

October 13, 2009

Hello Adams Families!

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

THE 10TH ANNUAL GLBT FAMILIES DINNER SCHEDULED FOR OCT 8, 6:00 PM

The tenth annual gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) Families Dinner will be held Thurs, Oct 8 from 6 – 8 pm at NOVA/BOC (the old Meany Middle School). Superintendent Goodloe-Johnson and members of the school board will be there to welcome GLBT families and their friends. All district families and staff are welcome to attend! This donation-funded event is brought to you by the Health Education Office. This year's dinner and entertainment will be provided through community donations. To reserve space at this popular event, please RSVP with the number of people in your party to Lisa Love in the Health Education Office at 252-0982.

FIRST GENERAL PTA MEETING THURS, OCT 15: DINNER SERVED 6:00 PM; MEETING 6:30 PM

The first general PTA meeting will be held Thurs, Oct 15, 6:30pm. We will have time with Dr. Johnson, a chance to meet new people, and hear what the PTA is working on this coming year. We will also be approving the PTA budget for the year and the Bylaws. Enjoy a complimentary Taco Del Mar dinner beginning at 6:00 pm. We want everyone to get a chance to eat and get settled before the complimentary Kidsco childcare and the meeting will begin at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

- Dinner served at 6:00 pm
- Meeting and childcare begins at 6:30 pm

BUNCO FAMILY GAME NIGHT SET FOR FRI, OCT 23, 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Come join us for a night of free family fun! Bunco is a fast-moving, easy-to-learn dice game. Two pairs of partners play each other in a group of four. Anyone can play – even children as young as 3. Partners move around the room to play against new pairs for each round, meeting new people every few minutes. Food and baked goods will be available for purchase. The fun begins on Fri, Oct 23 at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria.

SCHOOL WORK PARTY, OCT 24, 9:00 AM – NOON

Roll up your sleeves and help get our school grounds ready for spring at our annual all-school fall work party. We'll plant bulbs, clean the grounds and add international hopscotch games to the playground. Bring gloves and gardening tools (labeled) and hope for sunshine! For more information, please contact Alison Krupnick, 784-7986 or akrupnick@msn.com.

EARLY RELEASE WEDS, OCT 28, 1:20 PM

School will end two hours early, at 1:20 pm on Weds, Oct 28. Buses will also run on an earlier schedule.

ALL-SCHOOL HALLOWEEN PARADE FRI, OCT 30, 2:00 PM

You are invited to watch the all-school Halloween Parade beginning Fri, Oct 30 at 2:00 pm. Students will walk the halls in their full costumes. (Costumes may be worn to school all day.)

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 will be 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 will be posted outside the library beginning Oct 31, 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 will be 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.

LET'S FIGHT FLU TOGETHER! FLU SHOT CLINIC FRI, NOV 13, 6:00 PM (DURING THE POTLUCK)

The PTA is committed to helping keep children, parents, and teachers healthy through the influenza season. That is why PTA is partnering with Flu Busters, a leading provider of on-site vaccinations, to provide convenient access to influenza vaccinations for everyone in our community. The PTA will be hosting 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. 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)

Of these totals, \$1.00 will go to the Adams PTA and \$1.00 to the National PTA.

In order for Flu Busters to come to our school, we need to pre-pay/pre-register 70 people. You can pre-pay/pre-register at: www.pta.org/FluShotClinics or by calling 1 (866) 782-3014. The clinic will vaccinate “walk-ins” that have not pre-registered **once the minimum has been met**. If the 70-person minimum is not met, all payments will be refunded.

Medicare Part B will be accepted. Participants will also be provided with additional tips on staying healthy during the influenza season. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Jen Engelke at jen.engelke@septon.net or 784-5470.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT I-1033 ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT

There will be 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 and will ask the council (that’s the coalition of all the PTA’s and PTSA’s in the city) to weigh in at its Oct. 5 general meeting.

2010 CHINOOK BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE EAGLE’S NEST – BUY 1, GET 2009 FREE!

The new 2010 Chinook Books are now available in the Eagle’s Nest. They are just \$20 for giant year-round savings. Pick up your copy today! The first 30 people will receive a copy of the 2009 Chinook book FREE. (Coupons are good through 10/31/09.) The Eagle’s Nest is located in the Kindergarten hallway across from Room 210. It’s open daily during regular drop-off and pick-up times. The Eagle’s Nest accepts Visa, Mastercard, Checks or Cash. All proceeds benefit PTA-sponsored programs.

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!

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