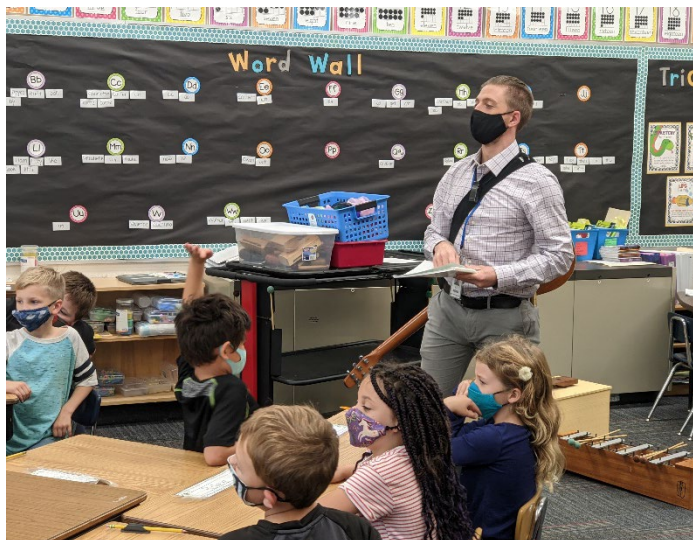


## Adams Update October 22, 2021

### Welcome to Adams, Mr. Webber!



Mr. Webber, our newest General Music teacher, joined MPS this year after completing his first year of teaching in Warren, Michigan. Before teaching, he was a professional musician in the Detroit area. He earned his undergraduate and master's degrees in Music from Michigan State and Wayne State, prior to completing his teacher certification from Eastern Michigan University.

Mr. Webber enjoys performing music, but loves teaching even more; he has a passion for music literacy and helping others read and write music. He enjoys leading students to discover music they might otherwise never hear, and helping students find links between music and other subjects like history, science, and math. Welcome to Adams, Mr. Webber!

### Lost & Found Treasures

Please check the Adams Lost & Found for treasures inadvertently lost at school. We have many sweatshirts, jackets, shoes, and more. On nice afternoons we will have the Lost & Found coat rack outside the Lower Elementary Entrance—come find your child's items!

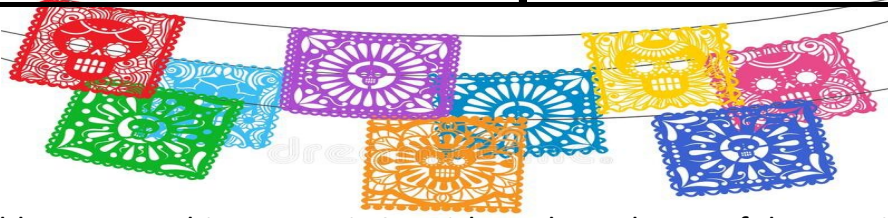


Remember that picture re-takes, and group pictures, are on Thursday, October 28.

During their weekly library visits, our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students take turns sharing their book recommendations with classmates. Recommendations are recorded and posted to inspire others. Classmates sharing ideas has quickly become a favorite pastime and way to spread the word about good reads; it is also very helpful for Mrs. Matcheck as she advertently plans for the annual library book order. Great job, Adams Atoms!



## WORLD LANGUAGE – “Experiencias en Español”



Our focus in World Language this quarter is Spanish, and our theme of the year is: “Travel the World, not all Classrooms Have Four Walls.” We are focusing on Mexico in Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade, the Dominican Republic in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and Peru in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades. Our four-language and culture program has the goal of creating more open-minded, knowledgeable communicators who will have a better idea not IF they will continue with a world language after elementary school, but hopefully WHICH language they will choose, as they discover which language or culture speaks to them most. I teach Spanish, French, German and Mandarin Chinese, and the goal is to help students be open-minded, knowledgeable communicators, better able to contribute to the world in a positive way. If you want to know more, or have any questions, please contact me (Señora/Madame/Frau/ Lǎoshī Kim McMahan – [mcmahankd@midlandps.org](mailto:mcmahankd@midlandps.org)).

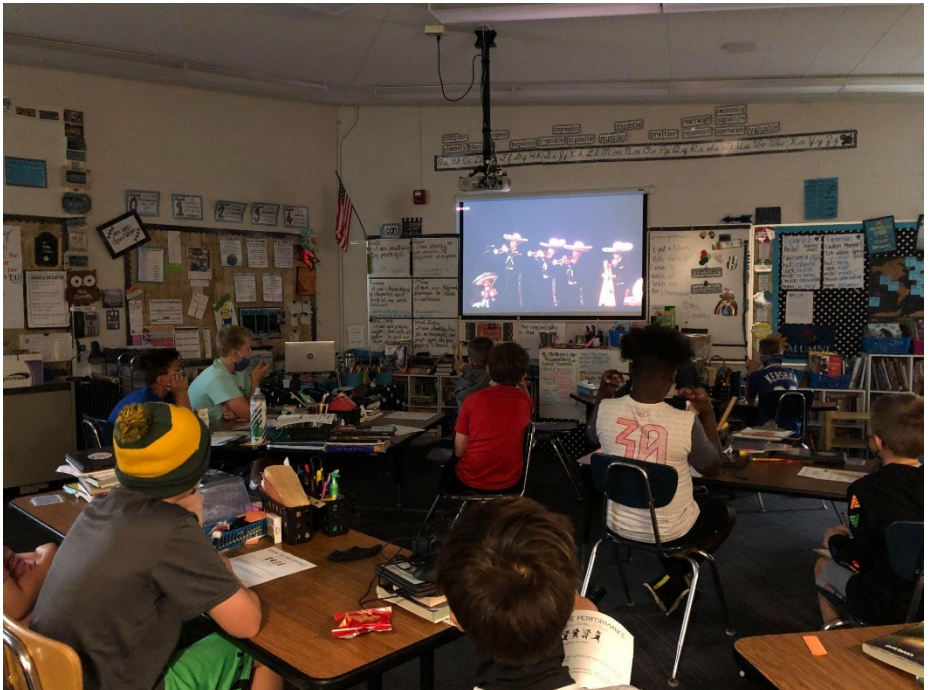
We began the year talking about the theme of travel, and the benefits of traveling to places outside of your comfort zone. Every student and staff member shared their number one travel destination, and we will be revealing the results next week.

In Spanish, all grades learned about Hispanic Heritage Month and why we celebrate and honor the people in our country who have heritage from Spanish-speaking or Latin American countries. 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders have learned which 21 countries speak Spanish and what students at Adams are Hispanic or Latino (we have 25 Hispanic/Latino students representing eight different countries).

Through this project, we are reviewing common greetings, how to introduce ourselves in Spanish, colors, numbers and calendar.

Kindergarten is currently focusing on colors, numbers and introducing themselves. 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be reviewing/learning about weather/seasons in Spanish, and we will be tracking the weather in Mexico, the Dominican Republic and Peru.

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, 5<sup>th</sup> grade students had the





opportunity to learn about Mariachi music, an important part of Mexican culture. This past Friday, October 8th, all 5th grade classes viewed a live streamed Mariachi event from the Midland Center for the Arts.: “Mariachi Herencia de México.” This talented group of young Chicago musicians (aged 17-22) has been nominated for a Latin Grammy, and their mission is to uplift and preserve Mexican culture through sharing Mariachi music with the world. It was a wonderful experience, and students enjoyed asking questions through the live chat.

In keeping with our travel theme, each class is trying to “travel” enough miles to reach either Oaxaca, Mexico; Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; or Lima, Peru. *MANY CLASSES WILL EARN A MEXICAN FIESTA SOON.* Please be on the lookout for an email with a Sign-up Genius link, asking families to donate pre-packaged Hispanic snacks for the students to sample while we watch a Hispanic-themed video or play a game in Spanish.

We will begin learning French and about French culture in November. Muchísimas gracias for sharing your amazing kids with me at Adams. Adiós, amigos.

### **PTO Update**

There is a great write-up in the PTO Update about the Adams Closet—please read it over and consider donations. Check out the PTO Update for the latest info.

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### **Upcoming Events**

Thurs, Oct 28	Picture Retakes
Tues, Nov 2	No school for students
Thurs, Nov 11	½ day for students, 11:51 a.m. dismissal
Thurs, Nov 11	Parent-Teacher Conferences
Wed, Nov 24	½ day for students, 11:51 a.m. dismissal

We had a great week at Adams, and we look forward to seeing you and your students again next week. Have a nice weekend!

Educationally yours,

***Scott Cochran***

Principal