**Lions Roar 6-10-20**

**Summer Send Off Family Parade TONIGHT!**

Tonight from 5:00 - 6:15 we will be having a family parade to say goodbye for the summer to all our wonderful families. You won't even need to get out of your car! This should be a fun celebration with lots of waving and greeting teachers We invite families to decorate their cars, wear a funny hat and come ready to celebrate summer.

Here's how the parade route will flow. Enter through the north parking lot gate and head back toward the new playground equipment, just like you are dropping off students in the morning. Drive all the way back to the playground, loop around heading up by the buses, turn right as you come back to the main parking lot heading down to the early childhood playground, loop around and head out the south gate. Teachers will be posted along the "parade route" to hand out a variety of things for each of their students.

This is a first for all of us, a new adventure of sorts. We look forward to seeing everyone and wishing you all well. Thank you so much for all you've done to make this most unusual year a successful one. What a team!

**Parents can enjoy a treat TONIGHT!**

Centralia Christian School has appreciated the role our parents have played these last few months of distance learning and we would like to offer you a treat for your hard work (don’t worry, at the parade your kids will receive a treat for their hard work too). Before or after you join in the summer send-off family parade tonight, drive through one of Jimmie’s Espresso two locations (609 Harrison, Centralia or 272 N Market, Chehalis) and enjoy a medium drink on us. Just tell them that you are a CCS parent and your drink is on us! This offer is for parents of current CCS students between the hours of 4:00-7:00 on June 10.

**Musings from Mrs. Stout**

It looks like we’ve made it. Today is the official last day of school at Centralia Christian School for the 2019-2020 school year. And what a year it has been! We finished up 2019 strong. We greeted the new year of 2020 with great expectations and lofty goals for ourselves and for our students. And then came March 13, 2020, the day when the governor of Washington State mandated all public and private schools close. We waited, thinking, hoping and praying it would be just a short term closure. But that was not to be, and we found ourselves taking a deep dive into distance learning. Through it all, God has shown us the way. Praise be to Him and His absolute trustworthiness. And praise to you for your dedication and commitment to teaching your children from a distance.

Now, with the beginning of summer, we find ourselves waiting again. We wait for school to resume as usual in September. We wait for peace to return to the streets of America. And we wait for sunny weather.

What can we learn as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Lord? We can learn how much God loves us in real, experiential ways. We can watch for God’s answers to our prayers. We can look for ways to love our families as God loves them. As we wait, we can learn to pray effectively. We can seek to learn how God is calling us to grow. There is much to learn about how to handle disappointment with loved ones and how to love them anyway. We can learn to live in the light of his presence (1 John 1:7). Finally, we can learn creative ways to act out our love for each other.

We are people who have learned these past months to rejoice in hope and persevere in tribulation (Romans 12:12). This summer, as we live in God and walk with Him, we can watch expectantly for our love to grow more perfect (1 John 4:16). Now there’s a lofty and exciting goal!

May your summer be filled with hope in God. This hope we have as an anchor for the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast. (Hebrews 6:19). We miss you and eagerly look forward to working side by side with you in the next school year.

**Picnic and Play this Summer**

Because we have missed you all so much this Spring, we are planning Picnic and Play Outside days at CCS this summer on Wednesdays from 11:00 - 1:00 beginning June 24 through August 19. Students and parents are welcome to come to school, play on our playground, eat lunch together outside and even check out library books. We hope this will be a great opportunity to refresh our friendships and enjoy the summer sunshine.

**Watch your mailbox!**

Parents can watch for a mailing from the school during the last week of June that will include report cards, supply lists, calendars, immunization updates and other important information. All borrowed items (Chromebooks, school library books, classroom textbooks, etc.) will need to be returned before report cards will be sent home or records transferred.

**Summer Hours**

The office will be open June 12, 15 and 17 from 10:00 - 4:00. After that, summer office hours are Wednesdays, from 9:00-1:00.

**End of the Year Reminders**

* Please turn in all clothes that have been borrowed from our office.
* Lunch ticket carry over. If your child will be returning next year, any amount left on his or her lunch ticket will carry over to next school year. Students not returning will be refunded.
* Return all library books and school textbooks.
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**Thank You’s!!!!!**

*We would like to extend a special thank you to a few individuals who work to benefit all of our families here at school. You are such important pieces of the puzzle that is CCS!!*

*Joy Wilson for keeping our lawns looking lovely.*

*Sharma Cawley for serving as S.A.L.T. coordinator.*

*Missy Smith* *for working on the lunchroom calendar each month.*

*Mike Orr for volunteering in our P.E. classes.*

*Toni Kemp for helping Mrs. DeBoer.*

*Connie Taylor, Barb Perry, Mrs. Stiltner, Mrs. Rufner, and Mr. & Mrs. Carlson for many hours of volunteering in the classrooms.*

*Jennifer Hedgers for coordinating the Passport Program, and all the faithful test-day checkers who support her.*

*Eudora Carlson for teaching keyboarding.*

*Ada Norman for doing little jobs throughout the school.*

*Britany Hastings for being our Box Tops coordinator.*

*Mike Masters for helping students with speech.*

*Michele Cole and Dana Eaton for being our Homework Club helpers.*

*Ed Wallace and Jim Lowe for running our Chess Club.*

*Team Hopkins for cleaning up our front entry area.*

*Faithful School Board & Foundation Board members.*

*And to ALL the MANY volunteers who work quietly and diligently in the classrooms and background to keep our school humming along as smooth as it does. We couldn’t (and are so glad we don’t have to) do it without YOU!!!!*

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED to MOW or HAY field next to KMNT radio station**

SALT Hours can be applied to next year’s hours. Over the past several years, the KMNT radio station has graciously allowed us to use their field for our 8th-Grade Fair Parking DC Fundraiser in exchange for mowing their field during the summer. This has been a great money-maker for our students! Even though the fair is shut down this year, we still want to honor our commitment to keeping their field mowed. They would like it mowed just ONCE in late July or early August. (You are welcome to keep the hay.) If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Mrs. Montgomery rmontgomery@centraliachristianschool.org

**Community Service**

**2020 Census Count**

We have been asked by the US Census Bureau to help to make sure that every person in the state has been counted.

The 2020 Census is currently underway, and the U.S. Census Bureau is looking for schools and faith-based communities like ours to help inform everyone about the importance of being counted in the 2020 Census.

Responses to the census will drive decisions over the next ten years on the annual allocation of more than $16 billion in federal funds to Washington and local communities. This includes money for school programs, health care facilities, roads, transportation, recreation centers, social services programs and assistance with housing, heating and food costs to name a few. Services that are vitally important to your community.

Currently the response rate in Lewis County is approximately 55.5%**.**This is significantly lower than the State response rate of 65.9% and National rate of 60.5%. An undercount in our area may reduce the funding available for programs in our community, as well as representation at both the state and federal levels for the next 10 years.

There are three ways that you can participate in the census:

1. Online at [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov/)
2. Toll-free number
   1. English, 844.330.2020
   2. Spanish, 844.468.2020
3. Return paper questionnaire (a small number of households will receive a paper form)

If you haven’t already responded to the questionnaire, we encourage you to do so!