

Principal's Newsletter
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Track 4 is back in session. Welcome! Track 3 is tracked out and soon 2 and then track 1. When track 1 leaves us the first week in September, they will have one quarter of their year complete.

A few items that might be of interest:

1. Carpool time has been adjusted to 7:50 AM. Hopefully this has eased the time crunch. The test will come when track 3 comes back in, with track 4 in session. This is the time we have the most students in the building. If your child arrives after 8:20 AM they are tardy. On time attendance, all day, is a key component to a child being successful.
2. August 6, 2009, will bring official school by school AYP and EOG results. I can tell you we met AYP. The official EOG results cannot be released until certified by the state on August 6th. I will tell you that I was very pleased. The hard work of parents, teachers and staff paid dividends.
3. Track 4 is participating in the PTA coupon book fundraiser. If you are a track 1, 2 or 3 parent, and you wish to purchase a coupon book, we can make that happen. Remember all the money PTA raises stays here at Adams. For example, PTA funds all the cultural arts events. I used two coupons, both for Budget, and saved far more than the cost of the book. There is an extensive travel section in this book.
4. Early release and early dismissal Wednesdays – All teachers have examined the data collected from the county literacy screenings (Universal Screenings) and have developed a grade level plan to incorporate best teaching practices to support students that have been identified “at risk” and “some risk” for oral reading fluency. Part of every meeting on Wednesdays is used to answer, “what do I do now” question. Grade levels also use part of the time to focus on individual students experiencing difficulty. The focus is to devise individualized strategies to assist students in being successful. I am working with 5th grade students that need support in reading. I will be supporting these students (and their teachers) in order to increase each student’s rate of reading. Being quick and efficient is the desired outcome. Fourth grade students worked on fluency in multiplication and division. Students used various strategies to increase their accuracy and decrease their response time. Second grade students worked on a variety of word problems in math. They created a picture of the problem and then set up a number sentence to in order to solve the problem.

5. We have continued the “Feel Good Walking Program.” Walking is a great way to stay healthy. This is also a great way to spend time with your child and exercise at the same time. I read an article recently that talked about the BILLIONS spent to battle obesity in our society. Walking is one small step that can be taken (Do you like the play on words?) to keep our future generations healthy.

6. The following dates are PTA Board meetings. These are held in the media center. All parents are welcome. Meetings start at 6:00 PM. All the dates are Mondays.

9/14	12/7	3/15
10/19	1/11	4/19
11/16	2/15	5/17

Important Dates

- 8/3 Gift-wrap for tracks 1 and 2 begins – PTA fundraiser – all money raised stays at Adams

- 8/4 Fire drill – 2:00 PM

- 8/6 Track 4 open house – parents can go to classroom at 5:45 PM

- 8/12 Early release – dismissal at 12:30 PM

- 8/12 Track 4 “walking club” kickoff

- 8/17 Track 3 and 4 gift-wrap begins – see above for tracks 1 and 2 info

- 8/25 Running Club starts

- 9/2 Early release – dismissal at 12:30 PM

- 9/2 11:00 AM – literacy open house – select students – Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Moesch will be sending home information / invitations