

Adams Elementary School Weekly News

November 3, 2009

Hello Adams Families!

Here's your weekly update on happenings and important news at our school.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT I-1033: BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED TODAY

There is an initiative, I-1033, on the November ballot that if passed would significantly affect funding for K-12 education as well as health and social services for children. State analysis says general fund revenues would be reduced by close to \$6 billion by 2015. Supporters of the initiative, drafted by Tim Eyman, are concerned about property taxes and the growth of taxes at the city, county and state level. Opponents (which include the AARP as well as the Washington State PTA) feel the restraints placed on state revenue growth will damage education, health and social programs. The board of the Seattle Council PTSA has endorsed a no position. Additional resources about I-1033:

- **Secretary of State's Website:** <http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/initiatives/people.aspx>
- **Yes campaign:** <http://www.permanent-offense.org/>
- **No campaign:** <http://no1033.com/>

LET'S FIGHT FLU TOGETHER! REGISTER NOW FOR NOV 13 FLU SHOT CLINIC

The PTA plans to hold a Flu Vaccination Clinic at the Adams International Potluck on Fri, Nov 13 beginning at 6:00 pm in the lower level. (Note: **These are not n1h1 vaccines.**) Vaccinations will be administered by qualified health professionals. We must pre-register/pre-pay 70 people by this Fri, Nov 6 to hold this clinic! Vaccination costs are:

- \$25.00 for pre-registered and pre-paid injectable vaccines (competitive with a pharmacy)
- \$27.00 for injectable vaccines provided on a walk-in basis
- \$30.00 for preservative-free nasal spray vaccine (must be pre-registered and pre-paid)

\$1.00 of each payment will go to the Adams PTA and \$1.00 will go to the National PTA. Medicare Part B will be accepted. You may pre-register/pre-pay at www.pta.org/FluShotClinics or by calling 1 (866) 782-3014. If you have questions, please contact Jen Engelke at jen.engelke@septon.net or 784-5470.

FRI, NOV 6 IS CRAZY HAT DAY! SHOW YOUR ADAMS SPIRIT

This Fri, Nov 6, is the first Adams Spirit day of the year! Show your spirit by wearing your craziest hat!

CALL FOR ENTRY: NEW SPIRIT WEAR TEE SHIRT DESIGNS! DUE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

We are looking for a fresh, new look for our spirit wear tee shirts that reflects our school's unique programs and community. The options are endless for the design; the only requirement is that it able fit on the front of a tee shirt and include the following words:

Adams Elementary School
An arts-integrated academic community
Ballard

All submitted designs will be displayed at the International Potluck on Friday, November 12. The winning design will be selected by a committee comprised of the PTA Board and 3-5 grade Student Council and announced Dec 1. Submit your tee shirt design and questions to rachelhartrios@comcast.net by Nov 9.

THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING TO ADAMS WEEK OF NOV 9 – 13

Great news! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming back. The Book Fair will be open from 8:45 am to 4 pm daily the week of Nov 9 – Nov 13, and during the International Potluck the evening of Nov 13. Please come browse the books in the Library. More information can be found on the fair web page:

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/publish/adamseagles2009>. Volunteers are needed for set up on Fri, Nov 6 and for take down on Mon, Oct 16. We also need volunteers for two-hour slots during the fair days. Sign-up sheets are posted outside the library, or e-mail Stephanie Hanson (barnswallow@drizzle.com) to volunteer.

REFLECTIONS PROGRAM CULTURAL ARTS COMPETITION SUBMISSIONS DUE FRI, NOV 13

The Reflections Program is a National PTA and WSPTA cultural arts competition designed to give students an outlet for their creative talents through the creation of original works. Students may submit an original work of art in any of six art areas: Literature, Music Composition (original music composition, with or without words), Photography, Visual Arts, Film/Video, or Choreography/Dance. Participants will be organized and critiqued according to their age and grade level. Entries will be judged on creative ability and interpretation of this year's theme, "Beauty Is..." Entry forms and rules are available in the school

office. The deadline for turning in entries is Friday, Nov. 13. For more information, contact Dominic Gomez at dgomezart@yahoo.com or (206) 789-8689.

INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK: CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE ADAMS SOUL, FRI, NOV 13, 6:30 PM

Please join our friendly community Fri, Nov 13 at 6:30 pm for our annual international potluck. Bring a dish to share that is meaningful to your family. Volunteers are needed to set up, clean up and serve delicious food. We hope to provide music, jewelry making, exercise, and flu shots, too! (See details below.) For more information, contact Alison Krupnick: 784-7986, or akrupnick@msn.com.

DO YOU HAVE AN ETCHING GUN THE SCHOOL CAN BORROW ?

A set of cameras were recently acquired for the school, and we'd like to etch info onto them. If you can loan an etching gun, please contact Tom DeFelice at tcdefelice@seattleschools.org or 252-1343.

HOMework CLUB NOW IN SESSION!

Does your child need additional help with their homework? Try Homework Club, a FREE program available through May 25. Children may qualify based on test scores, teacher recommendation or parent request. There is a limit of 20 kids per day. The Homework Club meets in room 212 between 3:20 pm and 4:15 pm on the following schedule:

- Mondays: Grades 4 and 5
- Tuesdays: Grades 1, 2, and 3

For more information or to sign up, please contact Shawn Burkland at ssburkland@seattleschools.org.

5TH GRADE FUNDRAISER FOR ISLANDWOOD TRIP UNDERWAY

A Sally Foster catalog featuring giftwrap, unique gift items, gourmet treats, and much more was recently sent home with your student. Everything in the catalog is priced at \$20 or less! Money raised through the catalog sales will benefit the annual 5th grade trip to Islandwood.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: HELP US PLAN A DISCO PARTY FOR THE KIDS!

Our resident Disco expert, Cyndi Worthington, and Jen Engelke are teaming up to throw a dress-up disco party for the kids on Fri, Jan 8. (Grown-ups are invited to boogie down, too). They need some groovy parents to help out with all aspects, including planning, food, advertising, set up, clean-up, taking pictures, etc. Feeling funky? Contact Jen Engelke (jen.engelke@septon.net) to volunteer!

OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

School Closed for Veterans Day, Weds, Nov 11

School Picture Retakes, Fri, Nov 13

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