience it, students will have a chance to witness what Arizona was like in the 1890's. Students will take a train ride around Goldfield on Arizona's only narrow gauge train while learning about the history of Goldfield and the Superstition Mountains. Students are sure to enjoy stepping back in time and spending the day in the wild, wild, west!

**FIFTH Grade News:** In 5<sup>th</sup> grade Students are focused on having a Growth Mindset. Each class takes time out of their week to reflect on having a growth mindset by posting a mindset moment. Students share and reflect on growth mindset that place them in school and outside of school that were 5<sup>th</sup> grade pod students have a chance to post their mindset moment on a wall to share with their peers! The 5<sup>th</sup> grade students focus on mindset comments such as: "if my first try is wrong, try again", "mistakes light up your brain", and "sometimes it takes grit to solve a difficult problem, that's okay!"

**SIXTH Grade News:** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade will be hosting the Egyptian Wax Museum on September 30 for all students learning about Ancient Egyptians and their culture to get ready for this culminating activity.

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