

Adams Update May 28, 2021

5th Grade Band Concert

Thank you to Mrs. Bruski and the 5th grade band for their performance on Tuesday! It was great to "...get the band together," enjoy the music, and spend time celebrating our students as a community. Of course, the concert was a recognition and celebration of everything that Mrs. Bruski and our 5th graders accomplished this year, through Covid protocols, outdoor practices, and more. It was not a typical year for our band, but they showed through their performance that they can persevere and perform magnificently, regardless of any challenges in their way. That is a good life lesson, for sure. **Great job, Mrs. Bruski and the Band!**



More Amazing Chippewa Nature Center (on-site) Field Trips

Several more grade levels had the opportunity to enjoy field trips with the Chippewa Nature Center (CNC) this week. CNC staffers came here to Adams and led events outside with our classes. Among others, the 3rd grade enjoyed the *Felt to Pelt* program. Thank you, again, to our community partners at the CNC!



Graduating Senior Walk – June 2, 11:00 a.m.

Congratulations to all of our MPS graduating seniors! What an exciting time in their lives, as graduation is such an important milestone. Next Wednesday, June 2, we will be celebrating our recent graduates who attended Adams Elementary early on in their educational careers. They will have the opportunity to enjoy a “Senior Walk” outside here at Adams, and get cheered on by current students and their former teachers. Congratulations, graduates, we look forward to seeing you next week!

Important Reminder: Fall 2021 Kindergarten Events—June 2

Do you have a child that will be in Kindergarten in the Fall? If so, they are invited to our Kindergarten event on **Wednesday, June 2**. Students will have time to meet an Adams Kindergarten teacher, see the building, and participate in some fun, educational activities. Our goal is to learn a little about your child to help us prepare for the fall, and to help your child feel more comfortable and excited about Kindergarten by meeting teachers and seeing the building.

If you have already signed your child up for Kindergarten, then you should have received an invite to the event. If you still need to sign your child up, please stop by our office or call (923-6037) immediately! If you know of someone with an incoming Kindergarten student who has not yet enrolled, please pass this information along to them.

Marvelous Mandarin!

Nǐ hǎo. It is hard to believe we are in the last couple of weeks of school. We will be continuing our Mandarin instruction through the end of the year! Students did a great job earning miles to Beijing, China (Kindergarten and 1st) and Hong Kong (2nd-5th) for great participation in World Language, in order to earn their Chinese Pàiduì! Thank you to all of the parents who signed up and donated pre-packaged snacks for the students to use while learning how to use chopsticks! It was great fun trying to pick up M&M's, fruit snacks and more! A couple of classes still need to earn a few more miles, so if you haven't received a Sign-Up Genius link in your email yet, be looking for one soon! I really appreciate all of the support and help of the Adams parents!

You may be seeing some Mandarin learning coming home via backpacks, especially in Kindergarten through 2nd grade (we even learned to write the characters for numbers!). Grades 3-5 don't bring as much home because they have "passports" (notebooks) in which they record their learning so that they can build on it each year and take it with them to middle school after 5th grade. 5th graders will bring their passports home at the end of the year so parents can see some of the things they learned!

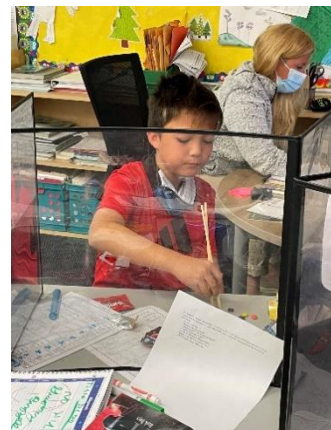
Throughout this school year, I have been keeping track of student growth in language and culture. 2nd grade had a pre and post-test in Spanish, 3rd in French, 4th in German and 5th in Mandarin. I am so happy to report that over 90% of the students made growth in learning language and culture! Since we are learning a small amount of each of four languages, students will not reach fluency, but my sincere goal is that they would have a heart for the diverse people of the world, be more knowledgeable about other cultures, and enjoy learning and comparing languages! I believe that learning four languages, and about the cultures of the countries where those languages are spoken, will allow students to become better global citizens, as well as help them to develop a love for (at least) one of the languages so that they will be EXCITED to continue in middle school, high school, and beyond! Ask your child which language he or she enjoyed learning most, and which language they might continue in middle school!

I wish all of you a happy and healthy summer!



Kim McMahan Lǎoshī

Gregory Buzzell - 4th grade - picking up M&Ms with chopsticks!



ADAMS 5TH GRADE CULTURE CLUB



The Adams Culture Club is ending the year learning about the culture of poverty and homelessness in Midland County by visiting the Open Door, a homeless shelter in downtown Midland. The first weekend in June, we will be experiencing lunch outdoors, touring the Open Door facilities, and hearing a presentation about poverty from Director Renee Pettinger. Too often, people are afraid of, or unsure about, other cultures because of a lack of knowledge and experience with that culture. Through learning about poverty and homelessness, its causes, its effects, and how to help those struggling with a lack of resources, we hope to remove some of the stigma and fear. This learning and experience will help the students to be more confident when encountering someone who may be suffering from poverty or homelessness, and they will be less afraid to engage and help!

Poverty and homelessness are an even bigger issue now since the Covid-19 global pandemic, and awareness of the causes, and how to take action, are so important. We are all part of the Midland community, and we want to understand the diverse members of our county. That doesn't mean we must only learn about people with a different ethnicity, but also those with different religions, skin colors, socioeconomic status, abilities, and more. The 5th grade Culture Club has learned so much this year that will equip them to be better, more knowledgeable and inclusive leaders in their schools and communities.

Flowers Planted, Important Messages Received

Thanks to Jackie Warner, our Youth Intervention Specialist, and students from Mrs. Holzheuer's class, we can now enjoy the purple and orange flowers by one of our trees out in front of Adams. Our Youth Intervention Specialists provided the flowers as part of their anti-violence campaign. The flowers are a reminder to think before you act, to remember that the things you say impact others, and that words can help or hurt. Mrs. Warner also wants us to remember to ***Be kind to everyone, including yourself.*** What a great message, and what beautiful flowers. Thank you to Mrs. Warner, and to Mrs. Holzheuer's class!



Library Books Due on Tuesday



Please round up all those library books and return them to Adams by the end of day Tuesday, June 1. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Monday, May 31

Wednesday, June 2, 11:00

Thursday, June 3, 6:00pm

Thursday, June 10

Memorial Day—no school

Senior Walk

PYP Exhibition, 5th grade

Last day of school (full day)

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

Educationally yours,

Scott Cochran

Principal