



Adams Apple

November 27, 2013

Important Dates:

Monday, December 2 nd	Santa Shop Begins FOOD DRIVE for Civic League Drama Club 3:50-5:15
Tuesday, December 3 rd	Art Club 3:50-5:15
Wednesday, December 4 th	Early Dismissal 3:20 Chili's Fundraiser
Thursday, December 5 th	Art Club 3:50-5:15 Winter Program 7:00 in the gym
Saturday, December 7 th	Santa Shop and Pancake Breakfast 8:00-11:00am
Monday, December 9 th	Drama Club 3:50-5:15
Tuesday, December 10 th	Art Club 3:50-5:15
Wednesday, December 11 th	Early Dismissal 3:20 Market Day Pick up 6:00-7:00pm
Thursday, December 12 th	Art Club 3:50-5:15
Friday, December 13 th	Student Council Meets 8:00am School Spirit Day Next Adams Apple sent home

Rainbow Loom Bracelets

Many of our students are interested in the Rainbow Loom Bracelets. Many have made some absolutely fabulous looking ones. However, we have had some issues with students losing them, trading them, etc. We are asking that the bracelets not come to school after Thanksgiving. Parents, thank you for your help in this matter.

Winter Program

Our fifth graders will be performing on Thursday, December 5 at 7:00 in our gymnasium. The students have been working hard preparing for this performance!

Academic Update

First we would like to welcome Mrs. Onken back to Adams Elementary. Mrs. Onken retired two years ago. She was our instructional coach for two years and taught fourth grade for several years at Adams and at Wanamaker prior to coming to Adams. Laura Heston, our instructional coach this year accepted a classroom position at MSE. Mrs. Onken will be our instructional coach until the end of the school year. Welcome back Mrs. Onken!

Parents, please continue to have students read each night. We have sent home passwords for Raz-Kids, reading and math websites. Thank you for taking an interest in your child's education. The Middle of the Year DIBELS assessment will be in the middle of January.

Calling all Dads!!! - Pancake Breakfast Please mark your calendars for our annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, December 7th (8:00 – 11:00 AM). We need volunteers for both shifts, 7:00 - 9:30 and 9:15 - 11:45. If you are interested in volunteering or donating items, please sign-up at the web address below. If you have questions, please contact Scott Porter at porterscott3@yahoo.com or 317-366-5743. We look forward to seeing you there!<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAAAF28A5FF2-pancake>

It's Santa Shop time. December 2-7th All the money raised goes back to help families here at Adams. Contact Angela Riggers if you can volunteer. ariggers@hotmail.com (317) 840-6700 text/cell

Canned Food Drive

The students at Adams Elementary will be collecting canned food goods for needy families during the week of December 3. Please help our friends in need by sending in one or two canned goods. If everyone in the school brings in two cans, we would have 1,000 cans to help needy families.



Nurse's Notes

First grade parents—

In October, all first grade students were given a vision screening using the Modified Clinical Technique. This group of test is designed to screen the student's vision in several different ways to determine the presence of any vision difficulties. The four parts to the MCT include tests for: visual acuity--distance vision tested by a Snellen eye chart; eye muscle balance—how well the eye muscles work together; retinoscopy—performed by an optometrist to detect any defect in the eyes that distort vision; and ocular health—internal/external abnormalities of the eye. If you received a referral letter in October, please make every effort to schedule an appointment with an eye care professional, as your student needs a more comprehensive exam. Please also take a moment to return the eye doctor's results so that I know you have completed the referral or just call to update me. If I haven't heard back from you yet, a note will be coming home with your student before break with another copy of results and eye doctor form.

All other first graders will be bringing home the results of their vision screening, which did NOT indicate a need for an eye examination by an optometrist. Please keep this for your records.

Illness-

We have seen a jump in illness the last few weeks. We have had a mix of mostly viral illness with some scattered strep episodes. I haven't heard of any positive influenza cases here yet, so it is the perfect time to have your child receive the flu shot. It takes two weeks post flu shot or nasal mist for their bodies to develop the immunity post immunization, so the sooner they get it the sooner the protection. You have done a wonderful job of keeping home children with fever or vomiting until 24 hrs fever or vomit free, and this action has really protected our students from large outbreaks of illness. I'm thankful for your diligence and so are our kids and staff.

Have a happy, healthy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

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All the latest Adams news will be on our page!!

Rewards and Receipts

We collect CAMPBELL'S LABELS, COKE REWARDS, MEIJER REWARDS, TARGET REWARDS, RECYCLE PAPER and TYSON REWARDS. All these things help support Adams. Please contact Sherry Keown at Brian.keown@att.net or 317-306-9891 if you have any questions.

Pictures for Yearbook

A HUGE thank you to those of you that have already sent me some wonderful pictures for the yearbook.

Please remember to be taking pictures any time you are on field trips, at class parties, and any other time you are at Adams for a special class activity. I really appreciate having extra "photographers" to help me fill the yearbook with our students. All pictures should be sent to Sarah Poole at mrsjetfuel@att.net

Criminal History Checks

Any parent wishing to work with students outside of the classrooms, i.e. in the hall or on a field trip where they would take a group out of eyesight of the teacher, will need to complete a criminal history check. Please go to the school website and find the link under HR. The cost is \$15.95. If you completed a check last year, you do not need to complete one for this year as they are good for two years.

If you think you might want to go on a fieldtrip this year, please do it now. The checks usually take two weeks to clear.

A Note from the Media Center

With the holiday season fast approaching I would like to suggest a very popular gift idea – books! All my students love pop-up books. The two best pop-up paper engineers/authors are Robert Sabuda and Matthew Reinhart. Any of their pop-up books would be sure to delight children of all ages. The newest pop-up by Matthew Reinhart, "Transformers: The Ultimate Pop-Up Universe" has my students very excited.

Other very popular titles are world record books, Ripley's Believe-It –or-Not, almanacs, Lego books of all kinds, such as Harry Potter or Star Wars Lego, and the Wimpy Kid books (the newest one, Hard Luck, has just come out. The Big Nate books by Lincoln Peirce are also a big hit. These are just a few of the more popular titles, and most should be available for under \$20.00. Ask your student what their favorite books are, or what they are interested in. Most of these titles should be available from most any book store, Sam's , or Amazon.com to name but a few.

Scholastic will also be having their semi-annual book sale at 4625 W. 86th St., Dec. 6-21. For more information go to their web-site: www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/events/warehouse. In addition to the times, you can download \$25.00 and \$10.00 coupons.

Happy Shopping!
Mrs. Neuendorf