

## Superintendent's Message

I have been proud to serve as your school superintendent for the last year and a half. During my time in Centerville, I have observed a community that strongly supports education, hard-working staff members who care deeply about students, and eager young learners who excel and grow to their potential. We see and serve ALL students and we are especially proud of:

- A well-rounded learning environment for ALL students
- High learning standards and expectations that challenge ALL students, academically and socially
- Our kid-centered and dedicated staff, board of directors, parents and community who ALL want the very best for students
- A robust curricular program that help prepare ALL students for a rigorous high school experience
- Our determination to help students access the latest technology to enhance learning for ALL
- Our 2019 Smarter Balance Assessment results, which illustrated growth and achievement for ALL
- Our high attendance rates. We care deeply that ALL students want to be in school
- That our students are well mannered and polite – teachers, staff and parents help hold ALL students accountable for their actions

Here in Centerville, we are truly fortunate to have a dedicated and supportive community to keep our school thriving. The school board and administration are committed to retaining local control of our school and we regularly advocate for resources and support from local and state leaders. The new school funding model approved by the 2017 legislature, has indeed challenged us. We work hard to ensure adequate funding for student programs, staff and services, even amid reduced revenues. We are appreciative that parents and community attend school events and lend their personal support when resources are needed.

We are grateful for ALL who make our school a better place for students to learn and grow.

Sincerely,

**Ann Varkados, Superintendent**

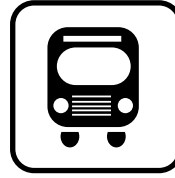
## Principal's Message

It is with great pleasure that I get to address our wonderful community again this year. My position is a joy and great responsibility and not taken lightly. The responsibility to educate today's youth is a huge undertaking, as public schools take on more responsibility in the complete education and raising of our youth. With so many demands on a school's time to do so much in such a short time, it is a challenge. But, rest assured, your school is strong, healthy, and accomplishing many great things. First, our staff is second to none. The average years of service of our classroom teachers is 18 years. This experience comes through in the quality of education that students receive. We also have staff that live in our community, many with students attending the school, and therefore have a strong buy-in to the quality of the education. It is a strong attestation when we have a wait list to attend our small school. The most rewarding experience is when parents bring their children because they were students here and loved it! This year marks 100 years of continuous education within our beautiful brick walls. We will be having a community celebration on Friday, May 1, 2020. Plan on joining us. With limited funds from the state, but strong support locally, Centerville School will be here for many years to come; providing a quality education to the youth of the extended Centerville community.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

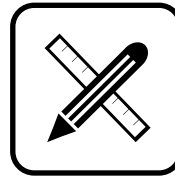
**Kristin Cameron, Principal**

## Centerville School Did You Know?



### ...we always need bus drivers!

Call Rose Dove to learn how you can help by getting your CDL & bus driver endorsement!



### ...the PTC supports teachers & students!

Join the PTC and get involved with annual fundraisers & activities that help support students and teachers.



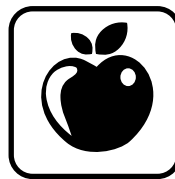
### ...the library was awarded a grant!

Librarian Jenn Armstrong uses creative BOGO strategies and grant writing to keep new and interesting student material on hand.



### ...the girls volleyball team was undefeated!

Centerville School offers three seasons of sports and requires student athletes to maintain academic eligibility.



### ...breakfast is served to 25% of our students!

Food services also serves 65% of our students daily lunches with fresh produce and from-scratch cooking on a mere \$65 per day budget!



### ...we always welcome more volunteers!

There are many programs and activities that are made successful by volunteer support. Call the school to find out where you can fit in!

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# Student Management



Centerville School uses the **Love & Logic** philosophy to provide students and staff problem-solving strategies. Students are guided by trained staff to solve problems on their own. If staff must get involved, students are guided to possible solutions.

With the new **Discipline Rules** established by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Centerville School has reviewed and adjusted our procedures to ensure that students have a happy and safe environment for learning. We do this by helping children learn self-control and problem solving when dealing with problems.

## Love & Logic Principles

- shared control
- shared thinking
- importance of building and maintaining self-worth
- empathy

## Critical Skills Principles for Staff

Staff have been trained in using these nine critical skill categories in managing student behavior:

- neutralizing student arguing
- delayed consequences
- empathy
- the recovery process
- positive teacher-student relationships
- enforceable limit setting
- avoiding power struggles by sharing control
- preventative classroom management interventions
- strategies for guiding students to own and solve their problems

Since the implementation of the management system, students and staff have stronger relationships in a much happier, cohesive learning and working environment. Student management and behavior education is led by Principal Kristin Cameron.

# Teaching and Learning

by Kristin Cameron, Principal

Centerville School provides a high quality, individualized education to students in our community and beyond. Following federal and state regulations, Centerville has adopted curriculum and tools to assist teachers in providing a well-rounded education.

The **Common Core State Standards** and **Next Generation Science Standards** are the most current learning standards in place at this time and guide the adoption process for new curriculums. Most recently, reading and science curriculums have been adopted. Next on the agenda are the math and history/social studies curriculums.

If you would like to be involved in the adoption process, please reach out to Principal Kristin Cameron. The Centerville School Board adopted an Ends Policy that keeps the staff focused on the "Portrait of a Centerville Graduate." With such strong guiding factors, the staff stays motivated on the "graduate," preparing Centerville Students for High School and beyond.



## Report Card Link

Scan QR Code to go directly to our District Report Card!

Washington State schools are monitored for student success through State Testing. State Testing is required for all 3rd – 8th grade students in ELA (English Language Arts) and Math in the spring of each year.

Science is tested at grades 5 and 8. Each year, all students prepare for the tests with activities to learn standards and monitor progress based on the Common Core State Standards and Next Generation Science Standards. Classroom teachers use adopted curriculum and tools within the classroom to support their individual programs and teaching styles. When the State reports test scores, Centerville is often not reported. This is because any set with less than 10 students tested in one grade band is not reported for confidentiality reasons. When viewing data on the OSPI (Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction) website, our data is sporadic. This gives an incomplete picture of student performances. Our staff and students are progressing and achieving levels that are acceptable and meet the Board and Superintendent's goals. Traditionally, Centerville School's test scores surpass State and other local school's success. For more complete information about our scores, you may contact the school. A direct link to the District report card is on the school's website at [centervilleschool.org](http://centervilleschool.org) under the District Information tab. The link for the District Report card follows: <https://washingtonstatereportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/ReportCard/ViewSchoolOrDistrict/100037>

## Volunteering

Volunteers are welcomed and appreciated at Centerville School. There are many programs and activities that need volunteers to be successful.

Volunteers are most appreciated during "**Spring Into Reading**" month when many reading activities take place for students and families. We also ask for volunteers during the **Book Fair, Christmas Bazaar, athletic events, Talent Show, School Carnival**, and many more. Contact the school if you want to join us as a volunteer.



## PTC Booster Club

### Parent-Teacher-Community

by *Alex Casimiro & Justine Bradley, Co-Presidents*

The Centerville PTC is a group of parents and teachers that meet monthly to plan and organize fun events, activities and fundraisers for the students and staff of Centerville school. The PTC's main goal is to provide any help we can to improve the experience for the staff, the students and their families at Centerville School.

A couple of our fundraisers – the bi-annual **Carnival** and the **Christmas Bazaar** – are community and school favorites! We also organize fun events for the students and their families to take part in. One of the most popular being the annual **Spook Parade** held around Halloween.

The money raised by fundraisers is intended for small projects to help elevate the students' experience as well as contribute to the staff to help with classroom supplies.

If you are interested in joining our small, but very effective group, [find us on Facebook at Centerville PTC](#) or call the school for more information.



## Transportation

by *Rose Dove, Transportation Director*

The Centerville School Transportation Department is guided by state statute and district policy. Transportation funds come from the state based on a matrix that includes student ridership, number of bus runs, mileage, stops, and other factors.

We strive for student safety as our number one priority. Our Drivers, Mrs. Young and Mrs. Mersch, pride themselves in their safety records.

With our vast district area, and limited number of bus runs, the routes become challenging to configure. Each year routes change due to households with school-age children and student populations. Not only do we transport Centerville students safely, we also transport the local High School students to Goldendale High School.

[We are in a constant bus driver shortage.](#) If you would like to become a driver, please contact Rose Dove for information on obtaining your CDL and bus driver endorsement.

## Library Greetings

by *Jenn Armstrong*

As the Librarian I love to see students excited about reading. It is one of the most rewarding parts of working in the Library. One way to do this, is to have an interesting variety of books across multiple genres. Another way is through talking to students and seeing what they are checking out. This allows me to purchase books that kids will want to read. Like many schools in our area we have been hit with budget challenges. To maximize the library's buying power I've had to get creative. By shopping BOGO book sales and [being awarded a large print book grant](#) I've been able to bring many new books to our students.

As with many rooms at Centerville, the Library is also multipurpose. Groups of students come into the Library to receive extra help. This may be through reading groups, math groups or with individual help in math, history, English and science. The Library is also a place for meetings including the PTC Booster Club, board meetings and teacher trainings. When you come visit the school, make sure to stop by the Library and take a look and say hi.



## School Garden

by *Keely Royce & Kristin Cameron*

We have enjoyed a beautiful school garden funded in part by amazing community support. Most recently, our underfunded garden has been managed by wonderful volunteers. When the garden is active, [garden club students have had hands-on learning experiences](#) like planting "three sisters" beds (a Native strategy to utilize complimentary plants to promote growth) and using fish as a natural fertilizer.

Students receive life-long learning skills when the garden is an active part of their education. The school lunch program appreciates fresh organic salad from the school garden when possible. Centerville School hopes to continue the School Garden through either local funds or grants.

[If you would like to help support the school garden by volunteering or financial support,](#) please contact Keely or Kristin at 509-773-4893.

## Food Services

by *Keely Royce, Cook*

It is common to enter our school to the smell of something delicious cooking in our kitchen. Offering fresh produce and from-scratch cooking are important priorities at Centerville.

We serve an average of 25% of students breakfast and 65% of students lunch daily. Our food service department is supported through resources such as DoD Fresh and commodity foods and a mere \$65 per day budget. Centerville School provides nutritious meals and snacks to students following many state and federal regulations.

[Hands-on learning experiences](#) in the kitchen are offered in conjunction with classroom teachers when funding and time allows. We do have bragging rights to a Thanksgiving roll fundraiser where [students sold, made from scratch and delivered an amazing 3,300 dinner rolls!](#)



## Student Athletics

by *Rose Dove, Athletic Director/Coach*

Centerville Students have the opportunity to participate in sports during the fall, winter, and spring seasons.

During the fall, girls in grades 5-8 may participate in volleyball with coach Rose Dove. Traditionally our girls are top contenders in our Gorge Schools Athletic Conference. Fall season for the 7th-8th boys is in football. The boys have the opportunity to participate alongside Goldendale with their Middle School Football grapplers.

The winter brings us basketball for all 5th-8th graders here at Centerville with Coach Fields. [Mr. Fields has a long-time history of bringing league championships back to Centerville with his 30+ years of coaching experience.](#)

The spring allows time for the outdoors with Track and Field for all 5th-8th graders with Coach Dove. The small, but strong team, competes alongside older kids and holds their own.

Centerville is known for its strong, competitive student athletes. Not only must they uphold sports requirements, all athletes must meet academic eligibility standards set forth by WIAA. We are proud of our student athletes!

## Administration

**Superintendent**

Dr. Ann Varkados

**Principal**

Kristin Cameron

**Board of Directors**

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Jess Kayser

Vice Chair

David Strait

Legislative Representative

Kelsey Hanning

Member

Carole Garner

Member

Nancy Sizemore

## Staff

Rose Dove	Administrative Assistant, Athletic Director, Transportation Director
Nora Keyes	School Secretary, Student Services
Jeff Fields	7th/8th Grade Teacher
Fern Johnson	5th/6th Grade Teacher
Jody Daniels	3rd/4th Grade Teacher
Lucy Rinehart	1st/2nd Grade Teacher
Sara Laurence	Kindergarten Teacher
Jenn Armstrong	Library, ParaEducator
Karie Rolfe	ParaEducator, Special Education
Erin Gray	ParaEducator
Keely Royce	Food Services
Shelly Mersch	Bus Driver
Kellie Young	Bus Driver
Rachel Fahlenkamp	Custodian, Grounds

## Our Mission

Our staff is committed to the academic achievement of your children and to providing them with a caring and creative learning environment. We will strive to encourage and ensure the success, self-worth and love of learning in every child.

The mission of the Centerville School District is to develop independent, motivated and well-prepared students by providing a flexible, personalized and caring environment to promote successful life skills.

*Centerville School is an equal opportunity employer. Centerville School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained guide dog or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.*

**Title IX Coordinator/Compliance Officer:** Kristin Cameron, Principal; Centerville School, 2315 Centerville Hwy, Centerville, WA 98613.

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# SAVE THE DATE

# 100 Year Anniversary

Community Celebration held Friday, May 1, 2020