

Adams Update March 5, 2021

Kindness on Display Here at Adams!

We are focused on “What it means to be kind” this month at Adams. We talked on the announcements about being kind to yourself—do your best, forgive yourself, getting a good night’s sleep were some of the suggestions. Our 3rd grade classes had the mindset that “Every day is Kindness Day!” We’ll continue to share ideas and thoughts about how to be kind throughout the month of March.

Spring Break Travel Plans?

There has been much discussion about Spring Break travel and how to manage returning to home and school after break. Please be careful and safe, taking common-sense precautions. All MPS schools are sending out this guidance from the state of Michigan regarding traveling out of state.

[gov/documents/coronavirus/Accessible_Safe_Holiday_Travel_Guidance_2222021_FINAL_717620_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/Accessible_Safe_Holiday_Travel_Guidance_2222021_FINAL_717620_7.pdf)

Music Concerts Underway!

Excitement was in the air this Thursday and Friday as our General Music classes recorded their first concerts of the school year! Each class will have the opportunity to gather on the steps of the stage and record their concert, which consists of socially-distanced sign language and dancing to the music. Our last several classes will be recorded early next week. The recordings will be posted for the classes and families to enjoy—we cannot wait!

Midland Inclusion 101

Thank you to Frau McMahan, Adams parents Katie Erikson and Christy Plishka, the Midland Inclusion Alliance, and everyone who was involved in the *Midland Inclusion 101* workshops this week. The events were well attended and resulted in good conversations about how to equip each other with age-appropriate information on diversity, equity, and inclusion, and the importance of an inclusive community. Thanks, again, to all involved, and we look forward to keeping the conversation going!

Adams Read-a-Thon Coming Soon!

March is Reading Month; to help celebrate, the Adams PTO is sponsoring a **Read-A-Thon on Friday, March 19**. Everyone in the school will be reading from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., and students will be seeking sponsors to support the activity and raise money. The PTO will use funds raised to support our classrooms and the 5th grade PYP Exhibition. More information is in [last week’s PTO Update](#), and on the pledge forms that your child will bring home.

Kindergarten Enrollment!

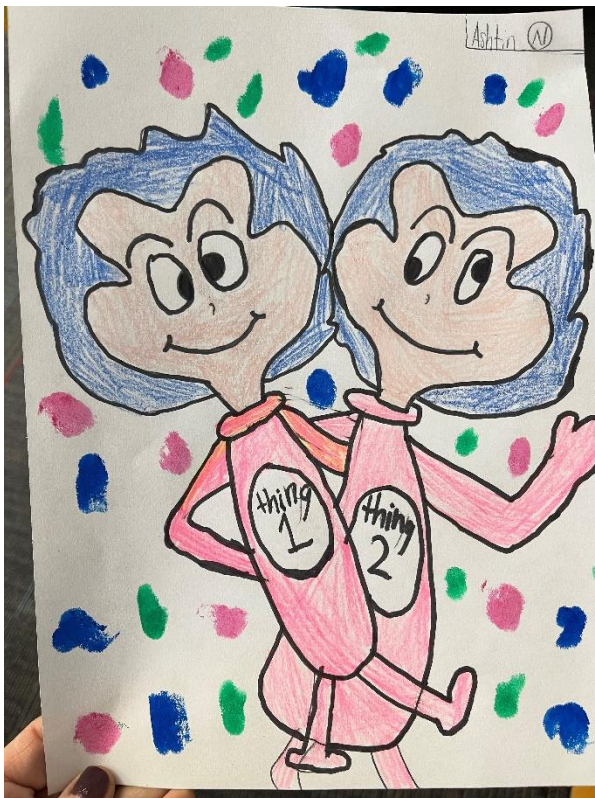
Kindergarten registration is underway! You can find information about our kindergarten program at this link: <https://www.midlandps.org/welcome-to-Kindergarten-2021-2022>

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. If you have friends with incoming kindergarteners, please share this information with them!

Art Update from Mrs. DuLude

This week we have been wrapping up our 'March is Reading Month' projects. We have looked at many different illustrations from different books and talked about how illustrations are each a little piece of artwork that tell a story. We wondered what the illustrator might have used for their art materials. Here are some examples of Pigeon by Mo Willems and Thing One and Thing Two from *The Cat in the Hat* by Dr. Seuss.



You may or may not know that I will be starting on my maternity leave starting on Monday, March 8. Tracy Earle will be my long-term substitute through the rest of the year. She is very excited to continue my art lessons with your children. She will be rotating through units themed on artists like Henri Matisse and James Rizzi, and units based on art elements like color and patterns. I will miss your kiddos so much and already look forward to seeing them in the fall!

Free Spring Break Food Service is Available

MPS will provide the Free Summer Meals Program for all community children aged 0-18 during Spring Break. That means **free meals** for all children! There is no need to fill out a pre-order form at this time. A request signature of confirmation of meal pick up will be provided at each location. Meals will be at **Central Park Elementary** and **Midland High School**.

Saturday March 27th (3 meals)—9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday March 30th (7 meals)—11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Mon, March 15

Spring Photos

Fri, March 19

Adams Read-A-Thon

Fri, March 26

Half-day of instruction for students - 11:51am dismissal.

Sat, Mar 26 – Mon, April 5

Spring Break

Tues, April 6

First day back from Spring Break

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