

September 2011

Adams Elementary School Newsletter



Principal's Message

Hello All Star Families,

I hope the transition from summer vacation back to school has been easy for all Adams families! We have had a fantastic start to our year already, and our students have done a great job of picking up where they left off in June. If you have been in the library/media-center, I am sure you have observed students hard at work, and I want to thank all parents and the PTO once again for your generosity and time in making the **ACE** (Adam's Computer Education) possible.

I am very happy to announce that **Mrs. Austin** was awarded the District's Red Apple Award earlier this month. The Red Apple is awarded to teachers who consistently exceed expectations in the performance of their position. I am also pleased to share that the Boise School District's results from the American College Test (ACT) and Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) show **our students greatly outperformed the state and nation**, and this year's ACT and SAT averages have grown to the highest levels in the past eight years. This is particularly notable because the total number of students taking the tests have increased. If you would like more information on the results from the ACT or SAT, please let me know and I will be happy to get the combined results to you.

As you may know, the Boise School

District Board of Trustees unanimously approved a recommendation from the District's administration to present a \$14 million **supplemental levy election** to voters in March. What you may not know is that in the past three years, the Board has reduced the District budget by \$22 million. So far, the District has been able to shield the classroom from these reductions, but the District now faces a turning point where our ongoing budget shortfall will substantially affect student programs and class sizes. I encourage all Adams parents and stakeholders to seek information on this issue, and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me. The levy election vote will be Tuesday, March 13, 2012.

At the start of every year, we begin to practice our emergency drills, and we specifically plan for a variety of emergencies. If you are interested in reading our Site Emergency Response Plan, please stop by the office and we will provide a copy for you.

On a final note, thank you to all parents who attended **Parent Night** at the end of last month. It is always great to see the high level of involvement of our Adams families!

~Jeff Roberts

Principal



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Welcome back!

PTO President's Message

Greetings All-Star Families,

Welcome to another fantastic year at Adams Elementary. Your PTO is gearing up to support our teachers and students once again this year with fundraisers and fun school activities to ensure that our faculty and students have the resources they need to provide and obtain the best education possible. We are also committed to providing periodic events to foster the school and home relationship that makes our school so great.

It's hard to believe we have passed the Labor Day weekend and already held our annual **Back to School Night** on August 30. Thanks to you, the PTO was able to recruit several volunteers for this year's scheduled events that night, but we are always willing to bring more helpers on board. So, if you were unable to attend the Back to School Night, and you wanted to sign up for any of the many volunteer opportunities available, please do not hesitate to contact any PTO board member or to notify your child's teacher and we will be more than happy to find a spot for you.

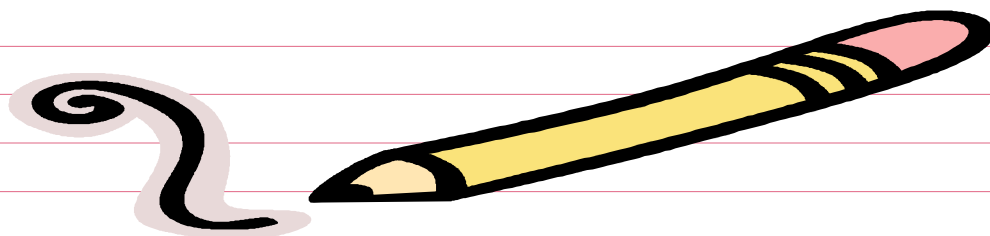
I would also like to encourage everyone to visit our newly refurbished PTO web site at www.adamspto.com and be sure to browse around and enjoy the photo gallery or peruse the handy information available for you to become better acquainted with the Adams Elementary PTO.

Our fabulous volunteers are currently getting the upcoming **Fall Festival** planned, so if you are interested in helping out with that event, please contact us, and stay tuned for more details on this fun activity that is slated for October 21.

Finally, if you are able to make it, we would love to have you join us at our next PTO meeting on **Wednesday, October 12, at 11:45am** in the school library. Again, parents of babies and tots, you are more than welcome to bring them along to the meetings every month!

~ **Teresa Wittry**

2011-2012 PTO President



IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

We still need volunteers to sign up for our numerous PTO committees. We are currently looking for additional volunteers for:

Fall Festival—October 21

Staff Appreciation—monthly

Running Club—Tuesdays + Thursdays, 11:45—12:45

Parents' Night Out—December 2

Math Night—January 26

Please contact Tracey Baden at badentm@cableone.net to get involved today!

Thursday Popcorn and Pizza Sales!

Every Thursday after school, enjoy a snack of fresh, hot popcorn or Domino's Pizza—what a treat!

Proceeds from popcorn sales provide a small scholarship fund to help Adams kids with needs such as school supplies, field trip costs, and other incidentals throughout the year. Pizza proceeds benefit the classroom of different teacher each week.

Popcorn: \$.25

Pizza: \$10/whole or \$1.25/slice

*Find us in the hall across from
the front office starting
September 15th!*

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT FREE DRAWING!!!

We hope you kept your pink ticket stub from Back to School night from the PTO table. We had a free drawing for **two \$25 Gift cards** to Tablerock Brew Pub, donated by Tove & Chris Nelson, Espen's parents!

The winning Numbers are:

379130

379195

Please contact Teresa Wittry, PTO President via e-mail **twittry@hotmail** to claim your prize!

Calendar of Events

- Oct 6+7 State in-service days (no school)**
Oct 21 Adams Fall Fest
Oct 28 End of 1st Quarter (early release)

Adams School Directory Needs You!

The directory is a great resource for families throughout the year, whether it's to schedule a date with a study-buddy or get in touch with someone on the staff.

However...

Approximately **one-third** of our families have not returned the directory form sent home during the first week of school. If you have not returned a form, please contact **Wendie Jo Gaborskey** (wendie.gaborsky@att.net) or visit www.adamspto.com to download a new form. Thank you!

Annual Notification Regarding Public Release of Student Directory Information

The Boise School District complies with federal law (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) as it relates to the release of student directory information to the public. To learn more, log on to www.boiseschools.org click on *Forms* and follow the links to FERPA – Release of Student Directory Information. Or, you may pick up a FERPA form at your school, or call the Clerk of the Board at 854-4123 to obtain a copy of the FERPA form.

2011-2012 Adams PTO Officers + Staff

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