MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF CENTENNIAL STUDENTS



The Centennial Area Education Foundation (CAEF) generous supporters continue to advance learning experiences for students at Centennial schools. Dedicated to improving educational and teaching outcomes, CAEF's partnership with Centennial ISD12 and the community equip the next generation of learners to reach their fullest potential. The generosity of all comes together on behalf of our students. And, we thank you!

CAEF POWER OF CENTENNIAL GRANT AWARDS - FALL 2023

We were privileged to offer 12 different programs a total of \$12,850 to support enhanced educational opportunities to Centennial students. In total, CAEF awarded more than \$27,400 in grants during 2023.

FALL 2023 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Powerpack Program (\$3,000); Centennial Community Backpack Program (\$3,000); Centennial Middle School Science Waves & Energy Lab, 8th Grade (\$800); Centennial High School Infrared Light Measuring Tools (\$560); Pines School STEM Kits (\$1,347); Rice Lake Elementary Document Cameras - Kindergarten (\$240); Centennial High School Speech Team (\$500); Centennial Theatre Dressing Room Update (\$1,000); Rice Lake Elementary Level Up Reading Engagement (\$800); Centennial Middle School Alternative Desk Space (\$352.76) Centennial Middle School Positive Incentive Store for EBD (\$250); Centennial Middle School Student

Visit caefoundation.org/grant fo the grant application or to make a

Case It Binders (\$1,000).

donation directly to the CAEF Power of Centennial Grant Program one time or as a recurring gift.

Interested in supporting CAEF for a year? Become one of our annual sponsors. Annual sponsorships provide a significant value for donors who wish to have a presence at all CAEF events and online. Become a Champion of Education or an Education Hero at caefoundation.org/sponsorshipopportunities.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE MANUFACTURING PATHWAY

Centennial Area Education Foundation, \$43,200, Baileigh Press Brake, Baileigh Metal Shear and a Miller Dynasty 210 Welder; Minnesota Precision Manufacturing Association, \$34,000, two vertical mills; BERMO, Inc., \$4,500, steel; G&K Machining, donation, metal supply storage shelving; M.C. MetalFab. Inc., \$3,000 donation: PackEdge, \$3,000 donation for Sharp Manual Mills; rms Company,



ANNUAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS



don't miss your chance to participate in our annual gala! Buy vour tickets today at caefoundation.org/gala.

CAEF 2024

GALA

APRIL 13, 2024

Man & Dueling Pianos

district Fund-the-Need.

EBONY & IVORY

It'll be a rockin' good time at the annual CAEF gala featuring Rock It

Entertainment! Guests will enjoy an evening of rhythm and rivalry,

dinner, auctions, games, and the

Ticket sales close March 30, so

The Fund-the-Need campaign will continue supporting the Centennial High School Manufacturing Pathways program. Donations will be ongoing through the school year and support students with the necessary knowledge and skills for high-paying, high-demand manufacturing occupations post-graduation. Donate at caefoundation.org.

> Silent auction bidding will begin the week of April 7 and you'll get a chance to win one-of-a-kind items.

Manufacturing), design and donation of twelve welding booths; Twin Cities Powder Coating, donation, powder coating for welding stations, Twin City Fab, Inc., \$3,000 donation for a Sharp Manual Mills.

THANK YOU!

Fritz, and others!

Thank you to our community supporters: Houlihan Lokey, Capital City Glass, Circle Pines Dental, Our Savior's Lutheran Church Endowment Fund, ACTS Church, Centennial Schoolsrepresentatives and cultural liaisons, Lino Lakes Police Department and Night to Unite, Noah's Ark Preschool, Centennial Community Education, and many more! Project team: Amy and Lainey Minear, Juli Smith, Donna Norberg, Pat Feine, Traci Capistrant, Cori Sendle, Megan



Silent Auction Bidding caefoundation.org

travel packages, and unique baskets. To win fabulous prizes, sign up and register early at caefoundation.org for the online auction. Be ready to bid on several unique baskets as part of the district-wide battle while groups compete for the highest bid and traveling trophy. Silent auction bidding ends at 7:00pm Saturday, April 13.

Funds raised will support Centennial schools and students through grants and scholarships. Final gala results and highlights will be included in the next issue of *The Observer* and shared on the CAEF website.

Backpack Program

245 Elementary backpacks adopted by 130 supporters

O Middle School and 60 High School kpacks packed with supplies purchased monetary donations, Centennial High nool National Honor Society fundraiser ided supplies for 40 Pines School

OVER 400 Centennial students served

\$60-\$120 Cost of filling an average

ROJECT SPONSOR:



alumni news



An Opportunity to Give Back to Students

The Centennial Alumni Association will be giving three scholarships to members of the class of 2024 this spring. Scholarships are awarded to students demonstrating high academic achievement and a commitment to the Centennial community through participation in school and community activities, leadership positions, volunteer experience, and a desire to give back in the future as alumni. Students must have a parent or grandparent who graduated from Centennial High School to be eligible.



The 2004 Class 2A Boys State Hockey Champions and their coaches returned to the ice at the alumni hockey event on January 25, 2024. After the high school game, many former players strapped on their skates for an alumni game. (Photo, courtesy of Namyst Photgraphy)

Stav Connected with Alumni

Graduate of CHS? Stay in touch with Centennial by

Association (Official)

For more information, email

connecting with alumni on: Centennial Alumni

chsALUMNIisd12

isd12.org/get-involved/ alumni-association

centennialalumniassociation@gmail.com

Cinnamon Swirl Breadmaking

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FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

A Look Inside the Classroom

NEW MATH CURRICULUM!

new curriculum called Math

Expressions. The five pillars of

community, building concepts,

math talk, quick practice, and

student leaders. Mastering math

starts with knowing the numbers.

numbers to understand how and

why they work, and learning to ask

TEACHER

Summer registration is here! Be sure

summer activities with Community

More Than Pink (entering grades

3D Printing: Minecraft Creations

• DIY Crafting (entering grades 6-12)

Centennial Kids Obstacle/Mud

Duluth Vista Fleet Cruise and

• Chanhassen Dinner Theater

• MN Twins Baseball Game

Wild Mushrooms 101

Presents "Beautiful: The Carole

(entering grades 4-8)

• Kids Dance (grades PreK-5)

Exploring Cinematography

(entering grades 3-8)

Run (ages 4-12)

Lunch Day Trip

King Musical"

Experience

Pickleball

FOR ADULTS:

to register early for all your favorite

Ed! Some classes fill fast!

FOR YOUTH:

(Substitute rate: \$175/day)

Don't have a teaching degree?

Obtain a Short Call License is

you have a bachelor's degree

community ed

Contact mn.gov/pelsb

It's also about looking beyond

the questions that lead to a

to solving problems

thoughtful, informed approach

Math Expressions are helping

Students in kindergarten through

fifth grade are learning math via a

FOR A SNEAK PEEK INTO CENTENNIAL SCHOOLS

BUILDING A FOUNDATION

The aim of education is to help

young people be successful in

their lives. Success can include

academic growth, college and

career readiness, and overall life

to build a foundation through

students in Pre-K through 12th

grade, where success is built

through a sense of belonging,

improved well-being, and

increased engagement.

View postings and apply at isd12.org/join-our-team.

Substitutes are also needed! Apply online at teachersoncall.com

SPRING SPORTS AND RECREATION

Cougar Soccer Academy

• Spring Cougar Cup Soccer

(grades K-7)

(grades K-6)

lay 14, 2024

ARE HAPPENING SOON, INCLUDING:

• Beginner Tennis Lessons (ages 5-17)

• DASH Track & Field Tykes (ages 2-6)

f prey during a Wildlife Science Center

nd other raptor and wildlife artifacts.

Class #8571; register at communityed.org

• DASH Baseball Tykes (ages 2-5)

• Skyhawks T-Ball (ages 5-7)

• Skyhawks Baseball (ages 2-12)

satisfaction. Centennial is helping

Character Strong curriculum, for

OF SUCCESS

DISTRICT OFFICE 4707 North Road | Circle Pines | MN 55014 | 763.792.6000 www.isd12.org

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 6:30pm at the District Office Board Room unless otherwise indicated. See isd12.org to view agendas, watch live-stream from your own device, or view meetings from the archive.

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THE OBSERVER

YOUR DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWS



ADULT CONTINUING **EDUCATION (ACE)** English language classes are offered for free right here at Centennial to support adults who may be

Financial assistance may be available.

More than 20 Centennial High School

Cram for ninth graders, connecting witl

tudents to help them prep for their first

peer leaders hosted a Cookies and

Job opportunities for the 2024-2025 school year

RETIRED CENTENNIAL TEACHER

(Substitute rate: \$200/day)

(Substitute rate: \$20/hour)

High School Diploma required.

PARAPROFESSIONAL

immigrants or refugees. Classes are available in-person and online throughout the year. Contact **Pearl Cheng**, 763.792.5054 for more information.



Kids Club students at Centerville Elementary have embraced Character Strong, a social emotional learning curriculum. During the month of February, students learned about empathy by creating a petal collage and incorporating colors to identify emotions. Kindergarten and first-graders answered the question, "I feel when ." Second and third-graders shared examples of EARLY CHILDHOOD empathy including high fives, smiling, and greetings. **FAMILY EDUCATION** Fourth and fifth-graders explored uncomfortable feelings and ways to help lift others up when they EARLY CHILDHOOD (ECFE)

Register for classes and activities at **communityed.isd12.org**

Go to communityed.isd12.org (or find us in the drop-down menu of schools)

to register online. You may also call to register over the phone, 763.792.6100.



AQUATICS

Centennial Middle School students are

peers' projects and learning from others

designing and building robots and

CO₂ cars, testing them against their

Open Swim is available Saturdays, 11:00am-noon, \$2/per person at the Centennial Community Pool. now through May 25. Contact Clare Waddell for questions regarding swim lessons and pool rental cwaddell@isd12.org, 763.792.6115.



Join us for Truck Day and Celebrate 50 years of Earl

Childhood Family Education (ECFE)! Date: Saturday, May 4: 10:00am-noon; free even Location: Rice Lake Elementary

The ECFE Parent Advisory Council invites families with young children to this annual event to support Early Childhood programs. Come enjoy a hands-on experience with a variety of trucks and vehicles and wish ECFE a happy 50th birthday!

Planning Supports the Centennial Community

designed to help achieve the

district's goals and objectives.

part of the education process.

Your insight and input have

Centennial School District

improves service to our

provide students with

This planning work is an integral

always been essential to how the

community and students. You

opportunities to explore their

in their learning. The facilities

planning work helps meet the

A community input team of

feedback on the options to

address the challenges and

helped shape our strategic plan,

interests and experience success

expectations in the strategic plan.

around 60 community members,

parents, staff, and students give

opportunities the district faces

today and in the future. The input

committee met in February and

again in March. The district will

the blueprint to guide our work to

We are the future former Centennial educators and students dreamed about. Our district's first recorded school was housed in **F.X. LaValle's** home in Centerville in 1884. Francis Golden held school in her kitchen in 1880 near Golden Lake. In 1900, a school was built on the corner of Lexington and Lovell, which was leveled by a tornado in 1929 4. Examine the district's facilities and rebuilt. Through the years, to provide comprehensive classes were also held in church co-curricular opportunities for students and serve the basements around the community, and high school communities now and into students attended schools in the future. neighboring districts before A multi-year plan will be created Independent School District #12 with the community's help and was formed in 1957.

The early years required planning from making room for the hot lunch program of soup and hash at Centerville in 1917 and ensuring students had transportation to school by horse-drawn sleighs, to building schools and additions to address the enrollment changes as Centennial was created.

Like those before us who planned what is now the Centennial School District, we are assessing our physical environment and creating a 10-year facilities and enrollment plan to meet the changing needs of our community. The plan is based on four components: 1. Review student enrollment trends, current district enrollment, district demographic information,

and formalize student enrollment also have additional opportunities for input and feedback on the projections; 2. Examine the district's educational capacity plan components in the future. Look for updates and information relative to providing current and in future issues of The Observer, future programming opportunities for students to explore their and check the website for updates at isd12.org/ interests and prepare them for superintendents-office. career and post-secondary opportunities; 3. Examine facilitydeferred maintenance needs;

We've come a long way since the days of school in LaValle's home and in the kitchen of Francis Golden 140 years ago, and we're excited to see what the future holds for our students and the Centennial community.

DUR MISSION

is to provide high quality ducational opportunities emotional support, and social evelopment to prepare learners for excellence in their future.

DUR VISION

s a welcoming environment where all students, staff, and amilies belong.

DUR CORE

are *Connecting* and engaging udents in meaningful ways, excellence in learning and teaching while supporting udents in growth and chievement, *Preparing* students for their future by providing pportunities for academic excellence.

WINTER/SPRING ISSUE | 2024

AN "EYE-TASTIC" OPPORTUNITY!

Mr. Gutbrod's 5th grade class at Blue Heron Elementary and the Circle-Lex Lions' Club are working together with you to get needed eyeglasses to people in developing countries. An essay, written by Olivia, a student in the class, outlines why you should donate: ... "to help people of all ages who can't get

any glasses to help their poor vision. You can be the person to help someone get the glasses they need to have a better life." Send your donated eyeglasses by May 31 to: Blue Heron Elementary, c/o Mr. **Gutbrod's 5th Grade Class, 405** Elm Street, Lino Lakes, MN 55014 or drop them off at the school.

June 4: Students' last day of school

Sept 3: First day of school for grades 1-6, 9, and all grades at CALC and Pines

Sept 4: First day of school for preschool kindergarten, grades 7-8, 10-12, and Journey







nnial Middle School, was named show, visited Mr. Loydahl at



Prose: Olivia Fuller (8), 3rd, Ella

Reading: Britta Clapp (8), 4th;

Scout Groshong (8), 2nd, Gwen

Black (8), 3rd, Cordelia Schultz

Knutson (8), 2nd; Duo: Sofia

Howard (7), 4th; Extemporaneous

Story Telling: Maddie Rude (8), 1st,

(8), 4th; Great Speeches: Katherine

Zacher (8) and Cora Johnson (8),

3rd; Creative: Evelyn Nelson (8),

3rd; Serious Poetry: Nora Beeson

(6), 1st, **Jocelyn Johnson** (7), 2nd;

Humorous Poetry: Bryn Donaldson

(7), 1st; Drama: Charlotte McManus

(7), 1st; Cailyn Skoy (8), 2nd; Serious

Congratulations to **Scout Groshong**

performance in *Morris Micklewhite*

and the Tangerine Dress at the

October 14 - November 19, 2023.

The Children's Theatre Company

to the stage. Groshong was also

adapted the children's story book

Children's Theatre Company,

Prose: Aurelia Walker (8), 1st.

GROSHONG PERFORMS

(8) for a world-premiere

Purchase tickets for either production: highschool.isd12.org/athletics-activities-at-chs.

The Little Mermaio 4761 North Road, Circle Pines

collected at the Centennial High

the Senior Class Committee.

drive by a school in the state.

commitment to saving lives.

School blood drive, coordinated by

making it (consistently) the larges

Thank you to all donors for your

"We hope you are never in need

of blood, but if you are, know

that Centennial High School is

The Centennial Concert Choir

attended a choir festival at The

University of Minnesota where the

students had the opportunity to

performances by voice faculty and

Performance, and rehearse with

University of Minnesota Gospel

They concluded the choir event by

participating in a joint choir concert

where they performed a mass choir

Michael - Albertville High School

Congratulations to the following

students for selection to the 9/10

have a master class with

university, listen to vocal

students majoring in Vocal

Choir Director Adrian Davis.

piece with students from St.

and **The University Singers**.

Dr. Mathew Mehaffey, tour the

saving lives!"

CHOIR NOTES

MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

May 2-4: 7:00pm May 4 (Understudy): 1:00pm May 5: 1:00pm

Centennial Middle School: Finding Nemo Jr. Location: Centennial Middle School

(9), Charlie Lovett (10), Aidan Schulze (10), Chloe Hatfield (10).

Jaiden Berres (10), Natalie

is excited to have 11 students

REPRESENTING TEAM USA

Werdel are members of the

Northernettes Synchronized

Juniors Maggie Harris and Lilian

Skating team and named to Team

States in Salzburg, Austria at the

brought home bronze medals. To

round out the season. Harris and

Lundmark Trophy in Helsinki and

at the U.S. Synchronized Skating

Championships in Las Vegas. Ruby

Werdel competed in the Marie

Werdel (8), a member of the

teams, also skate with the

the U.S. Synchronized Skating

Championships in Las Vegas.

novice team and Landry Fast (8)

member of the novice and juvenile

Northernettes and participated at

USA for the 2023-2024 season.

They represented the United

Mozart Cup in January and

Jefferson (10), Brielle Reynolds

(10), and Lilly Yang (10). Centennial

participate in this state choir event.

Auditorium 399 Elm Street, Lino Lakes April 4 & 5: 7:00pm April 6: 1:00pm & 5:00pm





OWEN RINGEN (12), ALL DISTRICT JOSHUA LEE (12), ALL DISTRICT HM JOSHUA O'SHEA (10), ALL DISTRICT HM THE YEAR: MINNESOTA VIKINGS HIGH **BRADLEY BROWN** (12), ALL DISTRICT HM SCHOOL COACH OF THE YEAR CADEN COPPERSMITH (11) ALL DISTRICT HM AYDEN SADOWSKI (12), ALL DISTRICT HM

sports & activities

DAYLEN CUMMINGS (12), ALL DISTRICT;

TY BURGOON (12) ALL DISTRICT

ALEX JOHNSON (11), ALL DISTRICT



FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONS. CLASS 6A; SILVER ACADEMIC AWARD (3.50-3.74 CUMULATIVE TEAM GPA)

DISTRICT DEFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE YEAR, TIMOTHY BALL (12), HM; ACADEMIC

PIONEER PRESS EOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE MELVIN WALLACE (12), ALL DISTRICT

KYLIE NELSON (11), AC ABIGAIL SMITH (9), AC JULIA ZALEWSKI (12), AC MIRANDA SAWVEL (11), AC

KEATEN FRASE (12), AC

DOMINIC TREJO-MONSON (12), A

MARCUS WHITING (12), ALL DISTRICT;

MAVERICK HARPER (12) ALL DISTRICT:

YEAR FINALIST; STAR TRIBUNE ALL-METRO **WILL HAVRAN** (12), CLASS 6A MOST

STAR TRIBUNE ALL-METRO

ANNA SWANSON (10), AC ANNELISE OFFERDAHL (11), AC EMMA DELF (8), HM

BECKETT BABIASH (10), HM

ADDISON KEMPER (10), HM

BRADY PAITRICK (11), HM

ADDISON VAN ZEE (12), AC ISABELLE SIPE (11), AC 2ND TEAM ALL-STATE MARISA FROST (12), AC

KATELYN HAMSKI (12), A

NORA HELVIG (11), AC JORDAN METZ (12), AC 2ND TEAM ALL-STATE

GABRIELLE SIPE (11), HM **GABRIELLE VERKE** (11), HN

CLASS 3A GIRLS SOCCER

SOPHIA DAIGLE (12), HM **RUBY REISDORFER** (12), HM HEAD COACH OF THE YEAR **ELLIE GIVENS** (11), HM



GIRLS SWIM AND DIVE

KATHRYN WOELFEL (11), AC,

SOPHIA NGUYEN (8), AC,

LYDIA HYDUKOVICH (7), AC



BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

ALEXANDER PERSING (11), AC





FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

INSIDE CENTENNIAL

school news



KINDNESS

the compassion found in the kindness and demonstrate how small acts add up to create a powerful chain of goodwill.



they promote kindness in their school



Spring break has come and gone, and we're now on the road to wrapping up the school year. It was a strange winter, weather-wise, and we're all looking forward to the long days of sunlight ahead and more time spent outdoors.

Enjoy the spring! Jeff Holmberg Superintendent of Schools

Engaging with our community

our youth. Thank you to families,

the district's annual survey. I

feedback and look forward to

of The Observer. We survey

very helpful

helps ensure success in educating

students, and staff for completing

appreciate your participation and

sharing the results in a future issue

mid-vear to make any necessary

tweaks for the remainder of the

school year and assist with fall

The long-range planning work

planning. Your input and insight are

underway is built upon community

had meetings with our Input Team

of 60 community members prior to

this issue going to press and value

their participation, insight, and

helpful direction. Please check

upcoming opportunities to give

improvement in how we serve our

Centennial community. We look

forward to hearing from you!

the website at **isd12.org/**

feedback on the plan to help

superintendents-office for

ensure student success and

engagement and input. We have



Welcome, Class of 2037! Elementary schools hosted a Kindergarten Preview for soon-to-be kindergarten students the lunchroom, and a Q and A with the



Centerville Elementary students started the new year by immersing themselves i the power of empathy, and then shifted gears to focus on the incredible strengt of perseverance. Students set goals and shared by writing them on hearts and

LINKING COMPASSION AND

Blue Heron Elementary students are spreading kindness throughout their school. Whenever someone witnesses an act of kindness, they paper chain—linking together all school. This activity was introduced by the Student Council to promote



Second-grade student Grace Wellington which helps promote student goodwill. We couldn't be prouder of our students and the leadership of the Student Council as



FOSTERING A SENSE OF UNITY The Centennial Elementary Parent Organization (CEPO) hosted a

fantastic community/family event, a scavenger hunt! Hosting over 350 participants and volunteers shows just how engaged the community is in the school's activities. Events like these not only provide entertainment but also foster a sense of unity and connection among students, families,



It was heartwarming to see the smiles and nections made during the scavenger hunt. Kudos to CEPO for their dedication and passion in organizing such wonderful opportunities for the Centennial

schoolwide challenges - the

students are thriving!



WATCHING STUDENTS GROW This year, Centerville Elementary has enjoyed watching students grow as they explore areas of social and emotional skills and character development through the new PurposeFull People curriculum. Each month has been an adventure for students as they embark on a journey to discover and embody a different character trait. Through thoughtful classroom activities, engaging games, and fun creativity, and individual goal-

GOLDEN LAKE

IT'S A BEACH DAY!

Golden Lake Elementary students floated to the sound of waves crashing along the shoreline while reading their favorite book at the second annual Beach Blast. Teachers and Principal Gerst visited the beach, too, with book in hand and read with the students.



The school gym at Golden Lake ropical paradise, a perfect setting for some beach reading fun.



A MUSICAL SMORGASBORD

Rice Lake Elementary fourth graders put on "A Musical Potluck" that featured a menu of tasty musical morsels. This year's concert featured a smorgasbord o musical selections performed through singing, storytelling, movement, playing of recorders. barred instruments, and nontraditional musical instruments. The concert featured a story called

"Drum City" where students performed an arrangement of music by Mrs. Trebesch on pots, pans, barrels, lids, mops, rails, pails, boxes, crates, and anything else



Vivir Mi Vida" by Marc Anthony, voted as he school's favorite song during Hispanic leritage Month, was the finale at the Rice Lake Elementary concert. It was attended by the school community, and students loved the performance they created.



ENVISIONING SUCCESS Students at Pines School delved into a unique and creative project that transcends conventional learning. Organized by Annie Doody, a staff member at the school, the Vision Board Initiative had students working collaboratively to turn their dreams into tangible, visual representations. Students crafted personalized boards filled with images, quotes, and affirmations reflecting their individual goals. The project aimed to foster teamwork,

setting, encouraging students to

envision success beyond academics.

CENTENNIAL

FILLING THE SCHOOL WITH MUSIC

The halls of the Middle School have been filled with music! Large group and specialty choirs have performed and the sixth-grade band neld a concert in the auditorium. We look forward to these celebrations of learning and seeing the effort on the part of the students to become



Congratulations to Instrumental Music Teachers Ms. School band students for wonderful performances





Ellery Iserman, Nathan Roe, Katelyn Hamski, and Cameron Sherer who are recognized for their outstanding pictured, Leann Battikhi and Georgia McManus

Wills, Isaiah Theisen, and Corvnn Harvieux who advanced from Semi-National Merit competition Around 15,000 of the 1,3



in the building



to pack 23,328 meals, feeding 64 kids a meal a day



student news



Nationals. She has participated in competitions in Colombia, and this is her first season on ice in Minnesota as **MOLINARES WINS ON THE ICE** Valery Rodriguez Molinares (8)

participated in the U.S. Speedskating Long Track Age Group Nationals, winning the Women's Junior D events at 400m, 500m, 600m, and 800m. Molinares is from Colombia, South America and first enrolled at Centennial two

CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL **SPEECH TEAM TAKES** SECOND PLACE The Centennial Middle School

speech team placed second at their final speech meet. Team awards go to Most Improved: Ella Howard (7), Aurelia Walker (8); Rookies of the Year: Olivia Fuller (8), Bryn Donaldson (7), Serena Italiano (6), Evelyn Nelson (8); Best Leadership: Brennan Carlson (8), Britta Clapp (8); MVP's: Scout Groshong (8), Katherine Knutson (8); 2025 Captains: Charlotte McManus (7), Sloane Howell (7).

IT'S KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP TIME!

Blue Heron Elementary:

Centennial Elementary:

April 18, 5:30pm-6:30pm

🦢 Centerville Elementary:

Golden Lake Elementary:

MOBILE DEVICES FOR

ALL STUDENTS

April 10, 5:30pm-6:30pm

Rice Lake Elementary:

One of the key requirements of the

Days" (or Flexible Learning Days) is

2023 legislation on "E-Learning

ensuring all students have access

school day. Should the district

close due to an emergency or

inclement weather, students will

engage in Flexible Learning Days

to a technology device outside the

April 24, 5:00pm-6:00pm

April 23, 5:30pm-7:00pm

April 18, 6:00pm-7:00pm

interviewed on Fox9 News.

STUDENTS AND STAFF GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY Nearly 200 pints of blood were

recent grant enabled the district to purchase iPads for students in

students in kindergarten through

during the school day and to take

home prior to a school closing. For

Days and schedules, see isd12.org/

departments/teaching-learning.

PLANNING TO MOVE OVER

• Moving and will reside in the

Centennial School District?

Moving out of the district and

Moving out of the district and

not returning to Centennial

Please call your student's school

please send changes by email

to registration@isd12.org.

wanting to continue enrollment

THE SUMMER?

at Centennial?

Schools in the fall?

information on Flexible Learning

American Choral Directors Associations Honor Choir: Sophia Smith (10), Zoe Ford (10), Crow Pinsonnault (10), Brayden Boesch district news

and **Rep. Elliot Engren** at the District's Legislative Breakfast held in January. We are grateful for the partnership with our elected officials and the additional funding from the 2023 legislation.

or reduced-price lunch on the funding formula and the need to fully fund mandates from last year's session.

year. See isd12.org/enroll-today.

Centennial Schools? Tell us you live here

MEETING WITH OUR LEGISLATORS We continue to make our case for

Kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year is online at isd12.org/enroll-today.

Do you know of a family who lives outside the Centennial School District with address changes. After June 4,

so the District can plan for the future. See isd12.org/enroll-today/census-form.

The Centennial School Board met equalization in funding formulas with state legislators Sen. Michael from fair equalization and the

DISCOVER CENTENNIAL SCHOOLS

Do you have children not yet enrolled in

boundaries and is interested in attending our schools? We are accepting Open Enrollments for the 2024-2025 school







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