



Adams Update January 24, 2020

Culture Club prepares for Chinese New Year celebration

Our Culture Club members, led by World Language teacher Ms. McMahan, are busily preparing for the upcoming Chinese New Year celebration at the Bullock Creek Auditorium. In past years our students watched and enjoyed the festivities; this year they are singing a song in Mandarin! Keep working hard, and good luck to our Culture Club members!

Construction Update

This week our crews made significant progress in several areas. We passed our electrical inspection, and installed much of the gymnasium & cafeteria floor. This next week will see the completion of the flooring, and then we are very close to being in the addition—stay tuned to this space next week for more information.

Popcorn Friday!

Next Friday, January 31 is our next **PTO Popcorn Friday!** Forms went home with students yesterday. The PTO is donating a portion of the proceeds from this month's popcorn day to Grant Maciag's family, to support them as they travel back and forth to C.S. Mott's Children's Hospital for treatment. Thank you, PTO.

Sixth grade schedule requests

If you have a fifth grader at home, it is time to turn in the sixth grade schedule requests to your child's fifth grade teacher. Students heard from assistant principals at both middle schools last week, and both schools hosted parent nights in the last two weeks, so hopefully all of your questions have been answered. If you do have additional questions, please do not hesitate to ask any of us: the fifth grade teachers, me, or the MS assistant principals (Ms. Stark at JMS—starkkm@midlandps.org, or Mr. Seybert at NEMS—seybertkt@midlandps.org).

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion announcement

News flash! In case you did not see the announcement from our superintendent: we are excited to have Dr. Amy Beasley from Dow join MPS for 2020 as our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Consultant. In the coming weeks, we will see Dr. Beasley in our schools working with staff and students as we further our district's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion efforts. Welcome, Dr. Beasley, we're looking forward to working with you!

Battle of the Books Update

Battle of the Books teams, please join us for the **Mock Battles** on Friday, January 31 and Friday, February 7, in the Adams Art Room, during lunch. Please contact Kate Reder at kathleenreder@gmail.com with any questions. If you are leading a team and haven't talked with Kate yet, please reach out and let her know. Thank you!

2020-21 Kindergarten Orientation (for next year's Kindergarten parents)

Our **Kindergarten Orientation**, for 2020-21 kindergarten students, is **Tuesday, February 4, 5:45 p.m.**, here at Adams. If you have a student that will be in kindergarten next year please plan to attend; if you know someone with a future kindergarten student, please let them know, as well. **Please note: There is a new process this year for In-District Transfers (formerly called Schools of Choice). You must first pre-register your student at your neighborhood school and then request a transfer to Adams.**

Have Fun, Please Help!

The Adams PTO is a fun, energetic, child-focused group of parents that comes together to put on school events and raise funds for our classrooms. **We are looking for more parents to be involved**, especially parents from some of our younger grades. If you enjoy being at the school and helping out—either during school day or at evening events—please let your student's teacher or me know. Thank you!

We need your help!

The Adams Fall Carnival is a fun, popular, family-oriented event, and it was incredibly well attended this fall. Along with being a great community event, it is a key fundraiser for our PTO, with all of the funds funneling into our classrooms and student events. We are in desperate need of help to prepare for next year's carnival. Please consider offering to help; if you are interested, please let me know, or let your classroom teacher know, and they will pass your name along to me. Thank you!

Gym Shorts from Mr. Seebeck

Greetings from the Adams Gym! It seems like winter finally found Midland. Although it is cold and snowy, it's still great to get outside for some exercise and fresh air.

Last week in gym class, we were lucky enough to have Coach Stadelmeier visit and teach us about the sport of Lacrosse. There are several "Try Lacrosse Free Days" coming up on the near future. If your child would like to learn more about the game and get some exercise, check <https://www.midlandlax.com/try-lax> dates and times.

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students worked with jump ropes and learned that there are a lot of ways to jump rope that we are all capable of. Be sure to ask your child if they have any cool things they can do with a jump rope.

3rd, 4th and 5th grade students worked on jump rope skills for the past couple of weeks. Jump rope is a great activity for lifetime fitness. It is my hope that they have a few tricks they enjoy and they'll continue to challenge themselves with more tricks.

We're going to spend some time playing tennis in the next few weeks. The main goal in PE class is to help develop hand-eye coordination. Putting a racquet in your child's hand will force their brain to account for the longer reach of the racquet which will further develop the part of the brain responsible for eye-hand coordination. Not to mention it's going to be tons of fun and exercise. 4th and 5th grade students will have an opportunity to play in a Paddleton Tournament on Saturday February 22nd. Keep an eye out for permission slips to come home in early February.

Please help your students to have clean gym shoes when they come to gym class. Students whose shoes leave the gym floor dirty will not be allowed to participate and other types of shoes are slippery making participation too dangerous.

As always, try to keep your children active as much as possible and if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

PTO Update:

Greetings from the Adams PTO! Lots of things are happening in the next few weeks.

The next PTO meeting will be held on **Monday, Feb. 3** at 6 p.m. in the art room. Everyone is welcome to attend and learn more about what the organization does and how you can help! The meeting lasts no more than an hour. Free childcare is also provided.

Our next Papa John's Pizza Night is **Wednesday, Feb 5**. A portion of every Papa John's sale that night will go to Adams PTO.

The PTO is sponsoring COSI on Wheels: Discover the Universe, an all-day event at Adams on **Tuesday, Feb. 18**. It starts with a high-energy assembly, followed by a day of hands-on science activities. Many volunteers are needed to help throughout the day on Feb. 18 and a free lunch will be provided to volunteers. A few volunteers are also needed in the late afternoon/early evening on Monday, Feb. 17 to set up the activities. Sign up to volunteer at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0545aea92cabfb6-cosi>

SVSU Family Night at Adams is coming up on **Tuesday, March 3** from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.! Saginaw Valley State University's mathematics and science departments 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 will run alongside the book fair, which is going on that week. Come shop and enjoy fun activities for the whole family. More info to come!

Upcoming Events

Mon, Feb 3, 6pm	PTO Meeting, Art Room
Tues, Feb 4, 5:45pm	2020-21 Kindergarten Orientation for Parents
Wed, Feb 5	Papa John's Pizza Night
Mon, Feb 18	COSI on Wheels: Discover the Universe, at Adams all day

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