



## Adams Update February 21, 2020

### Grant Maciag Taco Luncheon Fundraiser

Wow—what a day! Adams students, families, and other Midland community members all joined together last Sunday for an inspired luncheon to raise money for Grant Maciag’s family. As you have heard before, Grant is an Adams kindergartener who is fighting leukemia. Families and community members gathered together to eat, participate in a silent auction, and enjoy entertainment with a local clown and “Henna by Jenna.” All told, the event raised over \$10,000 for the Maciag family! ***A heart-felt “Thank you!” goes out to all who organized the event, donated food and silent auction items, volunteered, bought tickets, ate lunch, bid on items, and participated in any way.*** Grant and his family feel the love, and appreciate it very much.

### Keeping it Kind at Adams!

Thank you to **Kylie** in Ms. Taylor’s class. She helped a classmate clean up her space in the classroom. What a kind gesture! We also saw that **Madison**, in Mrs. Westervelt’s class, was very kind to a student that was struggling on the playground, helping her find her way around, and helping her have fun. Thanks for helping to “Keep it Kind” at Adams!



**Please be sure to check out all of the wonderful activities available to students and families on the MPS Community Flyer Board. In particular, please note the Dow High School Booster Bash and the Chippewa Nature Center camps. Please click below to view flyers.**

<https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/communityflyers>

## PTO Update:



On Tuesday, Adams students experienced a fun day of hands-on learning with the traveling program ***COSI on Wheels: Uncovering the Universe!***

After a lively assembly for the whole school, classes returned to the gym in smaller groups to experience the various stations, which included launching straw rockets, building and testing Mars rovers, using telescopes, and putting together constellation puzzles, to name a few.

Students, staff, and volunteers all did their part to make this an exciting, successful event!

Our next Restaurant Night is on Thursday, February

27 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Panera Bread! Panera will donate 20% of its proceeds to the PTO. Show the paper or electronic version of the attached flyer when you place your order.

Help us grow our Facebook page! Find us at **Friends of Adams PTO** . Social media continues to be an effective avenue for the PTO to communicate with parents and families.

Thank you to Amy Buzzell and Alicia Piippo-First, who will be leading our Carnival team! They need MANY volunteers to make our fall carnival a success and are looking to grow their committee! To join them, please email [amybuzzell@gmail.com](mailto:amybuzzell@gmail.com)

Our **spring book fair** is quickly approaching in the first week of March. We would love your help setting up, running, or packing up the book fair. We will also be open during the SVSU Family STEM night sponsored by the PTO. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4dabad2da1f58-spring1>

Save the Date! **SVSU Family Night** is coming to Adams on Tuesday, March 3 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. They will provide hands-on science, technology, engineering and math stations for kids of all ages. Bring the family out for a fun night of learning! This PTO-sponsored event will run simultaneously with the book fair. Come shop AND play. Any questions, please contact Kim Baczewski at [kbaczewski@gmail.com](mailto:kbaczewski@gmail.com)

Adams needs your **Box Tops**! Send in your clipped Box Tops by February 24 to earn cash for our school. NOTE: If you make a purchase that includes a "No More Clipping" Box Top, scan your receipt within 14 days of purchase with the new Box Tops app.

- Download the Box Tops app from the App Store or from Google Play.
- Specify Adams Elementary.

The next **PTO meeting** is on Monday, March 2 at 6 p.m. in the Adams art room. Everyone is welcome.

### **Election Day is coming—Tuesday, March 10**

Michigan's primary election is coming up soon, on **Tuesday, March 10**. Often election days are on days when we don't have school, but that is not the case on that date. Since our new Media Center is still under construction, the polling location will be in our *World Language Room*, which is across the hall from the Lower Elementary entrance to the building. Notes for that day:

- Lower elementary students (grades K – 2) will enter and exit the building via the **Second Grade Hall doors**. Those doors are on the west side of the building, facing towards the lower elementary playground.
- If you are voting here at Adams on that day, you will enter and exit through the Lower Elementary doors, and proceed directly across the hall to the World Language Room.
- The city of Midland would like to recruit volunteers to help monitor the polling location, and in some cases there are paid positions available. Please see the attached flyer if you are interested.

### **Battle of the Books**

Last week we announced that six Adams teams made it through to the second written battle for Battle of the Books. The second written battle was one of the most hotly contested of all time, with only eight teams, of the 26 competitors, making it through to next Saturday's oral battles. Three Adams teams made it through, more than any other school! "*Way to go!*" to all of our teams. Everyone worked hard, and hopefully all had fun. The Adams teams still in the competition are: Book Voyage, Book Warriors, and the Tenacious Troopers. Good luck in the oral battle, and we look forward to hearing the results from the next round.

### **Singing Valentines**

Last Friday was Valentine's Day, and among all of the excitement and events, we enjoyed several *singing valentines* from Midland HS and Dow HS choir students. These talented students sang well, inspired students, and entertained all. Thank you to choir directors Mr. Farison and Mr. Gardner-Northrup, and to all of the students that participated and brightened our day here at Adams.

### **Upcoming Events**

<b>Sat, Feb 22, 9am</b>	<b>Paddleton Tournament (4<sup>th</sup> grade at Midland HS, 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Dow HS)</b>
<b>Thurs, Feb 27</b>	<b>Restaurant Night at Panera (4-8pm) (see attached coupon)</b>
<b>Mon, March 2</b>	<b>PTO in Art Room – 6pm</b>
<b>March 2 – 6</b>	<b>Book Fair – It's a Jungle Out There!</b>
<b>Tues, March 3</b>	<b>SVSU Family Night at Adams – 6 - 7:30pm</b>
<b>Tues, March 10</b>	<b>Election Day (Adams is a polling station, see notes above)</b>

We had a great week here at Adams, and we look forward to seeing you and your students again next week. Have a good weekend!

Educationally yours,

***Scott Cochran***

Principal