

SEPTEMBER 2021

IN THE LOOP WITH CENTENNIAL



Updates for the parents at Centennial Elementary



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept-6th
Labor Day -No
School

Sept-7th
First Day of
Pre-K

Sept-10th
Picture Day



LABOR DAY



September 6th -

No School

Labor Day.



First Day of

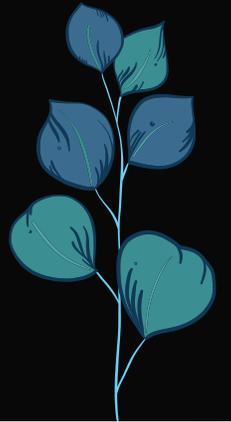
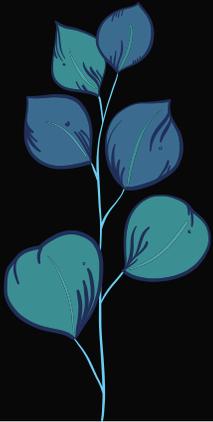
Pre-K, Monday

September 7th

Picture Day

Friday September

10th



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Welcome Back! It is so nice to see student's here and ready for a new school year! To start the year off on a healthy Note I thought I'd review our new illness policy. I'm sorry to say we're already seeing a lot of viral illness going around along with a few cases of strep throat. As always we ask that you keep your child home when ill. Our temperature cut off remains 100.4 or greater, your child should remain home for at least 24 hours and return when their temperature is below 100.4 without fever reducing medication such as Ibuprofen or Tylenol. The same protocol applies if they are vomiting or have diarrhea, please remain home for 24 hours and return only after symptoms have subsided and your child is eating and active.

If at any time you're unsure if you should send your child to school please contact me and I'll try to help you out with this.

I recommend you review our Elementary Handbook Health Policies that can be found on the district's web page but also know that the Covid protocols have changed and are listed in the illness policy below.

As always, thank you for all you do to keep our kids safe and healthy so they're ready to learn!

Mrs. Freel, Centennial Elementary Nurse

Southeast Polk Health Services

Illness Policy/Procedure

2021-2022

Stay Home If Not Feeling Well

Southeast Polk Community School District collaborates with the Polk County Health Department, Iowa Department of Public Health, and local healthcare providers to provide guidelines which define when a student is well enough to attend school.

*****The general message to families, students, and staff is to stay home if you are not feeling well.**

If A Student Gets Sick At Home

24 Hour Guidelines: Students should stay home until 24 hours fever free without fever-reducing medications (fever is defined as greater than or equal to 100.4 degrees), 24 hours without vomiting or diarrhea, and/or 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment.

If a student has been exposed to anyone with COVID-19 in the past 14 days, please isolate at home and call their healthcare provider right away.

If a student has no known exposure to anyone with COVID-19 and has been sick for 3 consecutive days, we may request that their healthcare provider be contacted for next steps, and a Dr. note may be requested for re-admittance.

We are still reporting illness to the Polk County Health Department daily so we are asking parents/guardians to report symptoms when calling students in ill.

If a student does not see a healthcare provider as requested based on symptoms, the nurse may request the student stay home for 10 days or show proof of a negative COVID-19 test in order to return to school.

If A Student Gets Sick At School:

School Nurses will use professional judgement to determine if the student may be returned to class, be referred for further medical intervention, or be sent home for rest and observation. If the nurse needs assistance in assessing the situation for COVID-19 risk, they will consult with the Polk County Health Department Communicable Disease Team.

Regardless of the nature of the illness, anyone presenting with illness symptoms that suggest communicable illness will be sent home with instructions to consult with their healthcare provider who can further assess, diagnose, and prescribe appropriate care to include when it is advisable for the child to return to school.

Reporting and Notifications:

The Southeast Polk School District will follow the guidance of the Iowa Department of Public Health, the Polk County Health Department, and the Iowa Department of Education to respond to positive cases of COVID-19 and close contacts for students and staff. IDPH and PCHD are no longer conducting contact tracing. The District will collect data on the number of positive COVID-19 cases of students and staff and report this to the public weekly via website dashboard.

For grades PK-5, parent notifications will be sent to the entire grade level when a positive case is confirmed. For grades 6th-12th, positive cases will be reported on the district dashboard.

COVID-19 Specific Guidance

Southeast Polk Schools, in general, will follow the recommendations of the IDPH Epi Manual for management of communicable diseases, including COVID-19.

If a student is tested for COVID-19 the child must stay home until the test results are known. (At home test kits may become available from the school pending IDHP and DE approval and guidance)

Persons testing positive for COVID-19 must isolate at home until all of the following occur:

10 days pass since symptoms first appeared

24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications AND

Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving*

***Loss of taste and smell or minor cough may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation.**

If the COVID-19 test is negative or if an alternate diagnosis is provided (i.e. allergies, cold, strep throat, etc), the child may return to school per the 24 Hour Guidelines above.

Southeast Polk Schools strongly recommends following CDC guidance regarding quarantine for any household close contacts.

If a parent chooses to quarantine their child due to a community contact, we recommend they also follow CDC guidance.

If the overall school absence rate increases or if positive cases of COVID-19 are confirmed in a school community, the PCHD may recommend additional screening measures to mitigate the situation until the absence rate declines and/or cases of COVID-19 are fully addressed.