

October 6, 2009

Hello Adams Families!

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

SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ANNOUNCE ASSIGNMENT PLAN DEBUTS TODAY

Seattle Public Schools will present new attendance area boundary maps this afternoon during a school board workshop. The maps will be posted online after the workshop begins at 4:00 pm.

- Links to the maps will be posted at: <http://www.seattleschools.org/area/newassign/maps.html>
- Current Maps (2009-10): <http://www.seattleschools.org/area/eso/referenceareas.html>
- Walk Route Maps: <http://www.seattleschools.org/area/transportation/walk/index.dxml>
- Community Meeting Timeline:
<http://www.seattleschools.org/area/newassign/communitymeetings.html>
- FAQ: <http://www.seattleschools.org/area/newassign/faq.html>

PICTURE DAY IS THURS, OCT 8

Herff Jones Photography will be on campus Thurs, Oct 8 to take both individual and class pictures. A price sheet and envelope for orders was sent home via backpack mail. (Please contact the office if you did not receive one.) Every child will have their picture taken. You do not have to order copies if you do not wish to do so, however. We would love to have 5 – 6 volunteers to help the children line up and comb hair during the session. If you can help on Oct 8, please let Debbie in the school office know. All volunteers will receive a free picture packet.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADVANCED TESTING DUE OCTOBER 8

The deadline for recommending your child for Advanced Testing is Thurs, Oct 8. The test determines student eligibility for placement in the Seattle School District's Spectrum program for academically gifted children. A teacher recommendation is required, but either a parent or a teacher (or both) may recommend a child for testing.

NO SCHOOL FRI, OCT 9

Adams Elementary will be closed Fri, Oct 9 (no school). It is a Professional Development Day for the Adams staff.

FIRST GENERAL PTA MEETING WILL BE THURS, OCT 15, 6:30 PM – DINNER SERVED

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. Enjoy a complimentary Taco Del Mar dinner beginning at 6:00 pm. (Suggested donation: \$2.) We want everyone to get a chance to eat and get settled before the complimentary Kidsco childcare and meeting 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.

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.

RENT THE READER BOARD FOR BIRTHDAY GREETINGS, \$25 A DAY!

Make someone's day – send them a personal message on the Reader Board for just \$25 a day. (The Reader Board is the announcements board located in front of the school.) Contact Linda Salveson in the Eagle's Nest for more information.

CONCERNED ABOUT H1N1 (SWINE FLU)? INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Information regarding how the Seattle School district is addressing H1N1 (the Swine Flu) is now online at: <http://www.seattleschools.org/area/safety/panflu.xml>. The PTA is considering a Flu Clinic during the International Potluck, scheduled for 11/13. More information will be provided in a future newsletter.

OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Game Night, Fri, Oct 23, 6:30 pm

Early Release Day Weds, Oct 28, 1:20 pm

All School Halloween Parade, Fri, Oct 30, 2:00 pm


Scholastic Book Fair, Week of Nov 9 – 13, 8:45 am – 4 pm

#####

To receive these newsletters, distributed on Tuesdays, electronically or to change your email address, notify adamsnewsletters@hotmail.com Send items for the newsletter to adamsnewsletter@hotmail.com by noon on Tuesdays.

For more Adams Elementary news and for news from our community partners, visit our website at <http://www.seattleschools.org/schools/adams/index.shtml>.

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.

 Become our fan on Facebook! We're listed under Adams Elementary PTA.