



Adams Update June 8, 2020

The Adams Parade is a Success!

What a great time we had during the **Adams Parade** last Friday afternoon! Thank you to all the families that drove by for a final “Good-Bye” to the 2019-20 school year. Even though it was a very different school year (!), we are impressed by all of the work you and your children put in, and we are grateful for the opportunity to educate your children.



Also, a big shout-out to the graduating seniors from Dow H.S. and Midland H.S., the Adams alumni, that participated in the parade. Everyone loved seeing you again, and we cannot wait to hear what you do next.



Chromebook Drop-off Times Changed, 4th and 5th Grades

The weather forecast for Wednesday does not look good, with projections calling for high winds and likely severe thunderstorms. With that in mind, **Chromebook Collection for 4th and 5th grade is moved to Thursday.** *If Wednesday works for you, but Thursday does not, you may still turn in the Chromebook in on Wednesday, just bring it into the Adams office.* Otherwise, please bring in your student's Chromebook and charger at these times:

- **4th grade: Thursday, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.**
- **5th grade: Thursday, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

Bonus Items to pick up on Thursday!

DARE t-shirts and certificates will be distributed to our 5th graders on Thursday afternoon when the Chromebooks are dropped off.

Grades

By the end of next week grades will be available through *Home Access Center*; our technology department will email families when they are available. As a district, MPS decided that all K-11th grade students would be marked either "Pass" or "Fail" for the second semester. At the elementary level we were restricted to using the language that was already in the report card, so we will be marking each section as either "Achieving" (representing "Pass"), or "Limited" (representing "Fail").

It is important to recognize that the grades for this semester are more a recognition of the effort and knowledge a student displayed, and less a measure of the content that was covered. With such an unusual semester, with so many changes and challenges, MPS felt this was the best solution. As such, the grades are not measuring the same content as they would in a typical year. Please let your child's teacher or me know if you have any questions about grades.

Exhibition

Like many things this spring, our **5th grade PYP Exhibition** was changed by the transition to distance learning. Our 5th grade team, the teachers and students, along with great support from parents, did an excellent job creating a Virtual PYP Exhibition, complete with meaningful key concept questions, lines of inquiry, essays, and a slideshow that was presented to the class. Even with a quarantine and an historic flood, students did an excellent job and found a way to take action. Their passion for their projects was truly inspiring. Please take some time to learn about how our students took action to find resolutions to conflicts in the world. We would also appreciate it if you could leave a comment in the Exhibition Reflection section of our Google Site.

<https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/adamsschoolsvirtualexhibition/home>

2020-21 Enrollment

As we plan for the 2020-21 school year, it is important for us to have accurate enrollment data. If your child is in grades K – 4, and you are not planning on returning to Adams next school year, please inform your child's teacher, or [let us know here in the office](#) (989-923-6037). Likewise, if you know of anyone planning to send their child to Adams in 2020-21 who has not already registered with us, encourage them to do so as soon as possible. Thank you!

Thank you to Justin Rose and the PTO for the Adams Banner

Thank you, Justin Rose, and thank you, Adams PTO, for the inspiring banner that was planted in front of Adams last week. Everyone appreciates the positive message and thankful spirit displayed on the banner!



Summer Reading Fun

The Grace A. Dow Memorial Library is finalizing information about their summer programs; the **reading program will be online through Beanstack, and will run from June 8-August 15th**. More info on their website: <https://www.gadml.org/srp>.

Barnes & Noble is also doing their summer reading program. Students are able to earn a free book. The reading journal for that can be found here: <https://dispatch.barnesandnoble.com/content/dam/ccr/h/summer-reading/2020/2020/SummerReadingJournal.pdf>.

What an Amazing, Tumultuous, Inspiring School Year

Well, we have come a long way since September 3, the first day of school. 2019-20 is a school year that none of us—students, teachers, staff, parents, or families—will forget. We gained occupancy of the building one week before school started—and we were in the building with over 100 construction workers! We welcomed 464 wonderful students on that first day of school, and throughout the school year your children never stopped growing.

We opened our new Media Center on March 11, and sent everyone home on March 13. Distance Learning began in earnest after Spring Break, and continued through last Friday. I cannot say “Thank you” enough to express my gratitude to everyone who worked to help educate our students despite it all, through so much strife, struggle, and tragedy. A global pandemic, a 500-year flood, and difficult scenes playing out on the news every night, our community and country are enduring so many challenges right now.

Those challenges will not go away easily; we all have work to do. I am grateful we are paying more attention than ever to our students’ social-emotional needs, as that is a critical effort that will continue in the 2020-21 school year. As a district we are taking action toward greater diversity, equity, and inclusion in our schools, which is crucial. Through all the difficulties, even those that are ongoing, **it is inspiring to see people listening to each other, helping each other, and coming together to support each other, nationwide, and right here in Midland.**

Thank you for your help, please continue to care for each other, and do not hesitate to reach out to us for assistance. We love working with you, we cannot wait to be back in class with your children, and we look forward to the 2020-21 school year.

Upcoming Events

Monday, Aug 31 **First day of school!**

Monday, Aug 31, 9:00am **PTO Coffee**

Take care of yourselves and your families, and know that we are thinking of you. Stay safe, and be healthy. **Have a great summer!**

Educationally yours,

Scott Cochran

Principal

