

Adams Apple

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March 7, 2014

Important Dates:

Monday, March 10 th	ISTEP + ALL WEEK Drama Club 4:00-5:15
Tuesday, March 11 th	Kindergarten Registration at CTEC Last Acuity Camp for 4 th grade 4:45 Art Club 4:00-5:15 PTS Meeting 7:00
Wednesday, March 12 th	Kindergarten Registration at CTEC Last Wednesday Acuity Camp 4:15
Thursday, March 13 th	Kindergarten Registration at CTEC Art Club 4:00-5:15
Friday, March 14 th	Student Council meets 8:00am Jump Rope for Heart
Monday, March 17 th	IREAD this week Drama Club 4:00-5:15
Tuesday, March 18 th	Art Club 4:00-5:15
Wednesday, March 19 th	Market Day pick up and Parent Volunteer Night 6:00-7:00
Thursday, March 20 th	Art Club 4:00-5:15
Friday, March 21 st	2 nd grade Bug Day 4 th grade Pioneer Day School Spirit Day Adams Apple sent home End of 3 rd nine weeks Spring Break Begins!!!!

ISTEP+ Testing

It's heeere! Third, fourth, and fifth graders will be participating in the ISTEP+ test next week. Third graders will test on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday while fourth and fifth graders test Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. PLEASE make sure students are here to take this important test, unless they are ill. This is the Applied Skills portion of the test. Students will take this test using paper and pencil. The second part of the ISTEP+ test is multiple choice and will be done on the computers starting April 28. Parents/guardians can help by making sure students have a good night's sleep, eat a good breakfast, have two number two pencils, and arrive to school on time. Third graders will begin their test at 9:00 and must be here on time in order to participate. Thank you for all of your help and support! ROCK THE TEST!!

IREAD3

The third graders will take the IREAD3 test on Monday, March 17 and Tuesday, March 18. This is the test students must pass in order to move to fourth grade. We are confident our students will do well. This test will be taken on the computer and covers only reading.



CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!
Give Miss Murphy a high five!! She earned funding through Donors Choose for "Vocabulary Can Be A "Piece of Cake""
Way to go Miss Murphy!!



Tips to Rock the Test and Do Your Best!

1. Get ready to do well on your tests next week! Make sure you eat a good breakfast and get to bed early so you are wide awake to do your best!
2. Listen to and read directions very carefully! Make sure you understand them. Pay close attention when doing any practice items together. **Be positive and tell yourself "I can do this."**
3. Relax and try not to worry! A test is just a way to show what you know. You already have what it takes, so take a deep breath and think **"I can do this"** and you will do your best.
4. Don't spend too much time on any one question. It's okay to guess! When you're not sure, first decide which choices you know are wrong and then make your best guess. **And remind yourself "I can do this."**
5. Be good to your body! Get a good night's sleep and eat a nutritious breakfast! Protein will give lasting "brain power." Avoid foods with lots of sugar. **And don't forget to stay positive and tell yourself "I can do this."**
6. After school next week, take time to be physically active and try to have some downtime to help you stay calm. **And while you're testing, take a deep breath, and tell yourself "I can do this."**
7. Be careful when filling in the little circles. If you fill in the wrong one, be sure to erase it completely. **Of course, don't forget to tell yourself that "I can do this."**
8. If you finish early, go back and check your answers. **And stay positive! You can do this!!**
9. Keep up the good work! Be positive! Give it your best effort! **At the end of the day, when testing is completed, give yourself a pat on the back and say, "I DID IT!"**



Nurse's Notes

Parents of 4th Graders:

The 4th grade students will be offered a short class about human growth and development at Adams on Thursday March 20, 2014 at the end of the day. A letter was sent home with each 4th grade student last Thursday in regards to this class. If you DO NOT want your child to participate in the class, please fill out the form that was attached to the letter sent home and return it to school by Wednesday March 19. If you have any questions about the content of the class, please phone the clinic and I will be happy to review the information with you.

Notice of Immunization Requirements

Parents of 2014/15 Kindergarteners :

Next year two doses of Hep A will be a requirement for all incoming kindergarteners. This school year it was recommended, but for next year's kindergarten class it is a requirement. In case families have younger siblings coming next year, I wanted to give parents notice about this change. Next year there are no requirements for 1st grade on up in regards to Hep A; the requirement for two doses of Hep A only apply to incoming kindergarteners for the 2014/15 school year.

Parents of 5th Graders:

Students need additional immunizations when they enter 6th grade, or become 11 years of age. The Indiana State Dept. of Health's additional required shots are Tdap, MCV4, and a second varicella (chickenpox) for all 6th grade students. If your student has had the chickenpox disease, a second dose is not necessary but contact me so that the school has a disease date on file. Please contact your student's doctor as soon as possible to schedule an appointment before school begins in July 2014. If your student is already 11 years old, please send a copy of the updated shots to the clinic. If your student will be 11 years old after school begins, he/she must have an appointment too, but will be allowed to attend until after the date of the appointment. If you have questions or need a copy of your student's shot record you may call me in the clinic 860-4289 to arrange to pick up a copy or have a copy sent home.

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Kindergarten Registration Time!!

Day Times

8:00am-3:00pm

Tuesday, March 11

Wednesday, March 12

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Evening Times

4:00-7:00pm

Tuesday, March 11

Thursday, March 13

At FTCSC Administration Building

Please bring original birth certificate, child's immunization records and proof of residency

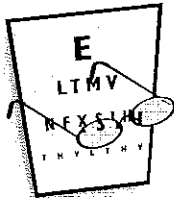


If you have any old, unused, unwanted keys (any size or shape) send them in. They are needed for our Spring Fling. These keys will not be returned. Send in junk keys only!



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming April 21st -25th!!!

Please contact Mrs. Howe if you can volunteer. 860-4272 or janice.howe@ftcsc.k12.in.us



Do you have old, unwanted eye glasses lying around? Send them in to Mrs. Hardcastle. She will be collecting them and donating to the Lions Club.



Spring Fling will be April 25th. More info about donations will be coming home soon.



Curious about your student's grades or behavior in class? Check out Infinite Campus for grades or Class Dojo for behavior. Email ichelp@ftcsc.k12.in.us to sign up to see grades. Contact your child's teacher to sign up for class dojo to view your child's behavior.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Adams Elementary earned \$974.00 from the March submission of Box Tops!!

- Bundle your Box Tops in bunches of 10 or 50. Please no expired Box Tops!
- Use a collection sheet —go to BTFE.com to download or look for one to come home.

Let me know the total number of Box Tops you're submitting.

Once we send in all the Box Tops, our school will receive a check from General Mills in April.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Thanks for all your help!

Bonnie Cripe

Bonnie.cripe@gmail.com

Art in March!

Important Notes:

Extra credit opportunities on Artsonia! Help your child write an artistic statement about any work of art posted on their online portfolio. This helps our school ranking, their art grade, but most importantly, a great way for them to reflect and write about something they created!

Artsonia will be updated this weekend-all pieces will be available by Monday!

Art Fair is on May 5th! Remember to plan your Cinco de Mayo celebration with us that evening! All students are currently working on their Art Fair projects which will be sent off to be framed for our big show!

Current Grade Level Projects:

Kindergarten: We're combining some of the different elements of art we've learned about this year-space, line, and color to create abstract pieces! Keep practicing craftsmanship at home! Having control over the tools they use is something we're working on in the classroom as well-pull out those coloring books and practice staying in the lines with your kiddos!

1st Grade: We've finished our Christina's Worlds and they are adorable! They're so sweet showing lots of creative, great ways to help Christiana get back to her home. Check out Christina's World by Andrew Wyeth and have your child explain all the different details that make this painting tell a beautiful story! For the art fair, we're using the Tree of Life by Gustav Klimt for our inspiration...and so far-gorgeous!

2nd Grade: Blue Dogs are done but our kids LOVED George Rodrigue's work and stories. Check out your own Blue Dogs and ask what color they painted Blue Dog when they do whatever their imaginations lead them too! Now, we're looking at different types of koi fish and catfish. Using a bird's eye perspective, they're creating their own fishy pieces!

3rd Grade: Your kids are getting REALLY old with this project! We're learning all about Centenarians and how to make themselves look like an old, wise version of ourselves! Parent help?! I would love to share these with a nursing home, but would like to find one that our students have a connection with. If anyone has suggestions, I would love to hear from you!

4th Grade: We're flying with Faith Ringgold and her quilt-story works of art. Faith grew up during the Harlem Renaissance, the liberating section of NYC for African-Americans of which jazz, theatre, writers, and creators all blew the world away with their legendary ideas. They'll be creating their own story and "quilting" a piece together for their art fair project.

5th Grade: We're going wild with color theory! Students have picked an animal to draw (which is a very challenging drawing task and they're doing incredible!) They'll then break up the picture into sections and apply different combinations of color theory to the piece, making their animals all kinds of wacky colors!

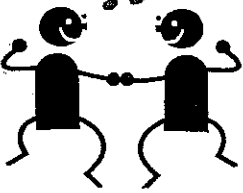
As always, let me know however I can help with anything! Keep creating at home and make sure you check out Artsonia on Monday for new work!

Thank you!

Miss Timmons

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NEWS FROM MUSIC



KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten has already learned so much this year. I can't believe how far we have come together. Please ask them at home about these words and what they mean: Dynamics, Tempo, Ostinato, Piano, and Forte; these are vocabulary words we have learned thus far. Currently we are writing our own rhythms and we are going to play them in a small group of four, like a band. We will use instruments like: Maracas, Rhythm Sticks, Tambourines, and Hand Drums to play in our rhythm bands. We have also learned the proper technique of playing the xylophone

FIRST GRADE

We just finished working on ostinatos. We played our ostinato on a xylophone. We have also learned the proper technique of playing the xylophone. Please ask them at home about these words and what they mean: Dynamics, Tempo, Ostinato, Piano, and Forte; these are vocabulary words we have learned thus far. Currently we are working of rhythmic dictation for half and whole notes!

SECOND GRADE

We just finished working on ostinatos. We played our ostinato on a xylophone. We have also learned the proper technique of playing the xylophone. Please ask them at home about these words and what they mean: Dynamics, Tempo, Ostinato, Piano, Forte, Largo, moderato, and Vivace; these are vocabulary words we have learned thus far. Currently we are working of rhythmic dictation sixteenth notes!

THIRD GRADE

We finished working on Treble clef lines and spaces. This will help us read our music in fourth grade next year, when we play recorders! We also worked with the xylophones on technique and an ostinato. Now we are learning our first three songs on recorder for next year! We have tested one of the songs, "Hot Cross Buns" and now we are having fun with "Merrily We Roll Along!"

FOURTH GRADE

We are working on recorders in Music! Recorders are going great! We have mastered the white, yellow and orange belts. Hi-Yah! They will receive a colored belt for every song they complete. Next we will work on the Green belt! Don't forget to turn in those practice sheets every music class with three signatures! ☺

FIFTH GRADE

We just finished discussing our choices for Middle School music. We have an option for band, choir, or orchestra. Fifth graders went to the High school to watch the performance groups and we have made our choices. We are now back to regular business doing rhythmic dictation with sixteenth note, and dotted notes!

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about your child and their Music Education #860-4262 or email Natalie.small@ftcsc.k12.in.us .

NEWS FROM THE GYM

Winter Olympics Grades K-5:

February 10th - February 21st Adams Elementary competed in the Winter Olympics. Your child learned many facts about the Winter Olympics held in Sochi, Russia. They learned about 4 specific Winter Olympic Events, they watched short 90 second video clips of the events, and they were able to compete in the Biathlon, Skeleton, Curling, and Ice Hockey. We had tons of fun in the gym!!! Students were recently given certificates if their team placed in any of the events by earning a Gold, Silver, or Bronze medal.

K-5th Grade: We have been focusing a lot on short jump ropes over the last month in order to help prepare us for our Annual Jump Rope for Heart Event which will be held on Friday March 14th; as well as to continue improving our individual fitness levels. Jumping rope has **MANY** benefits – it works your legs, it works your abs, it works your arms, it works your heart, and it works your mind. It also helps increase strength, agility, speed, timing and rhythm.

3rd, 4th and 5th Grade: We have begun utilizing a health-related fitness assessment program called **FitnessGram**. This is a nationally recognized fitness assessment program that was purchased through a grant written by our township and it will be used in the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. We will be able to test the various health-related fitness components, and at the **end of the year** we will send home a **written report with each student in 4th and 5th grade**. This report will show the student's fitness level for each component, and give suggestions on how to improve.



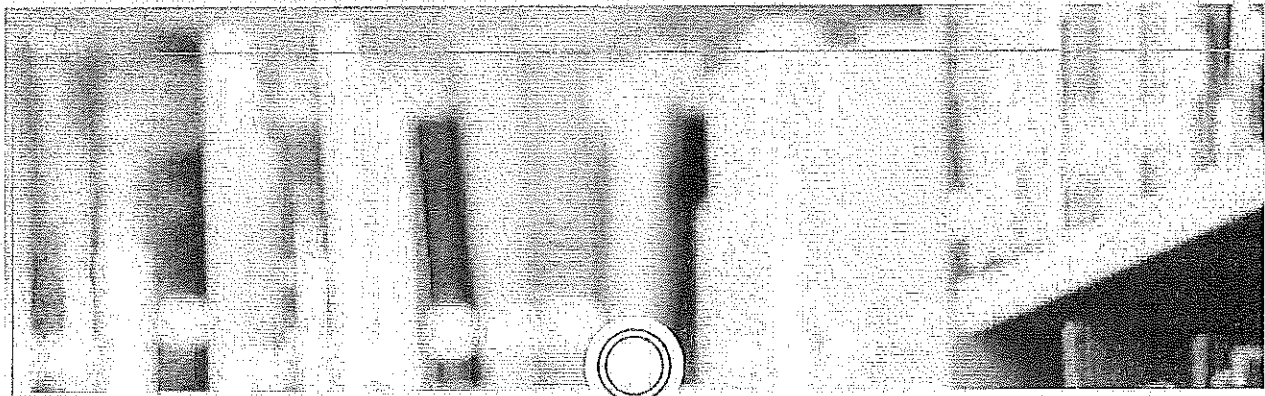
IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KNOW:

1. Our Annual **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART** event is coming up on **Friday March 14, 2014**.
2. **EVERY child that brings in \$20** for Jump Rope for Heart will have 1 chance to try to “dunk” Miss Roberts, Miss Small, or Miss Timmons in the dunk tank booth sometime in May. (Date TBA)
3. Donation Envelopes and Money are **NOT DUE until March 14th**.
4. **PLEASE try and encourage your child to help out the American Heart Association by collecting donations so that we can help SAVE LIVES and REACH OUR SCHOOL GOAL!**

PE Notes

This is just a friendly reminder that tennis shoes are required for participation in Physical Education class. Proper footwear helps performance and safety. **PE is always the same day EVERY week.** You could also have your child bring a pair of tennis shoes in their backpack if they wear boots or other shoes to school on PE days.

Thanks for your continued support!



Come Learn How to Use Read Out Loud!

On Wednesday, March 12, 2014 we will host an evening workshop for parents to learn how to use Read Out Loud. The session will be at the Administration Building for Franklin Township Community School Corporation and will start at 6:00 p.m. and conclude no later than 7:30 p.m. Pre-registration is requested to ensure we have sufficient handouts available.

Read Out Loud (RoL) is a free software program available to all students enrolled in the FTCSC. RoL is a simple-to-use and affordable text reader, that makes it easy for you to provide access to any book file — and to the Internet — to aid students in comprehending what they are reading.

Come spend some time using RoL with Dr. Sharon Knoth as she guides you through the RoL step-by-step user's guide. Although the session goes from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. you may feel free to leave earlier if you are comfortable with your level of understanding of RoL.



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