September 1st, 2026

Hello Centennial Families!

We are off to a great start with our All Stars here at Centennial! Thank you all for everything you have done to set your students up for success leading up to and during the school year. We are grateful to work in partnership with you to help all of our students thrive from Ttk to 5th grade!

I wanted to share a few important resources for you all to read and review, as well as previewing how we are supporting our Kindergartners independence starting **tomorrow (Wed, September 2nd).**

2026-27 Centennial Family Handbook
This handbook is designed to provide you with essential information about our district's policies, and procedures. We believe that open communication between families and schools is vital to student success, and this guide aims to answer many of the questions you might have throughout the year. We encourage you to review the handbook, which includes Mount Vernon School District and Centennial-specific information, thoroughly and keep it for reference.

Second Step Social Emotional Learning Program Overview
This school year, all of our students will be receiving a social-emotional lesson from their teacher on Wednesdays, along with other opportunities during the week to practice and reinforce these skills. So that you can support this important learning with your young people, please read this Second Step Program Overview, which is the curriculum we use to teach social-emotional skills. Tomorrow, you will be receiving a "Home Link" message, since our school is starting "Unit 1-Growth Mindset and Goal-Setting" so you can preview what students will learn and how you can practice it at home.

Kindergarten Goodbyes at the entrance/foyer starting tomorrow, Wednesday
To support our Kindergartener's independence, starting tomorrow (Wednesday), we are requesting that families say goodbye to their children from the main entrance or right inside the hallway. There will be a team of caring adults that are ready to guide your student into their day (to get breakfast, or to go play until they line up outside of their classroom). We recommend that you make the goodbye prompt and positive. This sounds easy, but can often be one of the most difficult things to do. Giving your child "one more minute" simply prolongs the inevitable. As a parent, the best thing you can do is give your child a hug and kiss, say, "I love you" and reassure him/her that you will see them at the end of the day.

Early Release Dismissal (1pm) Every Wednesday starting tomorrow. Please make sure to plan accordingly for pick-up times at the end of the day.

It's great to be a Centennial All Star and thank you for putting your trust in our amazing team of educators to care for and support your child's growth at such an important time in their lives!

Enthusiastically,

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