

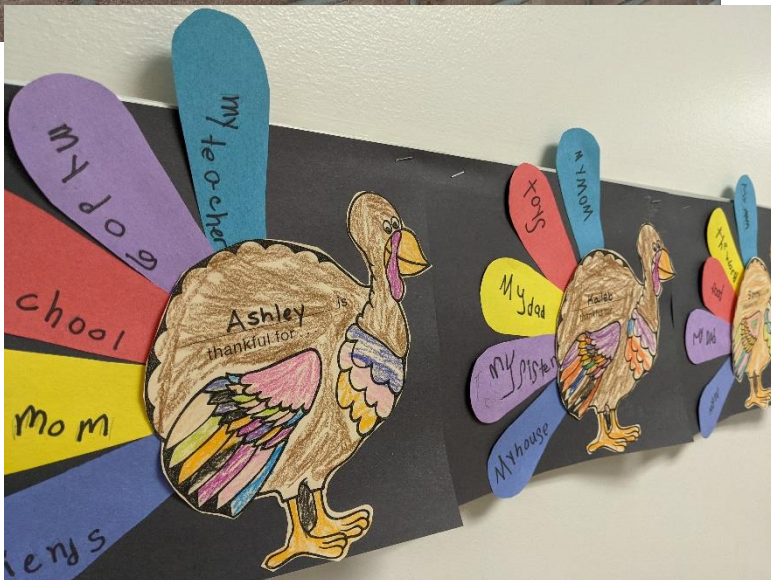
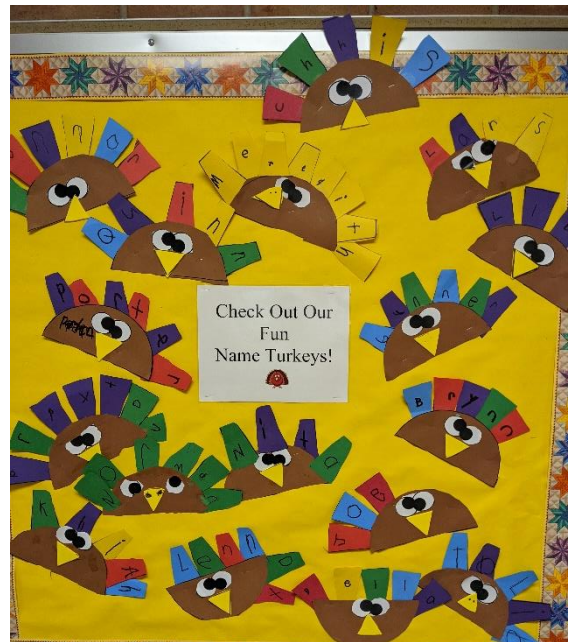
Adams Update November 19, 2021

Wednesday, November 24: ½ Day of School (11:51 a.m. dismissal)

Just a reminder that Wednesday next week is a half-day of school, and there is no school Thursday or Friday (November 25-26), in recognition of the Thanksgiving weekend. School resumes **Monday, November 29**. We wish you and your family the best, and hope that you have a safe, enjoyable holiday.

Fall Colors in the Hallways

There is so much happening, always, here at Adams Elementary. This week it seems our hallways are full of turkeys, writings about Fall topics, and other creative student work. It's great to see learning happening through individual expression—great job, Adams Atoms!



Winter Coats

Speaking of the Fall, we all know what happens next! Temperatures were definitely cooler this week, and we had a number of students asking for warm clothing to go outside. Please remember to send your child with a winter coat, hat and gloves/mittens, and other cold-weather gear.

World Language Update

WHAT'S UP IN WORLD LANGUAGE?

In World Language, we are completing our theme of the year, which is "Travel the World - Because not all classrooms have four walls." The entire school voted on where they would go if they could visit just ONE place in the world, and I revealed the top 13 destinations chosen by students and staff (we had several ties, so ended up with 13 countries). The top countries, from least chosen to the number one, are as follows:

10. Egypt
9. Russia
8. Canada & Brazil
7. Florida & Germany
6. Mexico
5. Italy
4. Hawaii & Japan
3. Australia
2. China
- And the #1 - France (with 47 votes)



We had a great time looking at a scratch off map on which I scratched all 67 countries chosen by our Adams' community. We could tell where most chosen countries were located (Europe) and where very few countries were chosen (Africa), and we had good discussion about why we thought some parts of the world were not as popular.

We will be learning which countries in the world speak the four languages we are learning, and during "español," we studied the 21 countries that speak Spanish, focusing on Hispanic Heritage Month and the students at Adams who have heritage from Spanish speaking countries. As we start French NEXT WEEK, I hope to open student minds to the African continent, where many French-speaking countries are located.

Students had a great time discovering and sampling some Mexican snacks as we watched "Kids Try Mexican Snacks." Many students loved the Paleta Payaso (chocolate covered marshmallow suckers) and Takis (spicy rolled tortilla snacks), but didn't like the chili covered Tamarind suckers. Opinions were mixed on the De la Rosa Mazapán, a crumbly peanut snack (which is my personal favorite). Those students who were absent for the fiesta are getting a chance to participate in a makeup fiesta during their lunch recess this week. If they are absent for that, I will send home the snacks for them to sample at home on Friday. Thank you so much for your donations to our fiesta that allowed the kids to

experience some Mexican treats and learn a little about the culture. Here are a few pictures of kids trying Mexican snacks at Adams.



As we wrap up our Spanish learning, I have been showing students a trailer for a new Disney movie that will be released Wednesday, November 24th in theaters. Encanto is a story about family and celebrating individual gifts that takes place in Colombia. We have just finished learning about Spanish-speaking countries, and we have students at our school who have family heritage from Colombia. If at all possible, I encourage you to take your child to see this movie to celebrate all they have learned about Spanish speaking countries over the past couple of months.

I look forward to starting French next week and discovering the many countries that speak French around this beautiful world.

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PTO Update

Be sure to check out the PTO Update for important information, including the Book Fair recap, Shop with Script fundraiser, and information about the next Papa John's Night!

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Upcoming Events

Wed, Nov 24	Half-day of school, 11:51am dismissal
Nov 25 – 28	No school: Happy Thanksgiving!

There will be no *Adams Update* next week, as it is a short week and a holiday weekend. It was 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