



Dear Centennial Parents,

Thank you for a fantastic school year! In my 18 years as a school administrator, I haven't seen a harder working group of students. I appreciate their eagerness to learn, and the positive treatment of their classmates. Our MTSS and Bear Lab have been excellent classes for Centennial to help our students fill in the learning gaps. Bear Lab and MTSS allow our teachers to help fill learning gaps, revisit missing concepts, and offer enrichment activities to your child's learning. Centennial's goal is to provide your child with quality instruction that enriches their lives and prepares them for future opportunities.

This brings me to why I am writing to you today.

State assessments have been a hot topic in the past, and many parents question whether their students should even participate. As professionals deeply invested in your student's success, we believe participation enhances the learning experience at our school significantly. Centennial continues to grow academically and to achieve state recognition for our results largely because our teachers diligently analyze this test's data to evaluate their instruction. We use the assessment data to differentiate individual instruction as well as to provide Bear Lab and MTSS; classes that address the learning needs of every one of our students. Part of our School of Innovation plan is to continue improvement in the areas of Rigorous Curriculum, Quality Instruction, and Social-Emotional Learning. The results from the annual state assessments are used to reflect on the first two areas. Centennial's outstanding results over the past years are a reflection of our analysis of that data and the practices we put into place as a result.

In order to have an accurate measurement of our instruction at Centennial, it is vital that all students participate in testing to demonstrate what they have learned. Centennial is striving hard to provide the best education possible for your child; we are very proactive in improving your child's learning experience and need your help. This week, please explain the importance of the state assessment (CMAS) to your child. During the week of April 1st, please avoid scheduling appointments in the morning. All middle schools at Centennial and Columbine will be on an early release schedule starting at 12:15 pm on Tuesday, 4/2 - Wednesday, 4/3 - Thursday, 4/4 - and Friday, 4/5. Check our Centennial Bears app for daily updates. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. Together we can continue improving education for all Centennial Middle School students.

Sincerely your partner in education,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Simo".

Joe Simo
Principal