

**DATES TO  
REMEMBER**

DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>  
EARLY RELEASE  
AT NOON

DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>  
- JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>  
WINTER BREAK

JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>  
CLASSES RESUME

JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>  
ENRICHMENT  
PROGRAMS BEGIN

JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>-14<sup>TH</sup>  
COLLEGE WEEK

JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>  
MLK DAY  
STUDENT HOLIDAY

JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>-19<sup>TH</sup>  
SCIENCE FAIR  
PROJECTS DUE

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## A Message From Our Principal

It is hard to believe that Winter Break is upon us! Where has the time gone? Our school year has been wonderful thus far. It's great to see your children each day as they go about their learning.

I need to request some assistance during morning arrival. Our school day begins at 7:45 so we need our students, including the 5th graders who are out there for Morning Patrol, to be in their classes at that time. I will continue to be flexible when inclement weather occurs, science fair project day, late buses, etc. but I will be closing the door soon after the bell rings under normal conditions. Therefore, to avoid excessive tardies, which will end up in us having to go to Truancy Court, please get your child to school on time. There is adult supervision of the students starting at 7:00 am in the gym and the children are allowed to enter their classrooms at 7:30. I appreciate your help in getting your children here in enough time to start their day on a calm and positive note.

**Exciting news!!!** The student math handbook for every grade will be available, in its entirety, on-line after the Winter Break! It is an excellent resource to use as a reference while doing homework and playing math games at home. It also can be used as a reference for families to better understand the work their children are doing in class. The files will be available on the homeroom teacher's MyPISD page beginning in January. Your child's teacher will still have a few hard copy editions to check out if you don't have access to a computer at home.

I am so thankful to be here at Centennial. We have the best teachers, students, and community in the District. I will be announcing our "Experienced and Beginning Teachers of the Year" during our Spirit Assembly tomorrow morning. I look forward to seeing everyone on January 4th. I want to wish all of you a safe and joyous break. Enjoy your children-they grow up too fast!

Warm Regards

Jason Myatt, Principal



**Tchaikovsky's NUTCRACKER**  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade Fine Arts Field Trip  
Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

**\*permission slips due TOMORROW**

**REMINDER:**  
TOMORROW is the last day  
to order yearbooks, and  
upload yearbook photos.

See inside for more information.

# From the President's Pen

Can you believe we've completed our first semester? It has definitely been a very busy month and Winter Break gives us the chance for family time and much needed rest from our hectic schedules.

Looking back at first semester, we see many accomplishments. Thank you to all of our students, staff and parents that have worked so hard for Centennial. From your generous support of Write-a-Check to the many hours volunteered for school supplies, spirit wear and book fair, your support of PTA programs has meant so much this year. It has also allowed PTA to provide these and so many other programs. Each of you is truly appreciated.

Thank you to **Andrea Katz** for all of your fundraising efforts this year—both the Brick and the Write-a-Check program. You have gone way above the call of duty! I also want to recognize Terry Caskey for coordinating the cultural arts program "Storybook Theater". The kids loved seeing the stories come to life! Also, thanks to **Kendra Kennedy** for providing a beautiful and delicious holiday luncheon for the Centennial staff.

Special "thanks" goes to some "behind the scenes" folks like **Darlene Hunter** for all of her time spent creating our directories. Collecting, reading and entering all of that data is a time consuming task! I would also like to recognize our newsletter editor and webmaster, **Jackie Stevens**, for her weekly commitment to keeping us informed and updated on all of the school's activities – what an asset to Centennial! Please be sure to check out our website for detailed information about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and our school PTA calendar. I also want to thank Anna Wageman and our room parents who made the winter parties a lot of fun!

Looking forward to January and our annual Science Fair program. Additional information can be found later in the newsletter and be sure to watch for the fair countdown sheets. Remember, Winter Break is a great time to work on your Science Fair and Bluebonnet Breakfast books! Wishing each of you a holiday season that is fun, safe and relaxing!

*Jacque Delkus, PTA President*

## "Together We Can....."

This year's theme for the 2010 Reflections art program. We are very proud of all the participants and every entry was a wonderful display of our students' talents! The local and area level judging was recently held and congratulations to the se students for their honors:

Daniel Shu	5th	Award of Excellence, Centennial Award of Merit, District
Juhi Agrawal	3rd	Award of Merit, Centennial Honorable Mention, District
Lauren Kung	4th	Award of Merit, Centennial Honorable Mention, District
Madison Matheny	2nd	Award of Merit, Centennial
Liliana Venturoni	3rd	Award of Merit, Centennial Honorable Mention, District
Zeenya Meherally	5th	Award of Merit, Centennial Honorable Mention, Distict

## Reflections Judges Rock!

Thank you to the following who graciously served as Judges for our recent Reflections program:

**Lori Schmidt  
Justina Cox  
Shawn Batjer  
Ruth Kaminsky**

*THANK YOU!*

# The Counselor's Corner by Marilee Solomon



## Get Ready for College Awareness Week January 10<sup>th</sup> — 14<sup>th</sup>

**Don't forget to wear your favorite college t-shirts or jerseys Monday through Friday that week! On Friday, you are also allowed to wear a college hat with your t-shirts!**

Our district goal is for all students to realize the importance of higher education. In order to create awareness within our students, Plano ISD is continuing to include the development of higher education awareness in our curriculum. During the months of December and January, I will be teaching lessons about the importance of college and emphasizing the importance of higher education. Look for extra credit family activities to be sent home that will help foster a family discussion about goals, careers, and your college experiences.

## Congratulations to our December Citizens!

**"You will not be respected unless you respect yourself."**

### Kindergarten

Wilson: Jackson Graff  
Ondocsin: Clayton Sloan  
Kellum: Andrew Pokorny  
Morrison: Madeline Hammett

### First Grade

Vartabedian: Grant Barta  
Petersilia: William Caskey  
Martens: Arun Gupta  
Massaro: Naomi Levine

### Second Grade

Moore: Justin Robidas  
Capstick: Vaishnavi Vasudevan  
O'Connell: Samuel Kumbatira  
Fabrega: Samy Selvakumar

### Third Grade

Duncan: Jack Barta  
Felicella: Breck Hunsucker  
Forson: Matthew Cole  
Bonnett: Allie Crawford  
Garcia: Yamah Nayeb

### Fourth Grade

Gregory: Omair Khan  
Rounds: Olivia Chung  
Crain: Zoe Messenger  
Hernandez: Courtney Witte

### Fifth Grade

Arend: Jack Barnes  
Sanders: Noah Weinstein  
Carter: Garrett Hunter  
Fackler: Tom Sokhan-Sanj

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## What Are Our Children Doing Online?

Facebooking, tweeting, texting... technology is at the fingertips of today's children. But there are also dangers lurking behind the computer screen, such as cyber bullying and addictions.

Parents need to be informed and alert! Join other interested parents to discuss ways for us to keep our kids safe by monitoring and setting limits as they use an important part of today's technology.

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. (after Munchin' with Myatt)

Centennial Elementary Library  
Cookies and drinks will be served

For more information contact Marilee Solomon at (469) 752-0715 or [marilee.solomon@psd.edu](mailto:marilee.solomon@psd.edu). Visit [www.psd.edu/about.us/departmentsfamilyservices.shtml](http://www.psd.edu/about.us/departmentsfamilyservices.shtml)

## Environmental News



### Make Your New Year's Resolutions GREEN!

The New Year is a great time to make some changes - so make changes that contribute to a healthier environment! What can you do as a family to be more green in 2011?

**Reduce** - minimize the waste, electricity, gas, water consumption in your daily lives; walk or bike instead of driving; "unplug" for a while; shorter showers

**Reuse** - find a new use for old things, shop at consignment and antique stores, purchase products made from recycled materials, use reusable containers and canteens instead of plastic bags and water bottles

**Recycle** - set up a system that works in your household to recycle paper, plastics, glass, aluminum, etc.

**Composting** - recycle your organic materials and create a compost pile in your backyard; turn your grass clippings and leaves into "black gold"

**Clean Up** - organize a neighborhood clean-up day; have fun with friends while picking up trash and litter in the places you work and play

Have fun and be creative as you become  
**GREENER** in the year ahead!



## Canned Food Drive a Giant Success!!

A huge thank you goes out to all of you caring Comets! We collected 4,122 cans for families right here in Plano. We

Andrea Berkowitz	Jennifer Kendall	Nadia Rahman
Shelly Cotter	Nick Legamaro	Abbey Rapoport
Leasa Donovan	Jean Lundell	Marilee Solomon
Sandra Greene	Greg Peterson	Michelle Stapleton
Jani Hillyard	Linda Pong	Anne Woolbert

wish to recognize those parents who helped count and deliver all of those cans:

A special thank you to Senor Fidel for assisting all of the volunteers and loading the whopping 4,122 cans into the delivery cars.

Your generosity really makes a difference at school and in our community!!

Thanks,

# Specials Rotations

Rotations will change one week after returning from breaks.

Note dates below.

## \*REMINDER\*

Students need sneakers for PE days!



Oct. 18-Jan. 7	M	T	W	Th	F
MUSIC	C	E	B	D	A
ART	D	A	C	E	B
PE	E	B	D	A	C
	A	C	E	B	D
	B	D	A	C	E

Jan.10 - March 25	M	T	W	Th	F
MUSIC	E	B	D	A	C
ART	A	C	E	B	D
PE	B	D	A	C	E
	C	E	B	D	A
	D	A	C	E	B

March 28 - June 3	M	T	W	Th	F
MUSIC	B	D	A	C	E
ART	C	E	B	D	A
PE	D	A	C	E	B
	E	B	D	A	C
	A	C	E	B	D

### DATES TO NOTE

- \*Friday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>  
Early Release 12:00
- \* TUESDAY, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Classes resume
- \* Monday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>  
No School-MLK, Jr. Day
- \* Monday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>  
Student Holiday  
Teacher PDH Day
- \* Wednesday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Early Release 12:00
- \* Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>  
Early Release 12:00
- \* March 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>  
Spring Break
- \*Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Good Friday - Holiday
- \*Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>  
Early Release 12:00
- \*Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>  
Memorial Day - Holiday
- \*Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Last Day of School

A	B	C	D	E
3 <sup>rd</sup> Bonnett	3 <sup>rd</sup> Felicella	3 <sup>rd</sup> Forson	3 <sup>rd</sup> Duncan	3 <sup>rd</sup> Garcia
5 <sup>th</sup> Carter	5 <sup>th</sup> Arend	5 <sup>th</sup> Fackler	5 <sup>th</sup> Sanders	Mixed 5 <sup>th</sup>
4 <sup>th</sup> Hernandez	4 <sup>th</sup> Rounds	4 <sup>th</sup> Gregory	4 <sup>th</sup> Crain	Mixed 4 <sup>th</sup>
1 <sup>st</sup> Vartabedian	1 <sup>st</sup> Martens	1 <sup>st</sup> Massaro	1 <sup>st</sup> Petersilia	Mixed 1 <sup>st</sup>
Mixed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mixed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mixed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mixed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mixed 2 <sup>nd</sup>
KN Goldfish	KN Red Birds	KN Blue Horses	KN Green Frogs	KN Yellow Ducks

# CENTENNIAL PTA AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS SECOND SEMESTER REGISTRATION

Parents, It is time to sign up for the second semester enrichment programs. If you haven't done so already, please let us know your child's interest so that we may have our rosters ready when the semester begins after winter break. You can find more information about the programs on Centennial's website. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Matheny at (972) 898-0580.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes, My child will be returning to the Chess Team.**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Group (please select)



\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes, I would like my child to join Session 2 of the Spanish Program.**  
January 5<sup>th</sup> - April 20<sup>th</sup>

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this registration to the Centennial Office or your child's teacher. Thank you!

**Thank you to everyone who brought in gifts for the Giving Tree!**  
**Your generosity is very much appreciated by Centennial and Mendenhall families**

## Yearbook Order Deadline

Orders for your Centennial yearbook must be placed by TOMORROW. This year, yearbooks will be bigger in size and in full color. We will not have extra yearbooks available at the end of the year.

Go to [www.centennialpta.net](http://www.centennialpta.net) to order your yearbook online.

## Yearbook Photos Wanted

Parents, If you have great pictures of the below events, please submit by TOMORROW.

Go to [images.jostens.com](http://images.jostens.com).

Login ID: 400052198

Password: comets

First Day of School, Fall Picnic, Book Fair, 5th Grade Camp, Red Ribbon Week, Colonial Day