

Adams Apple

FTCSC Students...Prepared for Life's Possibilities!

FTCSC Mission Statement

Our mission is to install in all students a passion for lifelong learning and to inspire each one to contribute as a responsible citizen to the future of our interconnected world.

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November 14, 2014

Important Dates:

Monday, November 17 th	Drama Crew 3:50-5:00 1 st Grade Music Night 6:00pm
Tuesday, November 18 th	Art Club 3:50-5:00 2 nd Grade Music Night 6:00 Rhyne & Marlo 7:00 Hardcastle & Hoots
Wednesday, November 19 th	Midterm Ends Drama Club 3:20-5:00
Thursday, November 20 th	Art Club 3:50-5:00 Student Council 3:50-5:00
Friday, November 21 st	Midterms Sent Home School Spirit Day Parents Night Out 6:00-9:00pm
Tuesday, November 25 th	Art Club 3:50-5:00
Wednesday, November 26 th	4 th Grade Native American Day Drama Club 3:20-5:00 Next Adams Apple

Inclement Weather

If for some reason we need to cancel school due to snow or ice, you will receive a connect ed phone call. We may also call for a 2 hr delay. This means your child will catch the bus 2 hrs later than the normal time. If you are watching the television, we will be listed as Franklin Township Community Schools.

****Starting 2nd semester, The Adams Apple will no longer be sent home. It will just be posted on our website.****

Starting 2nd semester, mid terms will only be available through Infinite Campus. Please contact ichelp@ftcsc.k12.in.us, if you need an account set up.

Please have your students at the bus stop 5 minutes before the pick up time. Please remind them to sit quietly and stay in their seat while riding on the bus.

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all of you help and involvement at Adams Elementary. We appreciate all that you do for kids, teachers, and the PTS. The next event where we could use your assistance will be the Santa Shop and Dad's Club Pancake Breakfast. The Santa Shop runs from Dec. 1 through Dec. 6 and the Pancake Breakfast is on Dec. 6. If you would like to help out with either of these events please contact Peggy Porter (number and email) for the Pancake Breakfast and Lindsey Grant (number and email) for Santa Shop.

Looking ahead....mark your calendars for Friday, April 17, which is our annual Spring Fling.

Thank you,
Ms. Schuldt



Nurse Notes

Vision Referrals:

Last week the official vision referral forms (for grades 2-5) went home from the Marion County Health Department. I had already let you know prior to fall break; however for the 2-5th grade students my forms didn't include the part at the bottom the eye doctor completes. If you had already contacted me that your student saw an eye doctor- I didn't send home the MCHD letter because you had given me this information. If you have any questions about the testing or returning information after seeing a vision professional, please phone the clinic at 860-4289. I have some resources if cost is keeping your student from an eye exam.

Immunization Reminder:

This year was the first year 2 doses of Hep A were required for kindergarten. As a result, many kindergarten students started the process and had their first Hep A prior to school and will need their second dose six months later. If your child hasn't had their second Hep A, please review their shot record and be sure they are scheduled to receive the second Hep A. Call the clinic if any questions, or if you would like me to review the shot record with you.

Influenza:

Flu season is upon us and will continue into spring. Peak season is sometimes as late as February. The influenza symptoms are fever, aches, sore throat, cough, headache, fatigue, and sometimes vomiting/diarrhea. It is the perfect time to get a flu shot for yourself and your child. Marion County Health Department has flu shots and flu mist available for \$10 for children and \$15 for adults, but they recommend that you call prior to confirm availability. The south district office is located at 505 E National Ave, phone number 221-2122. Influenza can be a mild illness for most healthy individuals, but people with health conditions are at increased risk of complications. The quick guidelines are to keep your kids home until they have been fever free for 24 hrs prior to return or vomiting/diarrhea free for 24 hrs prior to return. We recognize a fever as a temp over 100 degrees. So, thank you for following our guidelines and keeping your kids home when they are ill. This protects our kids at school who have conditions that could lead to complications from an illness such as influenza, and this will help your child fully recover and be less likely to have complications themselves. Keep encouraging them to wash their hands. It is the easiest and most effective way to avoid illness.

Lice:

I have seen an increase in cases of lice over last few months- nothing dramatic just more than previous. If your child reports their head is itching, please examine and/or call the clinic and I will examine for lice. If your child has head lice, please contact me so that we can work together to eliminate the lice. Do not send your student to school with live lice; they must be treated prior to coming to school. Nits (lice eggs) are not able to spread to other students, but most treatment plans include removal of nits to stop the cycle of lice. Lice is only spread by direct head to head contact with a person with live lice. Be sure to remind your student not to share hats, coats, combs/brushes, or hair ties. It would be a good idea to have your student place their coat in their backpack or on the back of the chair on arrival to school.

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NEWS FROM MUSIC

Making Great Music ALREADY!!



October is finishing Allegro (fast and happy) and we are moving Andante (medium walking) into November with Tempo (fast and slow in music) and Ostinato (Short repeated pattern.)

KINDERGARTEN

We just finished up learning about High and low sounds. Birds sing high and lions roar low. ☺
Now we are talking about tempo- (fast and slow).

FIRST GRADE

We just finished up learning about Solfege sounds: (sol, mi, and la.)
Now we are talking about tempo- (fast and slow.)

SECOND GRADE

We just finished up learning about Solfege sounds: (Do, sol, mi, and la.)
Now we are talking about tempo- (fast and slow.)

THIRD GRADE

We just finished up learning about solfege sounds: Sol, mi, la and do.
Now we are talking about tempo- fast and slow.
We are learning tempo words like: allegro, andante, and allegro.

FIFTH GRADE

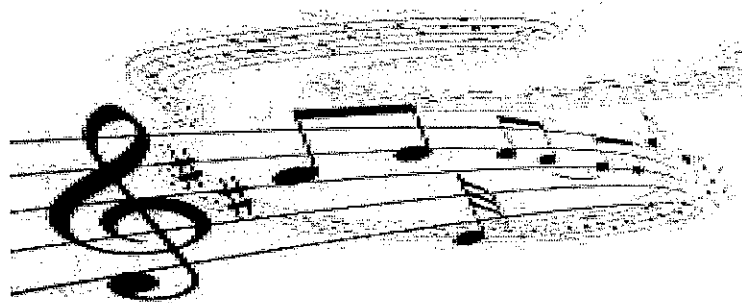
We are focused on our winter musical "North Pole Radio Hour." We have only three more songs to learn! Our show is on December 4th at 7m in the Adam's gymnasium.

NPRH speaking role Friends Don't forget:

Please bring in costumes by November 20th. Costumes need to be in a bag with your name on it and teacher name. Also make sure you are keeping your eyes on the calendar for when you need to rehearse. No Rehearsal on Thanksgiving. Mrs. Brown made a mistake on the calendar.

Thank you for all of your donations and support so far this year.

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



NEWS FROM THE GYM

3rd, 4th and 5th Grade = We just recently finished up a unit on Floor Hockey. We learned some of the basic skills needed to play the game: dribbling, passing, and shooting at a goal. The students enjoyed playing Sideline Hockey where they were able to use many of the skills learned in our unit. The beginning of November started our Roller Skating Unit in the gym. We will be roller skating until December 5th. **Roller Skating helps students to improve balance, coordination, and it is a great way to work on fitness.**

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade = We have been working on our **hand-eye coordination** learning the skill of **underhand throwing**. The students learned the cues important for underhand throwing: tick, step, tock. We practiced underhand throwing by participating in both individual and partner challenges; as well as underhand throwing stations. We are beginning to introduce **Locomotor Movements (traveling movements)** in Kindergarten and review them in 1st and 2nd grade. I have already assessed the **1st and 2nd graders** on **Skipping, Galloping, Sliding, Hopping, Jumping and Leaping** and the **Kindergarteners** on **Galloping, Sliding and Jumping**.

*** **Student of the Week** *** Once a week I am looking for an individual from each class who is doing their personal best and following all the classroom rules, someone who has a good attitude or simply someone who I heard give another student a compliment. These students are then the leaders for their classroom for the week in PE. They get to put up their class stickers, help set-up or put away equipment, and also earn a special treat for being chosen as the **Student of the Week**.

➤ **Ask your child if he or she has been the class Student of the Week yet?**



Sneakers: Thank you for helping to remind your child to wear their tennis shoes on the day(s) he/she has Physical Education. Tennis shoes are required for your child to participate in class and should be designed for athletic use. **Please note that "backless" sneakers, platform sneakers, toms, sperry shoes, boots, heelys and sandals are not permitted since they not only inhibit skill development but also present safety concerns in class.** Proper footwear with ankle support helps enhance your child's overall physical development while also serving to provide for safe participation.☺

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns about your child and their Physical Education experience 860-4282 or feel free to email me @ amy.roberts@ftcsc.k12.in.us

Creating News in Art

**59% of Adams families have activated their Artsonia account. If we can raise that to 75% by December 1st, we get \$100.00 gift!*

**Artwork will not be kept in portfolios this year for all grades except kindergarten. Artwork will either be sent home or stored in the binders. Everything will be given back after it has been uploaded onto their digital portfolio.*

**Painting Club and Art Club will be visiting a nursing home for their end of the club party. We will make holiday decorations with the elderly and sing carols for them. (Our kids wanted to this instead of an ice cream party-shows how loving they are!) Other students have wanted to participate as well. If we have enough parent volunteers to help transport kids over, this could be an option!*

I'm not only grading artwork...I'm looking at HOW your child is doing in the creative process.

*The three C's, (Craftsmanship, Composition, and Creativity) is what I focus on when grading artwork. **But that is only half of the story-that is analyzing the result-not the process of how we got there.** When analyzing the process, I am looking for three other things: Control, Focus, and Self-Reflection.*

Control: *Are they in control of their ideas or is it a more random arrangement of elements? Do they have control of the materials? Are they able to use the materials as a tool rather than not understanding the tools purpose and using it inappropriately?*

Focus: *Are they able to focus on their creativity? Do they take in the history, aesthetical, critical content discussed before the production piece of the lesson and connect those ideas to what they are personally creating? Are they influenced by the ideas of others rather than their own? Are they able to focus on what they are doing or are they sharing that focus with the socializing going on around them?*

Self-Reflection: *Are they able to describe their creative process? Did they find success in reaching their creative purpose with the project? Can they identify the 7 Elements of Art (Line, Shape, Form, Color, Texture, Value, and Space-the building blocks of creating art) that they used? Can they effectively describe their work?*

Use these questions to help your child! Log on to your digital portfolio (Artsonia) and ask your little artist these questions. You can also evaluate their work to the work of other students to see the comparison. Even better, make comments and write artistic statements- all which raise our statistical scoring that Artsonia nationally ranks.

What are we doing in art class?

*We're all about to start ceramics soon. Kindergarten started this week, and the other grade levels will start as we wrap up our art history pinwheels and reviews of the elements of art. **Remember to not wear your expensive, beautiful clothes on art day! You never know what kind of messy fun we'll get into!***

*Keep Creating! Miss Timmons
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