

# The Flagpole

Centerville Elementary Generals  
<http://www.centervillees.com>

Newsletter Date  
Friday, December 2nd



## Important Dates

### **12/06/11 - Tuesday**

Buck's Pizza Night

### **12/07/11 - Wednesday**

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

### **12/08/11 - Thursday**

Parent Session

Reading: Just Do It | 6:30pm - 7:30pm

### **12/15/11 - Thursday**

Chorus Visit to Walton EMC

Chorus Performance | 6:30pm in the Cafeteria

### **12/16/11 - Friday**

End of 9 weeks

Coffee with Kim | 7:30am - 8:15am

Veterans Day

### **12/19/11 - 01/02/12**

Coffee with Kim | 7:30am - 8:15am

Winter Break - NO SCHOOL

## REMINDARS:

- Students may enter the building beginning at 7:50am and are tardy at 8:15am.
- All car riders **MUST** be dropped off on the Everson Road side of the school in the car rider line for the safety of the children.
- If your child is late, you must park and come inside to the front office to sign them in.

## From The Principal's Desk

December 2011,

Here we are with two weeks left before our long winter's break. There are a lot of things going on in these two weeks. Students will begin their midterm exams on December 8<sup>th</sup> and will continue through December 14<sup>th</sup>. These exams will cover all AKS taught from August until now. Please check your teacher's webpage to see how to help your child prepare or contact the teacher directly if you have questions.

A little bit of a reminder, winter parties will be held on December 16<sup>th</sup> only. The parties will begin at 1:30 and end at 2:30. Please contact your room mom for details or to volunteer to help. If you do not know who the room mom is please contact the PTA at [centervilleespta@gmail.com](mailto:centervilleespta@gmail.com) for that information.

The Department of Transportation is in the process of placing the "NO LEFT" turn sign in the proper location at the entrance to the car rider drop off and pick up lane. Once the sign is in place, Gwinnett County Police will be giving tickets to drivers that violate the "NO LEFT" sign. If you normally turn left into the parking lot, please continue down Hwy 124 past the school and turn right onto Quinn Ridge, then turn right on Everson which will place you in the right turn lane for Parent Drop Off and Pick Up. We have had two accidents this school year already and have asked the DOT and Gwinnett Police for help in keeping our children safe.

The other safety change that has been implemented is the checking of all visitors' identification upon entering the building. There are so many of you we know well but in order to make Centerville as safe as possible we are checking all IDs before you can enter the building for any reason.

As always I would like to invite you to Coffee with Kim every Friday morning beginning at 7:45am. I am interested in your thoughts and improvement ideas.

Best Regards,  
Mrs. McDermon

Centerville Parents,

The busiest time of the year is fast approaching, and I know many of you are juggling numerous activities. Thanks to all of the parents who attended Centerville's Read Around the Campfire last month. Your attendance made this event most successful. Many of the parents were contacted through Centerville's Parent email group about this event, and reminders were sent via email as well. If you have not signed up to receive emails about upcoming events at Centerville Elementary, it is not too late. Simply visit [www.centervillees.com](http://www.centervillees.com) and complete the required information. You will begin receiving email notices in the coming weeks, and you may unsubscribe at any time.

Tedra Norwood  
Parent Coordinator

## Upcoming Events:

### **12/08/11- Reading-Just Do It!**

This is an informational session to provide parents with strategies and ideas for reluctant readers or to extend reading activities at home.

### **01/05/12 - Math Doesn't Have to be Boring!**

This is a workshop on fun and innovative ways to improve math skills at home.

## Parent Center

678-639-3711

[Tedra\\_Norwood@gwinnett.k12.ga.us](mailto:Tedra_Norwood@gwinnett.k12.ga.us)

## Parent Center Hours

Monday through Friday: 7:30 am - 3:30 pm

5:00—6:00 pm prior to Parent Workshops - Additional Hours per Parent Request

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## PTA News

### PTA Volunteer Opportunity

Please consider volunteering for the "Gift of Time".

This is an opportunity for us to give back to our teachers with time. They spend so much time with our students it is our way to give them a little bit back. If you are interested in volunteering please look at the schedule below, chose a time and simply show up. You will get directions from the front office as to where to go after checking in.

December 5<sup>th</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade at 1:30

December 7<sup>th</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade at 1:30

December 8<sup>th</sup>- Kindergarten at 2:20

December 9<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade at 1:30

December 12<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade at 1:30

December 13<sup>th</sup> -1<sup>st</sup> Grade at 2:20

December 14<sup>th</sup> – Special Education Teachers at 1:30

## Counselor's Corner

### Your School Counselors

Cindy Osborn | 678-638-3722 | [Cindy\\_Osborn@gwinnett.k12.ga.us](mailto:Cindy_Osborn@gwinnett.k12.ga.us)  
Elizabeth Miller | 678-639-3721 | [Elizabeth\\_B\\_Miller@gwinnett.k12.ga.us](mailto:Elizabeth_B_Miller@gwinnett.k12.ga.us)

## NOTE FROM THE COUNSELORS

### 5 Quick Tips on Improving Your Child's Attendance

Research shows that attendance is the single most important factor in school success (Parent Institute). Here are some tips on improving school attendance for your child:

1. Establish your own consequences for tardiness or non-attendance (i.e. loss of privileges on the day of the offense—no visitors, no phone calls, earlier bedtime, etc.)
2. Make sure your child has a specific bedtime that allows for 10-12 hours of sleep a night.
3. Don't accept excuses for why your child "must" miss or be late for school.
4. Discuss with child what happened at school each day.
5. Establish nightly and morning routines (i.e. the night before, choose clothes before going to bed).

## CLASSROOM GUIDANCE

### December Topics

This month we will be launching the "Child Lures: Think First and Stay Safe" program. This program emphasizes some of the following key concepts across grades K-5: I can use my built-in computer (brain) to help me stay safe, laws help protect me, I can listen to and trust my instincts, I have dignity and worth as a person, and adults are here to help me.

This program also teaches students the lures or "hooks" that possible predators may use to hurt them. It teaches them what to do if they encounter uncomfortable or unsafe situations. If you have any questions or concerns about this program, **please feel free to contact us.**

At this time of the year, we would like to thank all of our generous sponsors for their support.



Tony Morgan - 770-972-6290

