June 4, 2020

Dear Centennial Parents and Guardians,

I hope you and your loved ones are safe, healthy, and doing your best to cope with the many weeks we’ve spent in quarantine. The last day of instruction for the 2019-2020 will be Tuesday, June 9th, 2020. If you have requested to pick up your child’s belongings, curbside pick-up will occur on Friday, June 12th from 12:00-3:00pm. When you arrive, please call 610-266-6500 and we will put your items, clearly labeled with your child’s name, on a table outside for you to retrieve. If you did not arrange with your child’s teacher to pick up their belongings and you wish to do so, please communicate with them by June 8th, 2020. If your child has medication left at school that you would like to pick up, please also come to the school on Friday, June 12th from 12:00-3:00 pm and call 610-266-6500 to announce your arrival. We will have a form for you to sign indicating the name and amount of medication being returned to you. If you choose not to pick up your child’s medication, any medication left in school will be discarded after June 30th unless arrangements are made with our school nurse, Maggie Ciliberti.

As the governor lifts the stay at home order, we are optimistic we will return to school in the fall for 100% face-to-face instruction. While we remain hopeful that we will return, our leadership team is planning for multiple scenarios to accommodate the possibility of social distancing requirements this fall. We are contemplating density-lowering solutions to reduce the number of individuals in the building at any one time that would enable us to open schools safely. When we have developed a comprehensive plan guided by the recommendations from the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, we will communicate with all of our families. Our anticipated start date for the 2020-2021 school year is Wednesday, September 2, 2020. To view our calendar for next school year, please click this link.

The Fourth Marking Period began on March 23rd, reflecting the first day that distance learning activities were provided to our students. In recognition that letter and number grading systems are not feasible under the current conditions, Centennial School will be issuing grades based on Pass/Fail for the Fourth Marking Period. Progress notes on IEP goals will also be modified as many data collection systems and progress monitoring tools associated with measuring “progress” are unavailable in this distance learning arena. Report cards will be mailed on June 15th, 2020.

Thank you for your efforts and support throughout this unprecedented time.

Have a wonderful summer!

Julie B. Fogt