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Letter from your President:

In this month's article I would like to express my appreciation for what the Centennial has been doing in support of all our students. If you have not yet read the proclamation that was approved by the school board I strongly encourage you to do so. I thought it was so well written. It made me proud to be a Centennial employee. Now we need to make sure that it isn't just words, but that it is followed through with action. There have been workshops for parents to help them prepare for immigration policies which potentially will negatively impact them. There were also newsletter articles and support documents that we can share with families to help create an emergency plan that were translated into several different languages.

I was also very impressed with the way that Centennial decided to add back time for students. They looked at research that made it clear that just adding days to the end of the year was not what is best for students. Even though many of the districts around us just added days to the end of the year and made it clear to teachers that they would be required to make up all the time we were paid on snow days Centennial did not. They even applied an equity lens to their solution which I thought was a good idea.

We will be working with the district on what we can do to better retain the amazing teachers we have here in Centennial. Keep your eyes out for a survey that we will be using to work with the district on making sure we protect the things that keep teachers in Centennial and begin to change the things that make teachers want to leave. We are advocating for you and your students. This is a way to make sure your voice is heard. Thank you for all you do! Here's to you educators!

-Tony Whipps, CEA President

CALENDAR ITEMS

Feb 22:
School board
Pleasant Valley
7:00 pm

Feb 23:
Rep Meeting
Uniserv Office
4:00 pm

March 8:
School Board
CMS
7:00 pm

Important Information

Reminder: Check your checks... AND things like 403(b) contributions... with new people in Payroll things have sometimes gotten behind. Double check that everything is being deposited appropriately.



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Important Information

Keeping Your Computer Secure: A few reminders about keeping your MacBooks secure against potential theft, etc:

1. ALWAYS log off and power down when you leave for the day. Do NOT leave your computer on overnight.
2. Keep your personal and professional lives separate on Google—you can create separate profiles with separate passwords. If you log into a website for personal use, then make sure to log off IMMEDIATELY when done.
3. Make sure your computer is synching regularly– to check this, look for the little house icons in the top right corner of the top menu bar. Click on them, then click on “mobile account settings.” Make sure EVERY folder that you use is checked—the default is to documents only– so if you have pictures, movies, or still use the old “my documents” folder then you will need to check them to get those backed up.

Know Your Contract... Taking your MacBook Pro Home

Liability for your MacBook Pro is covered by the District IF you take “reasonable precautions” when taking it off school grounds– this is an important change:

5.11.4 The District will assume the risk for technology equipment used by any member when damage or loss of said equipment occurs off District property and reasonable security precautions have been taken (e.g. the technology equipment is in a locked vehicle, under a seat, in a trunk or locked compartment, as examples). The District is assuming the cost above the diminished value if they used the appropriate precautions.



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