



Adams Update January 29, 2021

Report Cards Available in Home Access Center

Report cards are now posted in Home Access Center (HAC) for you to review. Parents received an email from MPS on Wednesday explaining how to access the report cards. They are posted at: <https://hac.midlandps.org/HomeAccess>. Once there, log in with your user name and password. Click on the Report Card tab, and it will be displayed for you. The report cards are only available until **February 26**, so make sure you check it out before then.

Breaking Down the NWEA *Family Report*

Our face-to-face students just completed the NWEA Map Growth Assessment—and virtual academy students will finish it up next week. Face-to-face students will bring their *Family Reports* home today, and virtual students will receive them toward the end of next week. The report will show you how your student scored in Math and Reading (Reading Fluency for Kindergarten), how those scores compared to other same-grade students nationwide, and how your child's performance has grown since the last time they took the test.

We use this information here at school to help us analyze our curriculum and how we teach it, and to help us target the most effective interventions and topics to work on with our students. It is not part of grades or grading for your child. While this information is helpful, it is important to keep in mind that it is simply a snapshot of student performance on this one test, on that one day. If you have any questions about the NWEA or the report, please do not hesitate to reach out and ask.

MPS *Active Allies*, and the *Report & Respond* System

Our district has always been committed to ensuring excellent physical safety for our students and staff. We know, though, that psychological safety is equally as important. Students who feel safe and supported can engage more easily and learn more effectively. Ensuring excellent psychological safety creates a learning environment where students can thrive.

As a first step to better support students, we've created the **Report & Respond** system. This system is designed to provide a "safety net" for every student. Sometimes students experience situations that are hurtful, embarrassing or difficult to handle. They may not know who to trust or may not feel comfortable asking for help. They may just need to be heard.

Report & Respond is built around a network of *Active Allies*. We've designated a team of teachers to serve as **Allies**. These **Allies** have been trained in the **Report & Respond** process and equipped to be an effective resource for all students. When a student needs help, they can reach out to one of at least five **Allies** in their school building. The **Ally** will receive the student with care, provide confidential support, and help to resolve the issue as needed. This system will allow us to collect information about these issues in our schools.

We're confident that the **Report & Respond** system will be a key part of creating a safe, supportive learning environment for all. A huge thanks goes out to our first team of **Active Allies**, who have been so willing to serve. We appreciate your commitment and enthusiasm!

Please take a minute to make sure that your student is aware of **Report & Respond**, and that they know which teachers are the designated **Active Allies** for their building.



The **Active Ally** team in our building includes: Mrs. Schultheis, Mr. Seebeck, Mrs. McMahan, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Lipovsky, Mrs. Newton, Mr. Cochran, and Mrs. Winstone (not pictured.)

Welcome to Adams: Shanna Johnson

Shanna Johnson is our newest paraprofessional here at Adams. You will see her working in our CI classrooms, helping out at lunch, and outside after school. Mrs. Johnson lives in Midland with her husband and two children, and enjoys bowling, working out, and golfing. She is excited to be here at Adams, and we're happy to have her on the team. Welcome to Adams, Mrs. Johnson!



Repeat: Kindergarten Enrollment—Tell Your Friends!

Believe it or not, it's time to talk about Kindergarten enrollment! If you have a child that will be starting Kindergarten in the fall, check out information about our program on the website at this link: <https://www.midlandps.org/welcome-to-Kindergarten-2021-2022>

Enrollment paperwork is available on the district website, and should be turned into the Adams office. You can find the paperwork at our office, and at this link:

<https://www.midlandps.org/docs/district/202122Enrollment/2021-2022KindergartenPre-EnrollmentPacket.pdf>

There will be opportunities to tour the school, and to meet teachers. You'll hear more about those activities as spring approaches. If you have friends that have soon-to-be kindergarteners, please feel free to share this information with them, also.

Repeat: Valentine's Day Information

For this school year our Valentine's Day events will be much more low key. Teachers may choose to have a small classroom activity, but it will not involve cards or treats that are distributed from all students to their classmates. Please do not send cards to school, as they will have to be returned home. Teachers will communicate plans for their classes via their normal communication channels. Hopefully in the future Valentine's Day can return to a more traditional scene.

PTO Update

[Click here for the PTO Update](#) to see all the latest happenings and information.

Upcoming Events

Fri, Feb 12

No school for students (PD day for teachers)

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

