



NEWS EXPRESS

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Important Dates:

Oct 19	Dental Screening-Grades K & 3 only
Oct. 21	Schools Closed for students-MSCE Convention
Nov. 1	Flumist Clinic-More information to follow from Health Services
Nov. 4	Professional Work Day- Schools Closed
Nov. 11	Report Cards Issued
Nov. 17	Picture Retakes-Any child who was absent or would like their picture retaken
Nov. 14-18	American Education Week
Nov. 21-22	Parent Teacher Conferences-Schools Dismiss 3 hours early.
Nov. 23	Professional Work Day-Schools Closed
Nov. 24-25	Schools Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Band & Strings: Week B

Volunteer Week 3

From the Principal's Desk,

I know you will be pleased to learn that we have qualified, based on our enrollment, for an additional kindergarten teacher. While receiving this additional position four weeks into the school year creates challenges, we are happy to be able to reduce the ratio in our four original classes.

Erin Reisberg, former student teacher here at Centennial Lane and last year's long term substitute in first grade, is the teacher of this new kindergarten class. The boys and girls in Mrs. Reisberg's class began their new assignment on Monday, October 10, 2011. Former Centennial Lane kindergarten teacher, Patty Neidig and kindergarten parent Jean McIver, have been invaluable help in setting up the kindergarten room and volunteering in the class.

Additionally we have a new secretary in our front office. Tina Barnard is our new part-time secretary; she will be at Centennial Lane Monday through Thursday in the mornings and Friday in the afternoon. Please say hello and introduce yourself when you come in to school.

We will be celebrating Halloween here at school on Friday, October 28, 2011. We will have our annual parade outside followed by class parties. There will be an alternate get together with Mr. Gillespie for students whose parents prefer that their children not participate in Halloween activities. Look for a letter from Mr. Gillespie to register your child for this alternate activity.

Our parade will begin at 1:30 and we will follow a revised related arts schedule that will impact our lunch/recess times. Students will eat earlier on this day. If you attend a class Halloween party and decide to take your child home with you, please remember to sign them out either in the classroom or in the front lobby.

From the Health Room...

Please turn in your child's FluMist Consent Form as soon as possible, if you would like your child to receive the FluMist vaccine at school. The deadline for accepting consent forms is October 25. If you did not receive a consent form or need another form, please contact your child's teacher. Thank you!

PTA

We had a successful first Walk/Bike to School day last Wednesday with many families participating! After the students went to their classes, parents enjoyed some refreshments, provided by the PTA, in the cafeteria. Thanks to Mr. Owens for welcoming us with a rousing bugle call and the National Anthem. Thanks also to Boy Scouts' Bear Den for leading us in the Flag Raising Ceremony. And thanks to Kim Boodin, Kristi Pistner, Megan Roth, Eileen Singleton, and our custodian Rocky for helping set up the cafeteria. We will be encouraging families to walk or bike to school the first Wednesday of each month throughout the school year. Refreshments will be provided again in March, to start the spring season after the winter hiatus (no events planned in January or February), and again in June, to close out the year. If you are interested in helping plan these events, or any other events of the CLES PTA Safety Committee, contact Kris Singleton (klsworking@yahoo.com).

Yearbook

Photographers! Please remember to submit your photos for review in this year's yearbook!! Jolena and I are very excited to see all of the moments captured at the Dolphin Dash and any others!! Please send pics to Rippleeffect@earthlink.net and put "yearbook" in the subject line. Any questions, please contact Debra Betz at debrabetz@verizon.net (240-353-8205) or Jolena Arcuri at jolenaarcuri@verizon.net (410-375-9335). Thanks so much everyone for your support! Deb

K.I.D.S

Brochures/Registration forms for the Fall session of K.I.D.S. have been sent home with students in grades 3, 4, & 5. We are thrilled to present Rodgers and Hammerstein's "OKLAHOMA!"

Registration for K.I.D.S. is separate from all the other ASA activities. Please look for the blue form and send it in by Wednesday, Sept. 28. A registration form is also available on the PTA website. K.I.D.S. begins October 4 and runs through February 9.

Community News:

CHS HOMECOMING PANCAKE BREAKFAST and Parade:

The Centennial community is invited to join in the kick off to the CHS homecoming festivities on **Saturday, October 15** with an all-you-can eat breakfast from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM in the Centennial High School cafeteria. Cost is \$7 for students and adults, \$5 for children under 12. This is a great way to meet and get to know your neighbors and make new friends in the Centennial community. The parade through the neighborhood starts at 11:00 AM and is tons of fun for kids and adults alike!

Ellicott City Volunteer Fire Department Open House - Saturday, October 15th, 1-4p the second week of October is Fire Prevention Week and the theme this year is "Protect Your Family From Fire!" You can learn how to keep your family safe, and have some food and fun with your children, neighbors, and the local fire department, at the Ellicott City Volunteer Fire Department's annual Open House, Saturday, October 15th, from 1:00pm until 4:00pm At Fire Station #2, 4150 Montgomery Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043. Children can use a real fire hose or carry a dummy in one of our Junior Firefighter Challenge activities, they can explore the fire trucks, and even have their faces painted. Parents can get identification cards for their children from Ident-A-Kid. We will also offer blood pressure checks, vehicle rescue and fire extinguisher demonstrations, and tours of the fire station. If you find the firefighter with a boot collecting contributions, and decide to make a donation while you're visiting, we would certainly appreciate it, but the event is free to the public. We hope you can make it! For additional information you can call 410-313-2600, or check out these websites: www.ellicottcityvfa.com, www.firepreventionweek.org, www.sparky.org.

Fliers located in the school lobby:

Winter Basketball Ages 6-18. For more information or to register online go to www.hcyp.org.

Interested in Cub Scouts- Cub Scout Pack 361 still has openings for 1st grade boys in its Tiger Den. Join us for a great scouting experience. Your son will enjoy making a pinewood derby car, rocket derby, and much more. Contact Matt Seybold, mseybold@gmail.com or 410-465-7846, Joe Sedor, joe.sedor@verizon.net or 410-461-4476, or Anna Katz at annakatz@verizon.net or 410-750-7252.

Candlelight Concert Society-CandleKids for more information visit www.candlelightconcerts.org or call 410-997-2324.

Join the Viking Backers Longaberger/Vera Bradley Basket Bingo Night. November 18, 2011 at the Lodge in Catonsville. For more information visit www.vikingbackers.org