

## **Centre School - February 2024 Newsletter**

### **Timothy Lannan, Principal**

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

I am amazed to report that as of this writing, we are just about halfway through the school year! Our first half of school went very quickly and all of our students are working hard to build on the knowledge and skills that they've learned so far. I appreciate your support in helping the children be successful in school during these challenging times. I also want to thank you for making sure our primary-age children read independently and/or read with an adult each and every night. This extra practice is important to your child's daily learning. Have fun with it! We want each and every child to develop a lifelong love of reading!

Our Centre School website as well as the district website can be found at the web address [SAU90.org](http://SAU90.org). It is always up and running. You can access information about the district as well as individual classrooms, current events, emergency situations, school closings, and school district happenings at this address. You will also find links on our homepage to our Facebook page and Twitter. Please refer to the SAU 90 website for copies of the curriculum standards, Common Core State Standards, School Board Policies, individual school district data, as well as the upcoming Hampton School District 2024-2025 Budget Deliberative Session to be held on Monday, Feb. 5, at 7:00 PM at Hampton Academy.

As always, you are welcome to contact me at the school by telephone at 926-8706 or by email at [tlannan@sau90.org](mailto:tlannan@sau90.org) if you have any questions about school programming or upcoming events.

The safety of our students, staff, and parents while they are at Centre School continues to be a top priority. Please encourage everyone you know to drive slowly when they are near Centre School and especially when using our parking lot. As a school community, we have already held a number of fire drills/evacuation drills this year. In the winter, we also practice "shelter in place" or lockdown drills. Please keep your emergency contact data current in our school office so that parents and guardians can be contacted immediately in the event of a school or individual student emergency. This is important for everyone's safety.

Please check with the school nurse if you have questions about your child's health. It is very important that we have current phone numbers so that we can reach you in case of an emergency. Please be sure to notify the school office if a change occurs. Please also call the school office by 8:30 AM to let us know if your child will be absent so that we don't have to call you or your emergency contact numbers to verify a student's reason for absence from school. Also, please state the reason your child will be absent.

Cold weather recess, physical education class, and outdoor breaks require hats, mittens/gloves, snow clothing, and boots to ensure that students are warm and safe.

## NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE

### February Nurse Notes:

Thank you for your continued efforts in keeping our community safe and healthy this year. It has been a tough year for many with various illnesses circulating causing missed schooling and work for many. Please keep your child home if they are exhibiting symptoms of illness. COVID testing is still advised for covid-like symptoms. However, negative COVID tests do not always indicate a child is ready to return to school. Even non-covid illness contributes to further absences and the sickness of others. Please be sure your child's symptoms have improved, and they have been fever free, off fever-reducing medication prior to returning. Students that do not feel well, generally do not learn well while in school.

Visit the Centre School [Health Office](#) webpage for more information about School Health related issues, like when is a child "[too sick for school](#)"?

Please send updated health forms and physicals to the school nurse to be sure we have the most up-to-date health information on your child.

February is National Children's Dental Health Month! Please talk with your children about the importance of their dental health and reach out to the nurse if you have questions or are in need of additional resources to support your child.

[Brushing Calendar- English](#)  
[Brushing Calendar- Spanish](#)

Kind Regards,  
Mallory Richard, RN  
Centre School

## LANGUAGE ARTS NEWS

Hello Centre School families! This time of year is an exciting time for reading and writing development! Our students are showing tremendous growth and love of reading daily! Our teachers are busy administering our mid-year reading and writing assessments. All of our students are screened three times a year using Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills 8th Edition (DIBELS 8), which helps us measure growth and determine areas of focus for reading instruction. Our 1st and 2nd grade students will also complete Star Reading, which provides us with more information about our students' growth in reading. You will receive your child's scores during the month of February. Thank you for supporting your child's early literacy development by reading and writing with your child in addition to engaging them in daily conversations! Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions!

Molly Termorshuizen, Reading & Writing Specialist, [mtermorshuizen@sau90.org](mailto:mtermorshuizen@sau90.org)

### Book Cart Dates:

Preschool & Kindergarten: 2/7

Grade 1: 2/14

Grade 2: 2/21

Information & Ideas:

[How to Get a Library Card](#)

[Reading Buddies TV Show!](#)

[Literacy Tips and Activities for Caregivers](#)

## MATH NEWS

Happy February Math Families! This would be a great time to revisit our free resource [Math At Home](#). Here are some grade specific links to some winter themed math fun:

[Kindergarten](#)

[First Grade](#)

[Second Grade](#)

Happy Solving!

Martha Dunham

Target Assist

Centre School

## NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR

February 17th is National Random Act of Kindness Day! Did you know that being kind can decrease stress and increase happiness? And doesn't it feel good to know you made someone else feel good? Children learn kindness by example. Here are some fun random acts of kindness taken from

[www.coffeecupsandcrayons.com/100-acts-kindness-kids/](http://www.coffeecupsandcrayons.com/100-acts-kindness-kids/) that you can do with your child:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Make a homemade gift for someone                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean up your toys without being ask              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teach someone something new   | <input type="checkbox"/> Pick up litter                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reuse paper when you are drawing                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Let someone go ahead of you in line               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean up your room without being asked                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Compliment a friend                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donate outgrown clothes   | <input type="checkbox"/> Write a thank you note for your mail carrier      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Write chalk messages on the sidewalk                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant something                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donate food to the food pantry.                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Leave heads up pennies on the sidewalk            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bring flowers (you can also drawn picture of flowers) to your teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Tell someone how much you love them               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Read a book to someone  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tell the principal how great your teacher is      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hold the door open for someone  | <input type="checkbox"/> Turn off the water while brushing your teeth      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do a chore for someone without them knowing                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Fill a kindness jar with candy for another family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tell a joke   | <input type="checkbox"/> Set the table for dinner                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leave a letter in a library book                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Leave bubbles on someone's doorstep               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feed the birds  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tell someone why they are special to you          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leave happy notes around town   | <input type="checkbox"/> Smile at everybody                                |

Book recommendations:

Max By Bob Graham

Have You Filled a Bucket Today? By: Carol McCloud

Be Kind by: Pat Zietlow Miller

What does it Mean to be Kind? By: Rana Diorio

Kindness is Cooler, Mrs. Ruler by: Margery Cuyler

The Kindness Book By; Todd Parr

Have fun!

Samantha Connell, School Counselor

### IMPORTANT DATES/INFORMATION

Please refer to the following list of dates and upcoming events. Especially notice **the week of February 26-March 1** are **NO SCHOOL DAYS FOR STUDENTS**. Children return to school on **Monday, March 4**. This newsletter is published at the end of each month and sent home electronically. It is also published on the school's website.

#### *Upcoming Events:*

Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 - Dance Club 3:00-3:55 PM

Feb 5-9 – School Counselor's Week

Feb. 7, 14, 21 - Gr. 1 Lego Club

Feb. 5 – Deliberative Session @ Hampton Academy Gymnasium

Feb. 13 – Hampton School Board Mtg. 6:00

Feb. 15 - National School Resource Officer Day

Feb. 15 - "The Calming Box" - Parent workshop 6:00-7:30 PM Centre School - Registration required

Feb. 20 – PTA Mtg. 5:00 PM

Feb. 26-March 1 – **Vacation Week – NO SCHOOL** (School resumes Mar. 4)