

Principal's Newsletter
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Track one will soon be leaving us for their well deserved track out. One quarter of their year is over. Where has the time gone?

A few items that might be of interest:

1. Carpool time has been adjusted to 7:50 AM. This has helped with getting students to class on time. Instruction begins at 8:20 AM. If you arrive in carpool at 8:20 AM, your child will be late.
2. The following link will take you to information concerning the flu virus. The best prevention is practicing good hygiene (hand washing, etc) and keeping your child home if they are not feeling well. The website is <http://www.WCPSS.net/swineflu/> . Nurse Barnes is always willing to answer questions.
3. Adams has been recognized as an Honor School of Excellence by the state of North Carolina. This is based upon our most recent EOG scores in grades 3-5. Please remember success on EOGs begins before and on the first day of Kindergarten. Parents begin the journey to success and then are joined by schools on the first day of Kindergarten. It is a team that makes boys and girls successful. How can you help at home? A few very important items include:
 - a. Is your child arriving to school on time prepared to learn?
 - b. Do you have a routine at home that supports homework and practice of skills?
 - c. Do you sit with your child and review work that comes home?
 - d. Is your child well rested and prepared for learning?
 - e. Is it clear to your child that you and the teacher communicate and work together? This includes praise and positive reinforcement for their job of learning. It also includes consequences for making poor choices.

The practices, the routines, the learning of the elementary years are the foundation for success in middle and high school. Ultimately the goal for every child is graduation from high school prepared to make life's major decisions.

4. Several teachers, one student and myself were interviewed about being recognized as an Honor School of Excellence. This will air for the first time in September. If you are interested in viewing the episode go to <http://www.wcpss.net/schooltv> . I have been told that it turned out well but I'll be seeing it for the first time in September along with you.

5. Guest Speaker – State Superintendent June Atkinson will be visiting Adams on September 9, 2009, from 9 to 11 AM. She will be reading to all students from her book entitled The T- Shirt Named Zee. In her preface she states; “I wrote this story to help these students and others learn more about determination, resiliency and empathy.” She will see K-2 students from 9 to 9:30 and 3-5 students from 9:45 to 10:30 AM.
6. On August 12, 2009, teachers participated in staff development during early release. They began their book study of Classroom Instruction that Works. They also met in their professional learning teams to analyze data and to plan instruction.
7. We have several new staff members at Adams. Ms. Allison Gorsuch joins us in first grade. She is an additional teacher to support classroom teachers because of class size. Ms. Jennifer Johnson joins us in Special Education. She will be working in the AM here at Adams and at Morrisville Elementary in the PM. Mrs. Corinne Burich joins us as a teacher assistant in the AU level 2 class.
8. Mr. Lupa, 4th grade track 1, will be leaving Adams. He will be staying at home with the eagerly anticipated arrival of his new daughter. The fourth grade team will be interviewing to find a replacement.

Important Dates

8/24 to 9/4	PTA gift-wrap fundraiser for tracks 1 and 3
9/8 to 9/21	PTA gift-wrap fundraiser for tracks 2 and 4
9/1	School pictures for tracks 1 and 4
9/2	Early release – students dismissed at 12:30
9/2	Literacy open house, 11 AM, Mrs. Moesch and Mrs. Anderson have sent out invitations to parents in their programs.
9/4	Track 1 report cards go home
9/7	Holiday – no school
9/8	Western Area Principal Meeting
9/9	Guest reader, State Superintendent June Atkinson, 9 to 11 AM
9/14	PTA Board meeting, all parents are invited to attend, 6PM
9/24	WCPSS Principal Meeting
9/25	Track 2, 3 and 4 report cards go home. Fire drill at 9 AM.
9/29	School pictures for tracks 2 and 3