



## **Adams Update** ***First Day of School Edition!*** **August 31, 2020**

Wow, what a first day of school! We are very proud of how well your children adjusted to all of the changes and new procedures we have in place. It has been a long time since everyone went home on March 13, and today was an exciting, new beginning. As with any new launch, there are details that we need to work out during this first week, but everyone is off to a great start.

### **School Forms to Sign and Return**

With the return to school come new forms to sign and return. You'll see two forms come home with your child; please fill out, sign, and return them by Thursday. The forms are:

- **Personal Information Form**—It is important that we have the latest information from you regarding contact info and other key details. Please update, sign, and return.
- **COVID-19 Temperature Screening Notification Form**—You know that part of our process for admitting students to school this year is that their temperature must be below 100.4 F. With this form you acknowledge that temperatures will be taken as students enter school. The temperatures will not be recorded, simply scanned; anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will be taken to the quarantine room and parents will be called to pick them up. Please sign and return the form.

### **Chromebooks and Chargers**

When you account for all Adams students, both face-to-face and virtual, there are more students at Adams this school year than last. Most students already have their Chromebooks and chargers in hand. However, since our enrollment has gone up, we still have Chromebooks, and Chromebook chargers, on order with our Technology Department. As soon as they are delivered to Adams we will distribute them.

### **Canvas**

Students in all grades are learning about Canvas, our learning management system, every day. This is a very important tool that will help students continue to learn both in class and at home. Please ask your child(ren) about Canvas, and have them show you what they know. If they are uncertain, that is ok—reassure them that they will learn how to use it quickly, and we will help them. It is important that all students become comfortable using Canvas soon. It is a helpful tool in face-to-face learning, and is critical to remote/distance learning.

## Thank you!

How can we possibly say “thank you” to everyone that helped make today become reality? We are so blessed to have your children in our school, both virtually and face-to-face. Teachers and staff have been preparing all summer, including at recent professional development meetings (see picture). Adams families have been helpful and encouraging all summer long, including sprucing up the grounds in front of the building, and providing cheerful artwork and messages for the staff. At the risk of forgetting someone, we would like to acknowledge and thank some of you that helped make this possible.



- Adams students, thank you for working with us, and for working hard to follow our new policies and procedures.
- Adams parents and families, thank you for helping to prepare your children for today, talking through what will happen, practicing with masks, and modeling a positive attitude.
- Adams teachers, wow—you did incredible work preparing for today, a first day of school like no other. You rock!
- Adams staff—thank you for cleaning, helping at lunch, distributing desk shields, painting the playground, working with students, sorting and delivering Chromebooks, and everything else you did to make today possible.
- MPS Technology and Admin staff, thank you for training us in Canvas, tracking down new materials, hiring new staff, and helping our Virtual Academy teachers prepare for a new way of teaching.
- Adams PTO, friends, and neighbors, thank you for cleaning up the entrance to the school, the cheerful chalk drawings, the snacks, the support, and every other way you reached out to help us make today possible.



### **More Information**

Please review the additional information included with this newsletter. The [COVID-19 Steps, Tips, and Guidelines](#) are from our local health department. The attachment “**A Day in the Life of Adams Elementary**” gives you a summary of many of our new policies and procedures in a helpful, easy-to-read format.

### **Labor Day Weekend**

Remember, Labor Day weekend is just around the corner. There is no school this Friday, September 4 or the following Monday, September 7, in recognition of the holiday.

### **Upcoming Events**

Fri, Sept 4 – Mon, Sept 7	No school, Labor Day Weekend
Wed, November 11	Parent-Teacher Conferences

Day 1 is in the books...we cannot wait to see you tomorrow!

Educationally yours,

***Scott Cochran***

Principal