



## Adams Update December 13, 2019

### Adams Teams Perform Admirably at FIRST Robotics!

Last Saturday was the Regional Competition for our fourth and fifth grade *FIRST Lego League Robotics* teams. Teams had to design and program a robot to carry out tasks, collaborate with teammates to research and propose a solution to a problem that cities face, and present to judges.

The *Adams Ultimate Builders* applied what they learned last year and finished 6th in robot qualification, out of the 33 teams. Their Innovation Project, “Solving for Traffic Congestion,” focused on various solutions for traffic congestion, including Smart Traffic Lights.



The *Adams City Warriors* had a great time at the qualifier and enjoyed sharing with the judges their Innovation Project “Using renewable materials to replace cement in concrete to reduce CO2 emissions.” The City Warriors won the Programming Award and qualified for the State Finals! The team heads down to Bloomfield Hills High School for the state finals tomorrow—good luck *Adams City Warriors*!

### Adams Ski Day Announced: Monday, January 20

Monday, January 20 will be the annual *Adams Ski Day*. That day teachers have professional development meetings all day and there is no school. Adams parent Nick Kroll has once again offered to help host Adams students at Caberfae Peaks for a fun day of skiing. Parents must drive and stay with their students all day at the hill. Information about lift tickets, food, and other logistics are on the flyer attached to this newsletter. Caberfae is outside of Cadillac, about two hours away from Midland.

### Calendar Updates

Please make note of the school schedules, and holiday breaks, that are listed at the end of this newsletter. This is also a good time to remind your students that every day at school is critical, and to take full advantage of every minute in class, even during this exciting, holiday season!

### **Adams Ultimate Lunchtime Behavior Challenge!**

You may have heard from your students that we are in Day 3 of our 5-day *Adams Ultimate Lunchtime Behavior Challenge*. Each grade level is trying to win the challenge by having the best behavior during lunch. Judges are looking for students that are kind to each other, listen to the adults, use inside voices during lunch, and play safely with each other when they are outside. The best behaved grade levels will receive additional treats at their Holiday Parties next week. Good luck to all!

### **Construction Update**

We still anticipate being in the new gym, cafeteria, and platform/stage beginning in January. Exciting news: next week students may begin using the back door to the school, on the north side of the building, leading to the sidewalk to Woodview Pass (the same doors students have used for years, but were behind the construction fence at the start of the year).

### **NWEA Assessments**

We completed our first week of NWEA testing this week. There were some technological glitches, which was not unexpected, but we solved those and we are looking forward to finishing the testing next week. As a reminder: this month, as part of an MPS-wide pilot program, we are assessing our students in Math and English using the NWEA MAP assessment. This is part of a pilot program for all Midland Public Schools elementary schools. If everything goes as expected, we may use this system next school year to replace several of the other assessments that we have given students (students will still take the M-STEP). Ideally these tests, which are given on the Chromebooks, will take less time, be more standardized, and give us more timely results than others we have used.

Since this is a pilot program, we will not be using or sharing the results; this is a chance for us to test the system and see how it works, and how helpful it is. If we decide to adopt the assessment long-term, sharing parent reports with student results will be a part of the program.

### **Lost & Found**

Parents, please check the Lost & Found, which is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade hallway across from room 21, every time you visit the school. Mrs. Florey's class has been working hard to sort & organize all the clothing, boots, coats, hats, gloves, water bottles, balls, and lunch bags. A coat rack and tables have been set up with the sorted items by the lower elementary entrance.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

<b>Dec 16 – 18, 8:15 – 8:40am</b>	<b>Cards R Us for sale (see flyer on next page)</b>
<b>Tu, Dec 17, 7pm</b>	<b>Kindergarten Holiday Program</b>
<b>Fri, Dec 20</b>	<b>Full day of school, last day of school before Winter Break</b>
<b>Dec 21 – Jan 5</b>	<b>Winter Break</b>
<b>Mon, Jan 6</b>	<b>First day of school after Winter Break</b>
<b>Mon, Jan 6, 6pm</b>	<b>PTO Meeting, Art Room</b>
<b>Mon, Jan 20</b>	<b>No school for students (teacher PD day)</b>

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



Attention Adams School  
Parents and Students!

Happy Holidays from the  
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders!



"Cards R Us" is back in business making holiday stationery! These cards can be purchased Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:15 to 8:40 a.m. in the Adams School lobby for 25 cents each, which includes delivery.

Students are encouraged to write cheerful messages to friends and staff on the stationery and mail their letters in the mailbox placed outside the office. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will sort and deliver the letters to the appropriate classrooms during the entire week of December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Remember to put who the letter is for and the teacher's name on the front of the card to assure it gets to the right class!

Parents and grandparents are also welcomed to write notes to their children! All proceeds will go to Shelter House and DARE!

Bring your quarters, buy some cards and get writing!!

