



Adams Update February 14, 2020

Grant Maciag Fundraiser

Wow! What an amazing fundraiser here at Adams last week. Students brought in pennies on Monday, nickels on Tuesday, dimes on Wednesday, quarters on Thursday, and dollars on Friday. All told, over \$2,300 was raised to support Grant and his family. Once again, a huge “thank you” to everyone who donated, whether you donated a few pennies, or much more. The Adams community is truly kind, caring, and generous.

Keeping it Kind at Adams!

Thank you to **Lizzy**, in Mrs. Moe’s class. She noticed a friend that was upset after making a mistake on an assignment. She encouraged him, pointed out how well he could do, and made him feel better. She was very gracious and kind—thank you, Lizzy!

Also thank you to **Jack** from Ms. Taylor’s class; Jack noticed a student was slowly walking in from recess and by the time he approached the door it was closed and locked. Jack opened the door, smiled, and let his classmate in. Thank you, Jack!

Finally, another big “thank you” to **Alivia** in Ms. Taylor’s room. Her classmate dropped some items, and Alivia picked them up and helped her feel better. We love catching our Adams Atoms being kind!



Battle of the Books!

It’s that time of year for *Battle of the Books*! Once again, this year, many Adams students participated, filling seven teams! Congratulations and “job well done” to all students who read books, met and practiced as a team, and had the courage to participate in the First Written Battle this week. All told, there were seven Adams teams that competed, and we’re proud of them all! We had a number of teams qualify for next week’s second written battle, so good luck to:

- Book Voyage
- Book Warriors
- Radiant Readers
- Ravenclaw 2.0
- Remarkable Rulers
- Tenacious Troopers

Gerstacker Teacher Proficiency Award: Nomination Window is Open

The Gerstacker Committee has opened the nomination process for the *2020 MPS Gerstacker Teacher Proficiency Award*. **Nominations are due Friday, March 20**; nominees must have a current Michigan teaching certificate, be a tenured teacher with three or more continuous years of service at MPS, and planning to teach at MPS next year. The Gerstacker committee chooses winners based on the quality of their teaching and the comments from letters of recommendation. If you are interested in nominating a teacher, please reach out to me, or to another teacher here at Adams to discuss further.

Music Notes from Mrs. Haskett

Every class came in with tons of excitement to see our new music room. This space is perfect for music making plus it's nice that we can practice for performances in the very place we will perform.

Our 5th grade choir performed the Canadian and U.S. National Anthems this past weekend for the Saginaw Spirit Game. The kids sang beautifully and had a blast watching the game.



What we have learned this month:

Kindergarten: We learned about the different types of instruments in the music room and we sang and danced a counting song for 100's day.

1st grade: We played the singing game "Tisket-a-Tasket" in our new music room, plus we practiced reading rhythm patterns on various instruments.

2nd grade: We played ukulele and learned how to play and take care of the percussion instruments in the new music room.

3rd grade: We had fun performing the dancing game "Je Je Kule," from West Africa. We also played the ukulele to "Three Little Birds" by Bob Marley.

4th grade: We played the ukulele to the song, "Erie Canal." We also learned how to play "Ode to Joy" on the recorder.

5th grade: We played the ukulele and we are now learning about African-American Spirituals and Jazz for Black History month.

Parking Lot Reminders

When you are dropping off and pickup up your children, please remember to have them exit/enter the vehicle on the **passenger side**, directly onto the sidewalk. This keeps them from being exposed to cars driving by that may, or may not, see them. Another option is to park in the parking lot, and then walk your child to the sidewalk. Either way, please be safe, and please look out for other people in the parking lot. Thank you!

PTO Update:

Lots of exciting things are going on with the Adams PTO!

Our next Restaurant Night is on Thursday, February 27th 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 now be leading our **Carnival team!** They need MANY volunteers to make our fall carnival a success and are looking to grow their committee! Please email amybuzzell@gmail.com.

Save the Date! **SVSU Family Night** is coming to Adams on March 3rd 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, which is going on that whole week. Come shop AND play. Any questions, please contact Kim Baczewski at kbaczewski@gmail.com.

Thank you to the many volunteers who have signed up to help run the special **COSI on Wheels: Uncover the Universe** program on Tuesday, February 18, and to those who have signed up to set up the program after school on Monday, February 17. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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, and specify Adams Elementary

Our spring Scholastic Book Fair ***Jungle: Elephants, Tigers, and Books, OH MY!*** is approaching quickly. The book fair will take place the week of March 2nd - 6th. Keep a look out in your child's backpack for their wish lists and information regarding hours and spirit week days. The fair will also be open late during the SVSU Family STEM night that week. We would love your help setting up, running, or packing up the book fair. Volunteering even an hour of your time is greatly appreciated. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4DABAD2DA1F58-spring1>. We hope the kids get “wild for reading” during this fun event!

Reminder from last week: Volunteer/Guest Sign-in—RAPTOR

Beginning very soon, all MPS schools will be using the **Raptor Visitor Management System** as one strategy—of many—to help keep our schools secure and our students safe. The system double-checks to make sure there are no issues with a parent/guest visiting the classroom, and also helps us to be able to keep track of who is visiting the school. We'll keep you updated as the district gets closer to installing the system. Attached to this *Adams Update* is a somewhat generic letter, from Raptor, that describes how it works.

Upcoming Events

Sun, Feb 16	Grant Maciag Benefit at Adams Elementary - 1:00 - 3:00pm
Tues, Feb 18	COSI on Wheels: Discover the Universe, at Adams all day
Sat, Feb 22, 9am	Paddleton Tournament (4 th grade at Midland HS, 5 th grade at Dow HS)

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