



Adams Update September 18, 2020

Picture Day: Monday, September 21

Adams Picture Day is this upcoming *Monday, September 21*. This is for **both face-to-face AND Virtual Academy students**. These pictures are for your school picture collection, and will also be included the school yearbook. If your child attends face-to-face, teachers will escort their students to the Media Center for photos.

Important information for **Virtual Academy** students who want pictures taken:

1. Come to Adams between **11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., or 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.**
Please wear a mask, enter through the **Main Entrance**, and then go directly into the Media Center through the door on the right. Pictures will be taken in the Media Center.
2. Parents may wait outside, or in the front lobby, while the pictures are being taken.
3. Proofs and order forms arrive about a week after picture day. Parents will be notified when they are ready for pick-up in the lobby.

Health Department Offering Free Hearing and Vision Screenings

Note from the County Health Department:

We are currently offering hearing and vision screening for ANY STUDENT in ANY GRADE; if there are concerns about a child's hearing or vision, families may contact the Health Department.

To schedule an appointment for **Hearing and Vision** screening, call Christy at 989-832-6673.

To schedule an appointment for **Immunizations** call 989-832-6665.

NWEA Testing

NWEA testing will continue next week. Every student is being tested in Reading and Math; this is for both face-to-face and Virtual Academy students.

This is a **low stakes** test—it is not used for placement or anything other than helping us understand what students know or do not know, so we can better adjust our teaching to meet their needs.

NWEA is also an **adaptive test**. As students get questions correct, the questions get harder, as they get them incorrect, questions get easier. This allows the test to help us understand the academic level for each student. Virtual Academy classes may need to adapt lesson plans over the next week as some students finish the test and others are still working on it—you will probably see some independent work time while others finish. This is what also happens in face-to-face classes during testing.

PTO Updates

Please see the attached newsletter regarding recent PTO updates. You will see information on upcoming events and ways to support your child's classroom, both virtual and face-to-face.

Repeat from last week: Backpack Buddy Emergency Food Program

We are aware that it is sometimes difficult to make ends meet and to provide adequate nutrition for families. The Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network supplies the **Backpack Buddy** program to help bridge this gap. The program distributes packages of food to elementary and preschool children in backpacks or plastic bags on Friday afternoons (or the last day of the school week) to provide meals and snacks for the weekend. There is no cost for the program; please read the attached information for more information. To participate in Backpack Buddies, please fill out the attached form and return to your teacher or the school office. Note: this program is also available to Virtual Academy students, but there is no delivery—the backpacks will need to be picked up/dropped off at Adams.

Repeat from last week: Sharing Tree and Christmas Closet

Sharing Tree forms and Community Christmas Closet forms are available in the Adams office. Sharing Tree forms need to be returned to the office by October 1, 2020. Community Christmas Closet forms need to be returned by mail to the Community Christmas Closet or to the school office before October 15, 2020.

Upcoming Events**Mon, September 21****Picture Day****Mon, October 5, 6:30 p.m.****PTO Meeting****Tues, November 3****Election Day/PD Day; No School for Students****Wed, November 11****Parent-Teacher Conferences; 1/2 Day for Students**

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