



Adams Update October 15, 2021

Welcome to Adams, Ms. Bohn!

Ms. Teryn Bohn may be the newest member of our 3rd grade teaching team, but she is not new to Adams—she



attended Adams as a student, and even enjoyed 3rd grade in the same classroom where she now teaches! She went on to Northeast M.S., Midland H.S., and then graduated from Saginaw Valley State University with her degree in Elementary Education, with a focus on Language Arts. Ms. Bohn was inspired to be a teacher by her own, very special, 2nd grade teacher. She has two children, ages 6 and 9, who both attend Adams. In her free time she loves to go on bike rides, have bonfires in the backyard, go to the beach, and to go fishing. She is very excited to be back in the school that helped shape her into the person she is today. Welcome to Adams, Ms. Bohn!

Bike Riding at Adams Elementary

It is great to see so many students riding their bikes to school this week! We know that physical activity and movement are good for the body and mindset, and riding bikes to and from school is cool way to start and end the school day. We all know that Michigan weather can change at any minute, but as long as it's nice outside, enjoy riding those bikes to school!



Parking Lot Update

In some ways this was a better week in the Adams parking lot, but we still had a few flare-ups. Please keep the following principles in mind.

1. We're all here to help our children, our students. Please be patient and respectful with staff, parents, community members, and other adults. Our students know—*Every day is a great day at Adams*—together, let's make that the case in the parking lot, too.
2. Please drive on the street, and park in the lot—parking on the street is against the posted signs, and makes pick-up/drop-off very difficult for everyone.
3. During drop-off and pick-up, please enter and exit through the driveway at the eastern end of the lot (to the right as you face the school). The driveway closest to the light at Adams & Washington is reserved for busses.
4. Please be patient and respectful with the crossing guards, and the safety patrol. All they want to do is help everything go smoothly, and to keep our children safe!

Thank you.

Music Notes

This week we did some wrapping up of Autumnal music and introduced some new elements into class.

Kindergarten and 1st Grade recorded their final performances of "North Winds Blow." I will share these videos on Canvas. Videos will only be available to watch, not to download. This is to protect student identity and privacy as per FERPA regulations. Videos will be shared under the "Resources" tab and labelled by the teacher's name. I will send out an email to each grade level as I get the videos posted.

3rd Grade finished their performance of "Halloween," a spooky song that taught them about bass lines using Boomwhackers. Those videos will also be shared on Canvas. 3rd Grade also added instrumental parts to "John Kanaka," an old sailing song. We will continue to polish this song and add increasing complexity over the coming weeks.



4th Grade played drums along with actual music this week! Great job everyone! They also made further progress on their class compositions. I am excited to finish these up and record some final performances.

Next week, Kindergarten and 1st Grade will continue on with some new songs we started this week. We will also continue to hone our singing skills through basic tonal patterns. 3rd Grade will begin studying actual music and reading rhythms. 4th Grade will finish up their composition projects and continue to practice rhythm reading as a class. I may even be able to share some of their skills once they feel confident!

I hope your weekend is filled with rest,

Michael Webber,
K-5 General Music

What is RISE?

Teachers and principals throughout MPS are working with Sarah Owens to learn and implement RISE principles in school. What is RISE? RISE stands for *Resiliency in Students and Educators*. Now, more than ever, we recognize that students and staff have all kinds of new pressures and events to overcome in their daily lives. Trauma and stress not only impact our thoughts, feelings, and actions, but can also lead to changes in brain state, how our brain is wired, and our body chemistry. Through RISE we are learning how to address these changes, how to better understand and respond when students struggle, and how to help students develop coping skills and strategies. Here at Adams we are thankful to be able to participate, and looking forward to using these new skills and strategies.

Picture Retakes are Monday, October 28

Picture retakes are coming up soon—Monday, October 28. That day we will also take pictures of different student groups.

PTO Update

Did you know that you can still help the school raise money with box tops? Of course, nowadays, it is via an app. 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

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