Hello Families!

Well, we are off! Thanks to all of you for your support from home as we know you are constantly talking with your kids about how school is going and how they can best navigate all that it means to be a middle schooler! Please know that your staying involved with your child and helping them navigate the system, understand their assignments, and track how they are progressing, truly makes a difference....even when they resist your support!

This year, one of our goals is to expand our connections as a school here in the North Boulder/Boulder community. We have a real interest in making authentic connections to our neighborhood businesses and enterprises. We have dreams of everything from guest speakers to "learning lunches" where masters of their fields can come, either in person or virtually, to inspire our students. No business/enterprise is too small or too big! We are looking for business leaders who simply want to know what is happening at Centennial and see how they might connect to our efforts to provide a quality education to our youth. To that end, we are asking that you take a few moments to fill out this <u>quick form</u> to let us know your thoughts and to share some connections!

We are hopeful that we might be able to form a group that would meet up to four times this school year to explore possibilities and dream up ways to light a fire under our student's middle school experience here at Centennial! Thanks for thinking about who might be out there that would want to be a part of this effort! After all, schools are supported by our local community! I have always believed that the community could be more involved in what we do here. This effort is a way to see what we can do to make our community feel more connected to the school. And please know that this is NOT about fundraising! It is truly about making connections for our students and teachers.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year even with all we are continuing to navigate together!

Go Cyclones! John McCluskey Principal Centennial Middle School