



## Adams Update September 10, 2021

### Picture Day is TUESDAY!

Next Tuesday is **Picture Day**! Ordering information will be sent home by teachers; please make sure that your child is all set for picture day when leaving the house on Tuesday (September 14).



### Tuesday's Weather Event and Your Child's Emotions

Everyone in school handled Tuesday's weather event very well. I am proud of the response from our staff, students and families. Everyone calmly banded together, listened, and took the necessary safety precautions. Most likely your child either did not have strong emotions about this event or, if they did, they've already talked about it with you.

However, sometimes feelings come up at a later date; if your child surprises you by talking about the event and how it made them feel, there are several steps you could take. Listen to what they have to say about it, ask them how it turned out (well), and encourage them to *look for the helpers* in tense situations like this. If they are still emotional, explore what they know about what happened, and clear up any misconceptions they may have (there was no tornado this time, weather like that is very unusual, the school is a very safe place to be in times of strong weather, there are lots of people there to help you). Reassure your child that they handled the event well, and they can manage potential future events, too.

### Tuesday's Weather Event: Shelter in Place at Dismissal Time

It's rare to have a weather event that requires us to shelter in place. I have never (!) seen a weather event like Tuesday's, one that requires us to shelter in place when we would normally be dismissing students. It will likely not happen again, but if it does, please know that we will take all steps to keep your children safe, including sheltering through and after dismissal time, until it is safe for students to leave the building.

### Community Outreach: Family Gifts

The *Sharing Tree* program is up and running, once again, for those in need. Parents may request a holiday gift (up to \$30) AND clothing for each family member living in their household. Tags are then placed around the community and shoppers purchase the items. Once tags are filled, the gifts are returned to the school for pickup by the family. **Gift request forms are in the office.** You may stop in and pick one up, or call us to request one to be sent home. Completed forms are due back in the office by **October 1, 2021.**

The *King's Daughters and Sons Community Christmas Closet* is available again this year, as well. We have the forms in the office; stop by and pick them up, or call us if you would like the forms sent home. Completed forms are due to us by **October 1, 2021.**

*The miracle is this: the more we share, the more we have. (Leonard Nimoy)*

## **PYP Updates**

Adams Elementary is an IB PYP World School. What does that mean? As a school we work to develop specific learning attributes and skills in our students, skills that will enable them to be thoughtful, insightful, successful students as they progress through the grades. Mrs. Melissa Ahearn, our PYP Coordinator, works with us to help develop lessons and strategies to do this. Each month she will provide information in this space about our PYP journey, and you can see September's update at the link below. Enjoy!

[September 21-22 PYP Pulse Newsletter](#)

## **Covid Surge Reaching a Conclusion?**

Since the beginning of this surge in Covid numbers on August 27, the last few days have been the best for our health numbers. We have a very small number of students being added to the quarantine list, and many, many students returning to school as their quarantine periods end. In some situations, students that are close contacts are remaining in school as their families choose to have them undergo serial rapid testing. Students, families, and our staff have handled the situation well, and it is wonderful to have more and more Adams students and staff back in school each day.

## **PTO Update**

Be sure to check out the latest PTO Update for information about the Spirit Wear orders (will be in soon), upcoming calendar events, and more!

[PTO Newsletter](#)

## **Upcoming Events**

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| Tues, Nov 2   | No school for students                            |
| Thurs, Nov 11 | Parent-Teacher Conferences                        |
| Thurs, Nov 11 | 8:40 – 11:51 a.m. Half day of school for students |

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