

October 20, 2009

Hello Adams Families!

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

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 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.

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. We will have goodies from Top Pot Donuts to enjoy while we work. Bring gloves and gardening tools (labeled) and hope for sunshine! For more information, please contact Alison Krupnick, 784-7986 or akrupnick@msn.com.

AUCTION 101 MEETING, OCT 26, 9:30 – 10:30 AM IN THE STAFF LOUNGE

Have questions about the Silent & Live Auctions? Join us in the Staff Lounge for coffee and donuts while you get the lowdown at Auction 101! Meet the Auction Team and learn about procurement (What is it? How do I do it?), volunteer opportunities, and the fantastic time you can have at these very important fundraising events. Working on the auction is a great way to get involved in the Adams community! Come check it out – no commitment necessary! For more information, please contact Dipti Cox at dipti55@comcast.net or 390-2201.

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

To all artistic Adams parents, staff, students, teachers and friends: 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 December 1, just in time for holiday gift giving! Submit your tee shirt design and questions to rachelhartrios@comcast.net by November 9.

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. Children will change into their costumes at school before the parade. Please do not send costumes with knives, guns, claws, etc.

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. 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/>

AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING SLOTS AVAILABLE WITH MS. WORTHINGTON

Adams teacher Cyndi Worthington has tutoring slots available (any grade) after school. Sessions are approximately 3:20 pm – 4:20 pm. Please contact Ms. W directly for more information at: (206) 818-4134.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP ORGANIZE 4TH GRADE FUNDRAISER FOR ISLANDWOOD TRIP

Help is needed to organize, promote, and manage the school-wide catalog sale of Sally Foster wrapping paper and other products. Planning is happening now; the sale will begin in November. Proceeds will go towards the annual 4th Grade Islandwood trip. Please contact Jennifer Murphy Taylor rayjenlylazetta@comcast.net or 789-6233 for more information or to volunteer.

OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Adams Spirit Day: Crazy Hat Day!, Fri, Nov 6
Scholastic Book Fair, Week of Nov 9 – 13, 8:45 am – 4 pm
School Closed for Veterans Day, Weds, Nov 11
School Picture Retakes, Fri, Nov 13
Reflections Program Cultural Arts Competition Submissions Due Fri, Nov 13
International Potluck: Chicken Soup for the Adams Soul, Fri, Nov13, 6:30 pm

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Give your time and talents by volunteering at school. There is something for everyone. Visit www.seattleschools.org/schools/adams/Volunteers.shtml for ideas and opportunities.

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