

Adams Update March 6, 2020

Keep it Kind, MPS!

We heard wonderful descriptions of Adams Atoms being kind to each other this week. Here are four.



Thank you to **Tucker**. Playing kickball in PE, Tucker demonstrated great sportsmanship, helping an opponent have fun. PE class and playing on the playground are times when we want to win, but it is even more important to end the time together as friends. Thank you, Tucker, for demonstrating this important lesson while being KIND in PE!

Great job, **Josslyn**! Josslyn was recognized by Art teacher Mrs. Dulude for being KIND and principled in Art class.



Breana was very KIND to a peer. She noticed a classmate who was upset and being quiet about it, and helped to make sure an adult was aware, and able to help her friend. Thank you, Breana!



Finally, thank you to **Jacob**. Jacob noticed a classmate becoming anxious and even distraught. Sometimes life is just stressful; Jacob comforted his classmate, helped him think about things differently, and made a very positive difference. Thank you, Jacob, for being so KIND!



Wow—Media Center progress!

Our construction crews made great progress in the Media Center this week, and we even started moving in furniture, equipment, and books. We're hearing that we will definitely be in the Media Center prior to Spring Break, maybe even by the end of next week, so stay tuned for more information.



Raptor Visitor Management System Usage is Underway

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we implement our new Raptor visitor management system. As you saw in multiple communications, if you are coming to Adams (or any MPS building) to volunteer, visit in class, or anything else, please bring your state-issued driver's license or ID. The system checks a series of databases; once you've been given approval for entry, we'll give you a nametag for your visit. As you leave, return the nametag and you're all set! The system worked very well this first week.

Good Luck to the *Book Warriors*

Tomorrow our *Book Warriors* will compete in the Battle of the Books finals. Good luck to Aesa Jingles, Bridget Reder, Evie Samocki, and Zoe Steger! We know you'll be great!

Bay City State Park Visits our 5th Grade

We were so lucky to have employees from the Bay City State Park come in last Friday, February 28, to present about persistent chemicals, the bald eagle, safe fish, and Rachel Carson. Their visit was a follow up to the field trip we took in the fall. We are grateful to have such amazing resources nearby that allow us to use grants to attend fantastic field trips.

The Noisy Paint Brush

~ Mrs. DuLude



We have been working really hard this past week in Art Class. Did you know the most popular week of school is **CLAY WEEK**? Students learned all about clay and where it comes from. We learned about the different techniques such as slab, coil or pinch pot building. We paid special attention to how to 'score' our clay. This is a method of scratching, wetting and pushing together the clay so it will stay during firing. Firing is also another term that we learn which means to 'bake' our clay at a really hot temperature.

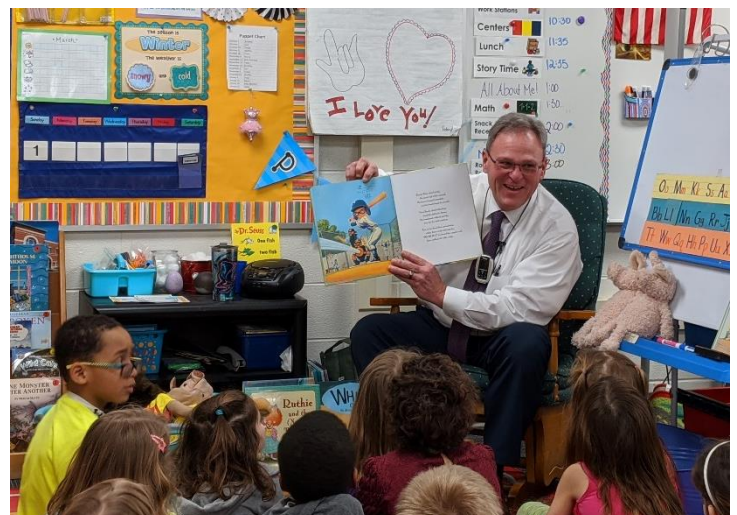
Our clay theme this year is The Pet Shop, so we made all sorts of animals (some traditional house pets, some not). Soon we will be doing my favorite part which is painting and adding the finishing touches. I'm so excited for you to see all the animals that we have been working so hard on.



Superintendent Michael Sharrow Reads with Adams Students



March is **Reading Month**, and our Superintendent Michael Sharrow celebrated by reading with several of our classes. Students and teachers enjoyed the chance to interact with the superintendent and to hear his stories. Reading is such an important skill, and fun, too! Thank you, Mr. Sharrow, for sharing your love of reading with us.



Adams Read-A-Thon is March 20th!

Pledge your support to any Adams student for our Read-a-Thon scheduled for Friday, March 20th. Each pledge will help the 5th graders go to Greenfield Village & Henry Ford Museum this June! Help your child get pledges on their blue pledge sheet (coming home today) and send in donations by March 20th. Then, on the afternoon of March 20th we will sit down and READ, READ, READ for one solid hour! Thanks for supporting our Adams School Read-a-Thon!

Hall of American Heroes

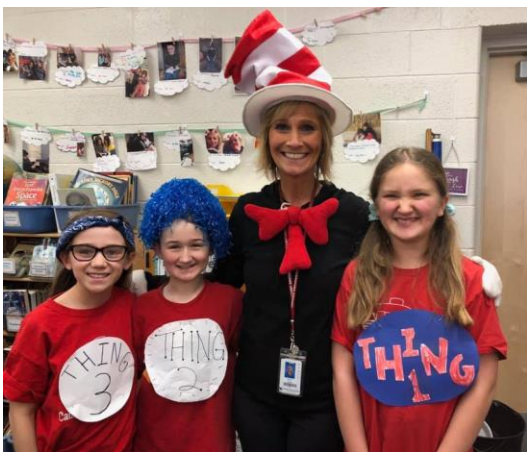
Kudos to everyone in Mrs. Capua, Mrs. Kreusch, and Mrs. Lipovsky's classes for their presentations in the Hall of American Heroes. Our Social Studies content for 5th grade is American History, and students were able to choose a hero from throughout our country's timeline. Great costumes, detailed speeches, and positive audience support (thank you students and parents!) made for a wonderful learning experience for all.

Election Day is coming—Tuesday, March 10

Michigan's primary election is just around the corner, on **Tuesday, March 10**. Often elections are held on days when we don't have school, but that is not the case this year. Since our new Media Center will not yet be open, 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 east 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 front doors, and proceed directly across the hall to the World Language Room.

PTO Update:



Today is the final day of the Jungle Book Fair at Adams! Stop by after school until 4:30 p.m. Thank you to everyone throughout the week who has shopped or volunteered at the Book Fair!

Also, thank you to everyone who took part in the Papa John's Pizza night on Wednesday! Twenty percent of proceeds from sales designated for Adams that night will be given to the Adams PTO. The next Papa John's night will be Wednesday, April 1, during spring break.

Are you a member of the Friends of Adams Elementary PTO Facebook page? If not, search "Friends of Adams Elementary PTO" on Facebook and join! It's a great way to connect with other Adams families and stay informed on what's happening with the PTO and the school.

Our **SVSU STEM Night on Tuesday** was a great success! Many families enjoyed an entertaining and educational evening!



Upcoming Events:

Tues, March 10 Election Day (Adams is a polling station, see notes above)

Fri, March 20 READ-A-THON! (funds support the 5th Gr Greenfield Village field trip)

Fri, March 27 Half-day of instruction (8:40 – 11:51 a.m.) *Last day of school before Spring Break*

Mon, Apr 6 First day of school after Spring Break

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