

# Cougar Pause

Centerville Elementary

NEWSLETTER DATE

FRIDAY, MAY 20

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## Important Dates

### 05/20/11 - Friday

End of year Dance  
6:30 - 8:30

### 05/23/11 - Monday

Buck's Pizza Night

### 05/27/11 - Friday

Last Day of School  
5th Grade Celebration 9:00am - 11:00am

### 06/13/11 - 06/16/11 - Monday - Thursday

Kindercamp

## *From the Principal's Desk*

Dear Parents,

Wow! One week left, it is hard to believe we are at the end of another school year.

This has been the year of the Volunteer. We have had groups coming in to read with students, parents committing to work in classrooms on a consistent basis, volunteers showing up to help with PTA and other events, and the WatchDOGS are always on alert. As always, Centerville teachers and staff have gone above and beyond the call of duty to support students and parents. I wanted to say thank you to all who have worked to benefit the students of Centerville. Everyone working together is what makes our school such a special place for children to learn and grow.

All end of the year parties will be held on May 27. In the afternoon, we will have "Move Up Day" at Centerville. Beginning at 1:15pm students will have the opportunity to meet and spend a little bit of time with next year's teacher. This is a time for teacher and student to have conversation and get any summer material (supply list, etc...) they may need. Please understand that this is not a time for parents to talk with next year's teacher, there will be time for that later.

I will be sending out a summer letter with beginning of the year details. Be on the look out in mid July for it. We will also be providing the "Fast Pass" packet again this year. The packet will contain all the registration information so you can fill it out in advance of registration day. Stop by this summer to pick one up.

Have a restful summer,

Best Regards,  
Mrs. McDermon, Principal

**LOST & FOUND:** Make sure everyone checks the Lost and Found for any clothing articles that your child might have lost.

## ***Parent Center***

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It's hard to believe we have completed another school year. I want to remind you that just because school is out doesn't mean learning stops. You can review academic skills online over the summer through sites such as [www.internet4classrooms.com](http://www.internet4classrooms.com) or simply Google the skill your child needs to practice. You may also purchase "Summer Bridge Activity Workbooks" (\$14.99) that review the current grade skills and preview the upcoming grade skills. To reinforce reading skills, you may also participate in the reading program through The Gwinnett County Public Library. You may register online beginning May 9<sup>th</sup> at [www.gwinnettpl.org](http://www.gwinnettpl.org) or visit one of the branches on or after May 22<sup>nd</sup> to pick up a registration packet. Please have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Mrs. Kelly-Taylor  
Centerville Parent Coordinator

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### PTA News

PTA is planning a used uniform "swap" to allow parents to trade in uniforms that their child can no longer wear for a larger size. So go ahead and set aside any uniforms your child has outgrown. Also, we would appreciate it if any parents of rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders would like to donate their child's used uniforms.

### Media Center News

Six Flags Read to Succeed tickets should be arriving soon. Parents are welcome to stop by the media center to pick up their student's ticket before May 26th. Otherwise student tickets will go home in the student's report card envelope.

Summer Reading Programs: There are several Summer Reading Programs students can participate in this summer.

\* The Gwinnett County Public Library Summer Reading Program

\* The Double Dog Dare Summer Reading Program sponsored by Borders

\* Barnes and Noble Reward Kids for Reading

\* Centerville Elementary Reading Program

The media staff would like to remind students that if they participated in the Centerville Summer Reading Program by keeping a reading log, those logs can be turned in to the media center for special recognition on the news show and a special treat in the fall. Those students that participated in the Gwinnett County Public Library reading program will be added to the list of summer readers. Please note that the list of students that participated at the public library will automatically be sent to Centerville.



### Counselor Corner

Your School Counselor: Cindy Osborn  
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#### NOTE FROM THE COUNSELOR "TEST STRESS"

We've almost made it through another school year and summer break is right around the corner. In lieu of Career Day on Tuesday, May 24, 2011; I would like to encourage parents to explore as many careers as possible with your children this summer. Visit a librarian, postal worker, fire fighter, vet, doctor, mechanic, etc. See if someone can talk to them about their job or you explain what the person does in their job, training/education required, what a day is like in that job, etc (books on jobs are also a great resource and keeps them reading in the summer). Career development gives students the foundation for developing skills, attitude and knowledge for school to work transition. It's never too early to instill healthy work habits and explore the world of work.  
**Have a great summer!**

#### MAY EVENT CAREER DAY

When I grow up I want to be...

In celebration of Centerville Elementary School's Career Day 2011 on Tuesday May 24th

We are asking students that day to please dress up like the career you want to have when you grow up! Make sure their outfit is appropriate for school and comfortable to wear all day.



#### CLASSROOM GUIDANCE May Topics!

**Kindergarten:** Anger Management—Taming the Mad Monster; Book: *Where The Wild Things Are*, by Maurice Sendak

**1st Grade:** Respect—The Rainbow Fish; Book: *The Rainbow Fish*, by Marcus Pfister

**2nd Grade:** Assertiveness—How to show respect for yourself and others!

**3rd Grade:** Career Awareness—A Beginning Lesson!

**4th Grade:** Personal Interest and Career Questionnaire Workshop!

**5th Grade:** How To Do Great in Middle School—Middle School Transition Lesson!

#### GCPS Strategic Priorities - Public Image and Community Pride (see videos at <http://www.centervillees.com>)

The school district will promote open, honest, reliable, two-way communication that builds trust and confidence within the school community. We will share accurate, timely, and relevant information with stakeholders through appropriate communication vehicles. We will be committed to public engagement so that students, parents, staff, and community members will be well informed and able to provide meaningful input regarding district issues. The school district will overcome communication challenges such as those associated with growth, language differences, and access to technology. Communication will promote and reinforce the school system's reputation, conveying a clear and compelling story of our instructional and operational success. Effective communication will be everyone's responsibility.

**More to come next month...**

#### Cafeteria News

There is **NO MORE CHARGING** in the cafeteria. If a student owes money or does not have enough money on their account to pay for a meal, they do not receive a breakfast and lunch is only a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. If a student receives free meals, they will still receive a full breakfast and lunch even if there is no money on the account. Brightly colored notes are being sent home daily as warnings of cash shortages. Any money owed will follow the student no matter what Gwinnett County School they go to. If you have any questions, please call the cafeteria at 678-639-3710. Roxann Hennings