

Adams Elementary School Newsletter

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Happy New Year!



Principal's Message

Hello Adams Families,

I would like to thank the PTO and volunteers for the fantastic treats provided for the recent **staff appreciation breakfast**; although we are all trying to be a little healthier the bacon and sausage were the first items to go!

We had great participation at our last PTO meeting, and I would like to thank all who attended. It looks like we have almost accumulated enough donations in the **Foundation For Technology** campaign to purchase another CPS set. Thank you to all who have donated to this campaign!

All of our students love to be out at recess, and with our recent snow, have already created several massive snowballs. Since the weather is beginning to finally look like winter, please remember to dress your child appropriately for the cold.

As we approach **March 13, the Boise School District levy election date**, we will talk more about what the levy will do for our Adams Elementary students. I want to take this opportunity to outline some of the budget cuts the BSD has already made.

Over the last three years, the

BSD has made the following budget cuts:

Administrative Position Reductions	\$ 2,080,178
Instructional Position Reductions	\$ 4,002,626
Non-Instructional Position Reductions	\$ 6,633,085
Furlough Days (combined 3-years)	\$ 5,612,000
Salary Freeze/Retirement Savings (combined 3-years)	\$ 2,600,000
Transportation Reductions	\$ 540,512
Facilities & Operations Budget Reductions	<u>\$ 460,000</u>
	\$21,928,401

The BSD has a projected revenue decline in 2012-2013 due to Legislative funding cuts and a decline in local property tax revenues. **Adams Elementary and the BSD remain one of the highest performing in Idaho and in the nation.** None of the money from the levy will go toward administrative costs,

and the levy will be used to maintain low class sizes and preserve quality student programs. The U.S. Department of Education has concluded that class size reduction is one of only four evidence-based reforms that have been proven to increase student achievement. **100% of revenue from the levy will be spent on maintaining the small class sizes and critical college and career readiness programs that have earned our district national recognition.** I strongly encourage all Adams Families to seek information about the BSD levy and participate in the levy election. Please feel free to visit the BSD web-site for information, voter registration and absentee ballot information.

Jeff Roberts,
Principal

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PTO President's Message

Happy New Year to our All-Star Families!

As we begin 2012, our PTO is gearing up for a strong finish to the 2011-2012 school year. As always, we welcome all parents to participate in our meetings, held the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 11:45 in the library*.

Soon we will mark the end of the first semester of this school year, and so I would like to dedicate a few words of recognition to our PTO board members and school-wide volunteers. Your PTO board members contribute in so many different ways behind the scenes; they are key players in ensuring that our school remains one of the best in the state. So, thank you very much to: Suzi Pierce, Kyle Schou, Julie Pike, Laurie Huegerich, Tracey Baden, Jeff Enrico, and Cathy Knipe, for all your time and dedication to our PTO. A most sincere thanks also to our room parents, art parents, special events parents, and **all** the many other volunteers who selflessly give of themselves each day, both in and out of the classrooms. I know that you all help out without expecting any praise or recognition. I also wanted to ensure beyond a doubt that you know how much Mr. Roberts and all the teachers appreciate what you do.

*A special evening PTO meeting is scheduled for next month on **February 7 from 7:00—8:00p**. Although previous attempts to hold an evening PTO meeting have been sparsely attended, **we are asking all Adams parents to recognize the importance of the topics on the agenda (see next page) and make a sincere attempt to attend** this one. As part of February's agenda, we will be having a demonstration of the new *mobi* technology, for which the Foundation for Technology fund has been established. With the funds raised so far, we have been able to purchase two new CPS units that are already in use! Thanks so much to those families who have donated to this important campaign. If you have not yet contributed, we ask that you to please consider giving to this key component of your child's education.

Finally, after the conclusion of our abbreviated evening PTO meeting, there will be a question and answer session to address any thoughts you may have about the upcoming levy.

Please join us on February 7, and once again, Happy New Year!

Teresa Wittry, President

Important Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 7, 7-8p



All Adams parents are invited and encouraged to attend this special two-part meeting hosted by the Adams PTO.

Part I:

Adams PTO Meeting


Topics include PTO funding initiatives, school technology upgrades and upcoming spring art auction

Part II:

March 13th Levy Informational Meeting

An informational session regarding the proposed supplemental levy and how the passage or failure will affect Adams Elementary. After a brief presentation, there will be a question and answer opportunity.

Please visit www.boiseschools.org/levy to learn more.



Psst—Hey, parents! Clip this out and pass it on to all the grandparents in your life. Help us spread the word!

Calling all Grandparents!

-Have you ever enjoyed your grandkids' performance during one of our terrific music programs and wondered about other ways you could be involved at Adams?

-Would you like to have greater involvement in your grandchild's education?

-Do you enjoy giving back to your community when you can see that your own family benefits?



We encourage you to reach out and join the now-forming

Adams Grandparent's Club

Help us explore the ways that you can enrich your grandchildren's education. Your participation can be as much or little as you like. Contact Laurie Huegerich at laurie.huegerich@gmail.com or 891-4423 to get involved today!

Thank you!

To our most-awesome volunteer parents who helped to make the recent **staff appreciation breakfast** a warm, yummy success.

We always appreciate the effort you give to make these events enjoyable, just as we always appreciate the great staff and teachers we have at Adams!

Save the Date!

The Annual **Adams Art Auction** will be held on Friday **May 11th** at the room next to Bar d'Nay. Mark your calendars, book your sitters and get ready for an evening of fun!

Congratulations!

To **Juan Araujo (4th)** and **Patrick Jude (3rd)** for each winning an iPod Shuffle in the **Running Club** drawing! Students in Running Club earned "foot beads" to qualify for the drawing. Each bead was earned by running 20 laps - that's 5 miles! Five beads were required to enter the drawing, and we're proud of all our runners. Special thanks to **Ms. Trivette, Jessica Jensen** and **Jennifer Lewis** for their dedication to making this a fun, "well-run" event for our Adams students. **Enjoy your winnings, Juan and Patrick!**