



## Adams Update April 16, 2021

### **Elementary Report Cards are Available in *Home Access Center***

Your child's Third Marking Period elementary report card is available in *Home Access Center*, now through May 11. Simply log in to *Home Access Center* to view:

<https://hac.midlandps.org/HomeAccess>.

Reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions.

### **M-STEP Begins at MPS Elementary Schools**

We kicked off our M-STEP assessments this week at school, beginning with our 5<sup>th</sup> grade Virtual Academy students—our students did a great job! Next week, on Tuesday and Thursday, our 5<sup>th</sup> grade Face-to-Face students will start their testing. The state of Michigan requires us to provide these assessments for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students each spring, including this year. To help your child prepare to do their best, please do the following.

1. Have a good night's sleep.
2. Eat breakfast!
3. Chromebook preparation—completely turn it off the day before, and fully charge the Chromebook.
4. Bring headphones, Chromebook, water bottle, and something to read.

Teachers will give students more specific directions prior to their testing sessions.

### **Another Successful Fire Drill**

This Wednesday we completed our fifth and final Fire Drill of the school year. It was a little cool outside, but our students and staff were diligent and followed our safety plans to a "T." Good job, everyone!

### **Kindergarten Enrollment!**

***Please share this information with friends and neighbors with incoming kindergarteners!***

Kindergarten registration is underway! Information about our kindergarten program is at this link:

<https://www.midlandps.org/welcome-to-Kindergarten-2021-2022>

Enrollment paperwork is available in the Adams office, as well as at the following link:

<https://www.midlandps.org/docs/district/202122Enrollment/2021-2022KindergartenPre-EnrollmentPacket.pdf>

You will hear more about opportunities to tour the school and meet the teachers as spring approaches.

### **Boxcar Children Wins, Once Again!**

Spring Break this year started immediately at the end of *March is Reading Month*, so we did not have a chance to highlight all of the wonderful stories and efforts put forth in each class prior to break, so we thought we'd take a moment to recognize some of March's events now.

A tradition in Mrs. Holzheuer's class is that students vote on the ***Tournament of Books***, discussing and voting on favorite books they've read. After much reading, discussion, and debate, The Boxcar Children series won this year's competition. These books were first published in 1942, and were favorites in my Mom's family, and then my Grandmother gave them to me when I was young, and I enjoyed them, as well! Mrs. Holzheuer reported that this was the fourth time that The Boxcar Children won—a testament to the timeless nature of good books. We love reading here at Adams Elementary!



### **Repeat from last week: Elementary Classes Continue as Scheduled**

As we all know, the Covid-19 pandemic numbers look worse in the state of Michigan, and locally, than they have in some time. As we've seen this school year, things sometimes change, but as of right now **we anticipate that our elementary face-to-face classes will stay face-to-face for the time being.** Any announcements about a transition to virtual learning will come from our superintendent, via the normal communication channels. You can always find those type of announcements on our district website: [www.midlandps.org](http://www.midlandps.org).

### **Repeat from last week: Safety Rules and Protocols**

We continue to follow all of our Covid-19 safety rules and protocols here at school, and are being even more vigilant than ever following those procedures—we all want to keep your children safe, and in school. Please help us do this by also taking reasonable safety measures for your family, so that we can remain face-to-face as much as possible. Thank you!

**PTO Update**

[Click here](#) for the PTO Update.

**Upcoming Events**

May 10-14

Spring Book Fair!

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