

Feb 2025

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Updates for Centennial Elementary Families



February



UPCOMING EVENTS

02/03 - PTA
Meeting

02/20 - 2nd & 4th
Grade Music Concert

03/02 - Build It Up
Event

Conferences
03/11/25 - 4:00 to 8:00pm
03/13/25 - 12:30 to 7:30pm

03/14 -No School

03/17-3/21-Spring
Break No School

Centennial PTA

President: Melissa Wubben

Vice President: Emy Gregg

Treasurer: Jennifer Reutzel Vaughan

Secretary: Lindsay Allen

**Mon, 02/03 PTA Meeting @
6:00pm in the Centennial Library**



Hello Centennial Families!

I wanted to get our testing dates out to you this year as soon as possible, so we don't have students absent at these times. Please keep these dates in mind when scheduling appointments that would take your student out of the building.

Thank you for working with us to make sure your student is present!

Mrs. Waddell



Assessment Windows

FAST

Aug 26th-Sept 6th

Jan 6th-Jan 17th

May12th-May23rd

iReady

Aug 26th-Sept 26

(Grades 1-5)

Sept 20th-Sept26th

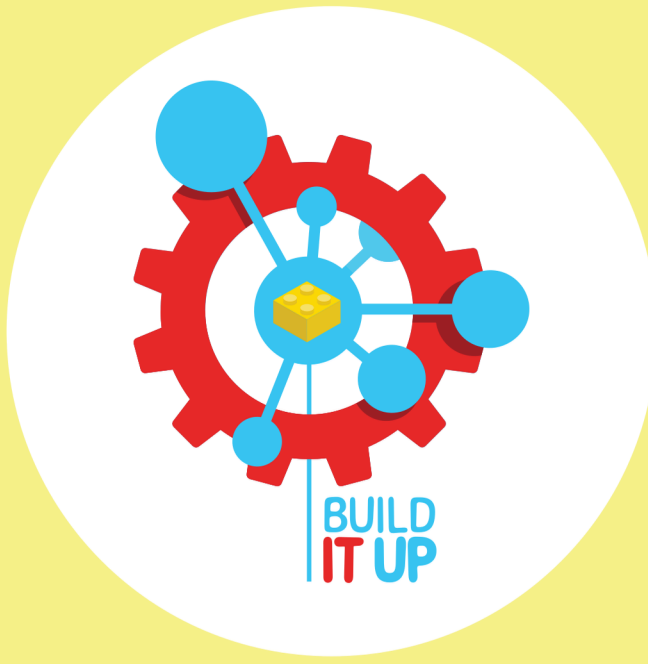
(Kindergarten)

ISASP

April 21st-May-2nd

ELPA

Feb 3rd-March-28th



SAVE THE DATE

March 2, 2025 | 1-4 PM

**Centennial Elementary 910 7th
Ave SE Altoona, IA 50009**

Join us for an afternoon filled with STEM activities for all ages! Admission: \$5/child or \$15/family (cash or check only) Building projects, experiments, legos, robots and much more!

Conferences are near!

03/11/25 - 4:00 to 8:00pm

03/13/25 - 12:30 to 7:30pm

(No School Friday 03/14/25)



2024-2025 Academic Calendar

Board Approved Nov. 16, 2023/Updated Aug. 8, 2024

If there are any school cancellations, the Board of Education will review those days and determine if/when they will be made up for the scheduled school year.

JULY						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	K-12 Hours	Staff Days
1	2	3	4	5	-	-
8	9	10	11	12	-	-
15	16	17	18	19	-	-
22	23	24	25	26	-	-
29	30	31			-	-

AUGUST						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	K-12 Hours	Staff Days
			1	2	-	-
5	6	7	8	9	-	-
12	13	14	15	16	-	3
19	20	21	22	23	6.5	8
26	27	28	29	30	37	13

SEPTEMBER						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	K-12 Hours	Staff Days
2	3	4	5	6	61	18
9	10	11	12	13	91.5	23
16	17	18	19	20	122	28
23	24	25	26	27	146	33
30					152.5	34

OCTOBER						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	K-12 Hours	Staff Days
	1	2	3	4	176.5	38
7	8	9	10	11	207.5	43
14	15	16	17	18	238	48
21	22	23	24	25	268.5	53
28	29	30	31		292.5	57

NOVEMBER						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	K-12 Hours	Staff Days
				1	299	58
4	5	6	7	8	329.5	63
11	12	13	14	15	360	68
18	19	20	21	22	373	71
25	26	27	28	29	403.5	76

DECEMBER						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	K-12 Hours	Staff Days
2	3	4	5	6	434	81
9	10	11	12	13	464.5	86
16	17	18	19	20	495	91
23	24	25	26	27	495	92
30	31				495	92

JANUARY						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	K-12 Hours	Staff Days
		1	2	3	508	95
6	7	8	9	10	538.5	100
13	14	15	16	17	562.5	105
20	21	22	23	24	593	110
27	28	29	30	31	623.5	115

FEBRUARY						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	K-12 Hours	Staff Days
3	4	5	6	7	654	120
10	11	12	13	14	684.5	125
17	18	19	20	21	715	130
24	25	26	27	28	745.5	135

MARCH						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	K-12 Hours	Staff Days
3	4	5	6	7	776	140
10	11	12	13	14	807	145
17	18	19	20	21	807	145
24	25	26	27	28	839.5	150
31					844	151

APRIL						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	K-12 Hours	Staff Days
	1	2	3	4	868	155
7	8	9	10	11	898.5	160
14	15	16	17	18	929	165
21	22	23	24	25	959.5	170
28	29	30			977	173

MAY						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	K-12 Hours	Staff Days
			1	2	990	175
5	6	7	8	9	1020.5	180
12	13	14	15	16	1051	185
19	20	21	22	23	1081.5	190
26	27	28	29	30	1094.5	195

JUNE						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	K-12 Hours	Staff Days
2	3	4	5	6	-	-
9	10	11	12	13	-	-
16	17	18	19	20	-	-
23	24	25	26	27	-	-
30					-	-

Event	Details
Wednesday Schedule	Grades 6-12: 2 hour late start Grades K-5: 2 hour early out No AM/PM Preschool
Parent Teacher Conferences	Grades 6-12: 10/07/24 and 3/10/25 - 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. 10/09/24 and 03/12/25 - 12:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dismissal times: Grades 6-7 @ 11:10 a.m. Grades 8-12 @ 11:25 a.m. Grades K-5: 10/08/24 and 03/11/25 - 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. 10/10/24 and 03/13/25 - 12:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dismissal time between 11:35 to 11:50 a.m. Buildings will notify of specific dismissal times.
No School for Students	8/14 and 5/30: Staff Work Day 8/15-8/22, 9/20, 1/20 and 5/29: Staff Development Days
No School	Holidays - Winter Break - Spring Break - Parent Teacher Conference Break

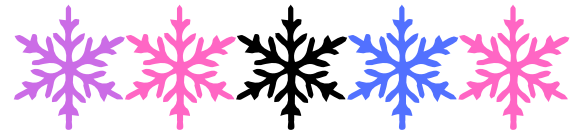
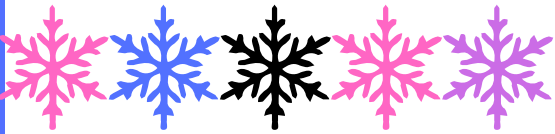
Date	Event
Aug 12-13	New Teacher Staff Development
Aug 23	First Day of School Grades K-12
Sep 3	First Day for Little Rams Preschool
Oct 25	End of 1st Quarter
Nov 15	End of 1st Trimester
Jan 2	Classes Resume
Jan 17	End of 2nd Quarter End of 1st Semester
Feb 21	End of 2nd Trimester
Mar 24	Classes Resume
Mar 28	End of 3rd Quarter
May 16	Seniors Last Day of School
May 18	HS Graduation-The Knapp Center @ 1:30 p.m.
May 28	Last Day of School/End of 4th Quarter/ End of 3rd Trimester/End of 2nd Semester
K-12 Hours	Southeast Polk Community School District has elected to schedule a minimum of 1080 Instructional Hours in the District Calendar to meet State of Iowa requirements.

A graphic with a blue-to-pink gradient background. It features watercolor-style flowers in shades of pink, purple, and blue, along with green leaves and stems. Small yellow and green dots are scattered throughout. The text "Spring Break!" is written in a white, cursive font, with "03/17 through 03/21" written below it in the same style.

Spring Break!
03/17 through 03/21

Centennial Elementary Cold Weather Recess

Guidelines



Parents, with cold weather and snow just around the corner I thought it'd be good to review our outdoor recess guidelines.

All students are required to go out for recess unless they have a note from the doctor. Rule of thumb is if they are healthy enough to be at school they should be well enough to attend recess.

The information below is based on the temperature at recess time, so if there is a change in the weather/temperatures, the flag color can change at any time during the day from morning, lunch, or afternoon recesses.

Green Flag: Full outdoor recess: **wind chill** temperatures greater or equal to **15 degrees or above** (*25min. for grades K-1st & 30 min. 2nd - 5th lunch recess.*)

Red Flag: No outdoor recess if **wind chill** temperatures less or equal to **14** degrees or it's raining or snowing.

















Please make sure your child dresses for the cold and wears a winter coat, hat, and gloves. Snow boots and pants are required to play in the snow and if not worn your child will be limited to the black top playground area.

If your child walks to school, it is very important they understand the importance of dressing warm and keeping exposed skin areas covered since cold weather emergencies such as frost bite and hypothermia can set in quickly if not prepared.

Thank you! School Nurse Mrs. Snethen

Parents of pre-school students: Teachers follow the same temperature guidelines with a 20-minute recess.

Shorts and Sandals/flip flops: Our guidelines for wearing shorts and sandals to school are **wind chill temps of 50 degrees or above**. I understand some like to wear shorts for PE which is fine as long as they wear long pants until and as well after PE.

Morning Temperature	On Top	On Bottom	And...
60 degrees or warmer			
45-60 degrees	 	 	
35 – 45 degrees (2 layers)	 		 Fall or winter coat & a hat
Below 35 degrees (2 layers) 	  Bubblebody Neue		 Warm coat, hat & gloves

Please have your child dress appropriately for outdoor recess so they are able to go outside when weather permits.



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