

Centralia School District

Superintendent's Report
Regular School Board Meeting
October 28, 2020

Principal Appreciation

- October is Principal Appreciation Month
 - It is an opportunity, which we should do far more often, to recognize the hard work and dedication of our principals and assistant principals
 - Being a principal is an extremely stressful and complex job
 - Centralia has hard working, committed leaders that are not only growing and learning, but leading forward during a time of additional stress and challenge
 - Our principals are focused on students' learning and care and concern for students, staff, and community well-being and support
 - I am proud and honored to work with them
- Video
 - Special video to honor and recognize them
- We want to specifically name and give a special thank you to our eleven principals and assistant principals
 - Kelli DeMonte, Principal, Jefferson Lincoln Elementary
 - Andy Justice, Principal, Edison Elementary
 - Shannon Richards, Principal, Oakview Elementary
 - David Roberts, Principal, Fords Prairie Elementary
 - Danielle Vekich, Principal, Washington Elementary
 - James Bowers, Administrator, Futurus High School
 - Josue Lowe, Principal, Centralia High School
 - Mike Stratton, Assistant Principal, Centralia High School
 - Scott Chamberlain, Assistant Principal, Centralia High School
 - Kristeen Johnson, principal, Centralia Middle School
 - David Eacker, Assistant Principal, Centralia Middle School

Traditional Learning Plus+, *Meaningful Learning in a Digital World*

- We are excited for the arrival of our first through third grade students on Monday, November 2 in the hybrid model
 - We are also continuing the full virtual option for families that want to remain in the virtual model
 - About 20% of families have selected the full virtual option
 - This does require some shifting of staff and students
 - We want consistency for our students, but also want to create the opportunity for full virtual and face to face instruction. We know many students will benefit from the instruction and interaction face to face

- First through third grade families should have received information from the school and teacher regarding any changes for their child
- Fourth through Sixth grade students are scheduled to begin the hybrid model on Tuesday, December 1
 - This will follow the same model with the hybrid or full virtual options for families
 - Approximately 20% of families selected the virtual option
 - Staff are in the process of looking at staffing and needed shifts of teachers
 - Again, we are trying to maintain consistency if possible, but do expect the need to make some shifts
- We are working on a secondary plan for middle school and high school
 - We are using the guidelines of safety (both emotional and physical safety) of students and staff and meaningful academics/learning as guiding principles
 - It is complex to cohort students as much as possible
 - Working to create a plan that addresses both
 - We understand it is challenging for families and families want their child in school for the benefits of their emotional, social, and mental health
 - We are working to address and balance all of these needs
- We owe some special THANK YOUs
 - To our families and students: Our parents and students are showing continued grace, flexibility, patience, and partnership. We appreciate their willingness to work with us and make this work for students.
 - To our staff: The elementary staff have been planning thoughtfully for students, preparing for the transition to the hybrid model. At MS and HS, staff are continuing to learn and build skill in the virtual model. Our staff are demonstrating quick learning of a new way of planning and teaching, a willingness to go above and beyond to learn and to help families, and tremendous resilience. We appreciate their efforts.
- Food Service
 - This week schedule changed this week to better serve families
 - Delivery and pick up on Monday and Tuesday (with meals for Tuesday and Wednesday) and Thursday and Friday
 - Delivery and pick up times have remained the same
- Connectivity
 - We know some students and families are still struggling with connectivity
 - Either they have none or their connectivity is not adequate
 - If not adequate, please reach out to your child's school: we can add and additional hotspot or try a cradle point
 - For those without connectivity, we are working on the individual plans to address your need. Please reach out to your child's school
- Safety
 - Student and staff safety is our top priority and an ongoing work
 - We are continuing the work with IPAC
 - IPAC meets with weekly with Lewis County superintendents and are supporting and offering resources as we plan
 - Last week IPAC conducted staff and parent forums

- Additional consultation and training for our COVID leadership team in each building and cabinet is coming, and IPAC is providing a training module
 - Labor and Industry (L&I), at our request, visited another building this week to continue the comprehensive review. They have conducted the review with us in four buildings and we are addressing any concerns and applying what we learn to all buildings
 - We expect the initial reports from L&I by Friday
 - The Maintenance team and custodians are already working to address what we learned
 - Thanks to work of Eric Wilson and his team for their quick response and follow up
- Reopening Committee
 - The Reopening Committee met this week. They are scheduled to meet again November 23rd
 - We are thankful for the ongoing input and feedback of this group and appreciate their time and effort
 - We will post the summary notes on our reopening webpage
- Input and Communication
 - In my entry meetings, one of the items that was a theme was the opportunity for staff, parents and the community to give input and have a voice. We are working to build systems to create that voice and opportunity
 - As part of that effort, we are conducting a survey for parents and staff
 - The link for the parent survey is on our website, Facebook, and other social media and was sent via email to all parents/guardians
 - We ask and encourage parents/guardians to please complete the survey this week. Will close it Monday, November 2, 2020
 - We will share results and post them once the survey is finished
 - We are continuing to add information to our Reopening website at www.centraliaschools.reopening. There is a spot on the website to send us a question or concern. We encourage people to ask questions and share concerns. It helps us make the best possible decisions.
 - We are continuing our weekly Q & A forums every Thursday, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. through October. Tomorrow, Thursday, October 29, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. is our next session
 - In November we will move to two times per month: the first and third Thursday: November 5 and 19
 - They are streamed on Facebook and the links are available on our website, Facebook and other social media posts. We encourage people to participate in these as well. We want people to have answers and the information they need.

Budget Task Force

- The Budget Task Force is schedule to meet again on Monday, November 2, 2020

Thank You

- We want to extend a special thank you to Wal-Mart. Wal-Mart donated about ¾ of a palette of school supplies. Schools came and selected the supplies they needed. We appreciate Wal-Marts generosity and support.

Halloween: Something Fun

- On Friday, October 30 we are holding a Trick or Treat Drive Through at District Office (front)
 - 4 to 6 p.m.
 - In car, socially distanced
 - Age does not matter
 - Having fun and doing something fun for others does matter
- Bring kids, stop on way home from work: get a treat and/or a school supply!