



September 10, 2009

Dear Adams Families,

On behalf of the Adams Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Board, I would like to give a warm welcome back for the 2009-2010 school year. We hope that you and your families had a fun and relaxing summer!!

The PTA is dedicated to making our school a great learning environment, supporting the staff and encouraging parental involvement at Adams. Planning for the upcoming school year started last spring and is driven largely by dedicated families such as yours working to improve the school community. Some of the fun and enriching events and fundraisers planned this year include:

- High Quality After-School Programs (Starting in October)
- 4th Annual Direct Appeal Fundraising Campaign (October-November 2009)
- Penny Harvest, a school-wide community giving program (Kickoff in October)
- International Potluck (November 13th) and much, much more...

The Adams PTA is an active organization with a broad parent and teacher/staff participation. The PTA's work is aimed at enhancing our children's education through funding materials such as library books, software, classroom supplies, quality after-school programs, tutors for math and reading and integrated arts. The PTA also supports assemblies, field trips, awards ceremonies, music, fitness and celebrations of the wonderful range of cultures in our Adams community. We can provide all of these events, services and more due to the community of volunteers we are fortunate to have here at Adams. Studies show that parents involved in their child's education have children who are more likely to succeed in school. If you would like to be more involved, there are many opportunities for EVERYONE to be involved- Check out the Volunteer Opportunities insert included.

The PTA also acts as an advocate for the school community on policy issues at the district and state level. The Seattle School District remains in a severe budget shortfall and the PTA continues to be an important ally in providing and supporting programs that make Adams the great school it is. We need YOUR help to continue in our efforts. We invite you to join us and become a member of the PTA (fill out the enclosed PTA form with a check for the nominal \$8.50 membership fee.) PTA meetings are a great time to find out what is happening at the school, meet other parents and build on our community.

We would like to personally invite you to our first PTA meeting of the year which will be on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the school cafeteria. We will welcome new members to the Adams family, have a welcome from our Principal, Anne Johnson and introduce the PTA Board, its goals, budget, and calendar. There will be childcare provided, food and lots of great people to get to know.

Please contact me with any questions- 206.784.5870 or [jen.engelke@septon.net](mailto:jen.engelke@septon.net). We look forward to seeing/meeting you- this is going to be an AMAZING year!

Warm Regards,

PTA President,  
Jen Engelke