



Adams Update August 20, 2021

Welcome to Adams!

We have several new staff members to welcome to Adams this month. Please join me in welcoming:

Becca Budka, Teacher, 5th grade

Teryn Bohn, Teacher, 3rd grade

Dawn Brown, Speech Therapist

Janet Matcheck, Media Center Specialist (yes, she recently un-retired!)

Shao-Ching Hung, Paraprofessional

Arrival Locations

There will be three different ways that students may enter Adams on a daily basis: Upper Elementary students (grades 3-5) use the Main Entrance, the one that leads to the office. Lower Elementary students (grades K-2) use the Lower Elementary entrance, which is to the right as you approach the building. **Teachers will be out in front of the building to greet their classes on the first days of school.** Students should find their teacher and join their class as they approach the building. Students may also enter via the doors on the north side of the building, by the path from Woodview Pass.

As a result of MPS Covid rules and regulations, we are not able to host parents on the first days of school, as we have in the past. Your children will join their class outside of the building, and then walk in together. Families will have a chance to visit the classes during the Open House/Curriculum Nights in the first weeks of school.

School Hours

The first bell rings at 8:33 a.m., and that is when students may enter the building. The second bell is at 8:40 a.m., and signifies the beginning of school. School ends at 3:40 p.m. The office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

New Covid Rules

You likely heard the new rules that all MPS buildings are following as of this week.

1. For now, we are eating in the classrooms, not the cafeteria. Lunch and breakfast will be served in the classrooms. This school year, by the way, all school lunch and breakfast meals are free! If your student does decide to get milk only, that does cost 60 cents (milk is free as part of a full breakfast or full lunch).
2. Masks are to be worn as students enter and exit the building, and when walking in the hallways in school. Masks also must be worn on the school bus. Once students are in their classes, masks are strongly encouraged, but optional. Masks are not required on the playground.
3. For now, students will play with other students from their class on the playground, and not with students from other classes.

Picture Day is September 14!

School picture day is just around the corner—Tuesday, September 14.

Important Chromebook Information

MPS is a 1:1 district for student technology, meaning that all students receive a Chromebook. As in past years, parents are able to purchase insurance to reduce the cost of Chromebook repairs, if you wish. **Before your child may take use their Chromebook**, you need to read the information below, and fill out the form. Please let us know if you have any questions. The last day to sign up for insurance is **Friday, September 3**.



Student Device Information

Parents and Guardians,
The 2021-2022 Device User Agreement and insurance options will be completed in SchoolPay. We hope that this will streamline the process for you, your students, and our staff. Please go to the link at the bottom of this page and follow these instructions:

First, read and understand the Device User Agreement policy. The first question will ask you if you agree to this document. (Link to the device agreement here):

<https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/20212022-Technology-InsuranceUser-Device/SNAPzc>

Second, you will need to decide if you are going to Opt IN for insurance or Opt OUT. If you wish to Opt OUT, meaning you do not want the insurance, you will need to type in OPTOUT including capitalization. **If you do not type this in exactly you will be charged the \$25.**

The rest of the questions are self-explanatory and must be completed to finish the form. You will need to add this item to your cart for each student. The last day for families to opt in and pay for insurance is Friday, September 3.

Families that are Free & Reduced will automatically have the insurance charge reduced to a \$10 per student charge. Even though you do not have to pay for student number 3 and beyond, you will still need to complete the Device User Agreement. When you get to the Discount field, you need to enter the discount "FAMFREE" to ensure that you are not charged for those additional students.

Devices will be distributed by your student's classroom teacher during the first week of school. (Link to SchoolPay to complete the device process here):

<https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/20212022-Technology-InsuranceUser-Device/SNAPzc>

MPS District Calendar

The MPS district calendar includes all the key dates you need to know—when school is in session, breaks, last day of school, and everything in-between. You can find the calendar at this link:

<https://www.midlandps.org/docs/district/depts/24/Calendar/21-22/2021-22MPSCalendarFINAL.pdf>

Upcoming Events

Monday, August 23

Fri 9.3 – Mon 9.6

Tues 9.14

First Day of School!

Labor Day Weekend, no school

Picture Day

We are looking forward to greeting your children on Monday, and cannot wait to get the school year started.
See you soon!

Educationally yours,

Scott Cochran

Principal