## **Centennial Elementary**

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## **Transition to PARCC**

As many of you are aware, there are new standards for measuring academic success in Illinois. The ISAT (Illinois Standardized Achievement Test) has been changed to align with Common Core Standards. The rigors of the test have been adjusted and all scores reflect that. Centennial was 25th out of 110 Elementary Schools in Kane County for the 2013 testing. It is hard to compare 2013 ISAT tests to those in the past because the test was completely changed. The Centennial Staff has been working diligently to align our curriculum with Common Core Standards.

Illinois is moving toward replacement of the ISAT with assessments created by the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). The transition is scheduled for the 2014-2015 school year and will include a computer-based assessment that will provide more timely results. The results of our current test, ISAT are not available for 6 months after students are tested.

The PARCC assessments will align to the Common Core State Standards and will provide information to ensure students are mastering the appropriate skills and content benchmarks for college and careers on an annual basis.

Unlike the ISAT, which is given once a year, PARCC assessment will be administered more than once during the school year. Teachers will receive real-time information about how well their students are learning.

The assessments will provide teachers, parents and students a clearer, more detailed picture of students' strengths and areas that need improvement. Educators and parents will be able to tailor their instruction to a student's individual needs.

The PARCC assessments also give ISBE (Illinois State Board of Education) the opportunity to compare Illinois students' progress on a national scale and ensure we are keeping pace with the goal of college and career readiness.

Illinois is among 45 states that have formally adopted Common Core State Standards for college and career readiness.

More information about Centennial can be found at the following website: http://schools.chicagotribune.com/school/centennial-school\_bartlett

Updates are posted on the website.

http://schools.u-46.org/index.pl?id=2185



#### Calendar of Events

- Tues. 11/5 8:30am
   Meet the Principal
- Wed. 11/6 6:15pm
   Meet the Principal
- ♦ Wed. I I/6 7pm PTC
- ♦ Mon. II/II 7pm Cinderella
- Tues. 11/12 7pm
  Cinderella
- Fri. Nov 15 1:30pm in gym
   6th Grade Wax Museum
- Nov. 18-22 Book fair during Library time Thurs. Nov 21 6-8pm
- ♦ Tues. 11/19 BOB
- Wed.-Fri. 11/27-29 Thanksgiving Break
- ♦ Dec. 2-16 MAP Testing
- ♦ Dec. 2-6 Santa's Workshop
- ♦ Tues. Dec. 3 BOB
- ♦ Wed. I 2-4 7pm PTC
- ♦ Tues.12-10 7pm Holiday Sing at BHS
- ♦ Fri. 12-20 Last Day before Break
- Tues. I-7 Classes
  Resume

### **BOB-BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**

On Thursday, October 24th, BOB had their first battle at Poplar Creek Library. They competed against 3 other schools and took 2nd place. Centennial had 85 points. The team did awesome answering all the questions correctly but the 1st Place team had 4 extra steals. Our BOB team took 1st place last year in the District and are looking forward to another amazing year. Our next battle is Tuesday, November 19th at Poplar Creek.

Students who battled on October 24th were: 4th Grade-Ayesha Sayed 5th Grade-Irene Bogusz, Christopher Garbarz and Nicholas Raymundo 6th Grade-Rachel Hovious

Members of the BOB 2013-2014 are: Rosie Edwards, Yazdan Raza, Ayesha Syed, Avi Amin, Lauren Kohl, Lauryn Martin, Safa Syed, Irene Bogusz, Kelli Clagg, Tyler Fencl, Christopher Garbarz, Nicholas Raymundo, Rachel Hovious and Peter Golaszewski. Coaches are Betsy Stoughton and Rachel Leone.



### National Education Week is November 18th-22nd.

### NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

#### Just a reminder:

Over the counter medication which includes cough drops, throat logenzers, bacitracin ointment, Neosporin ointment, Ibuprophen or Acetaminophen require written permission from **both** a Physician and Parent/Guardian.

http://u-46.org/healthservices/index.htm

# A Note from the Kane County Health Department:

Now that school has started, the flu season is just around the corner. You can protect your family by following a few simple steps:

The best way to prevent flu is get a flu shot. And remember the

three C's: cover your cough, clean your hands, and contain the illness by staying home when you are sick. AND you should stay home for 24 hours once your fever is gone.

If/when your child becomes ill with a fever of more than 100 degrees and has a cough/sore throat, he/she has what is called "influenza-like illness". When you call the school to report that your child is staying home, it is important to tell the school of these symptoms. The nurse is required to pass along this information to the Health Department. No personal information is sent.

More information about the flu can be found on the Kane County Health Department's website, www.kanehealth.com/flu.htm.

