

Principal's Newsletter
Doug Hooper, Principal

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We are well into the second quarter, and before you know it we will be breaking in December, and the year will be half done. Below are a number of items:

1. The boys and girls in our Autistic classrooms are sponsoring a **food drive**. The window of collection is November 2nd to November 23rd. Please send any nonperishable food item into school (NO GLASS). All donated items will go to the North Carolina Foodbank. Information will be on our website soon!
2. Mrs. Young is coordinating our annual **Angel Tree**. This is a project that supports boys and girls here at Adams. Information will be going home with students next week. Every year, we manage to support all of the students whose names are on the tree. The office takes a name to support rather than exchanging gifts amongst ourselves. THANK YOU in advance to all who help out.
3. The county has a new web link on their website to help **support reading at home**. It has some good information. The link is <http://www.wcpss.net/readingathome/>. Academics (reading) is like a sport – boys and girls have to engage in meaningful practice to become more proficient. Students who read more become better readers.
4. **GIFTWRAP** – If you have not picked up your order please do so. Thank you to everyone who supported our PTA during the fundraiser.
5. **Early Release** – During the last early release, staff met as vertical teams and discussed our professional learning teams (what's working, what needs to be changed, best practices, good ideas, etc.) and continued with their book study of best professional practices. Grade levels also had time to meet in their teams discuss strategies for children.
6. **School Improvement Planning** – If you have not reviewed the information on our website, please do so. We are in the process of revising our plan.
7. The state of North Carolina has released the "**school report card**." This is a snapshot of every school in the state. Please go to <http://www.ncreportcards.org> to view the report card for our school.

Important Dates

- 11/5 Cultural arts event, courtesy of our PTA
- 11/11 No school – holiday
- 11/12 Cultural arts event, courtesy of our PTA
- 11/16 to 11/20 Writer in residence for 4th and 5th grade students. Courtesy of our PTA
- 11/17 Picture retakes for tracks 1, 3 and 4
- 11/19 General PTA meeting and student sockhop
- 11/24 Fire drill at 9:30 AM
- 11/26 and 27 No school – holiday

Plan now to attend Pastries for Parents, hosted by our PTA, on December 8th. This is an event for all parents on all tracks.