



## Adams Update February 26, 2021

### **Adams Spirit Wear on Sale through Sunday, February 28**

The Adams Spirit Wear shop is open for a few more days, through this Sunday, February 28. There are a number of new items, highlighted by face masks, class year t-shirts, tie-dye shirts, and more. Check it out at: <https://adamsspiritfall2021.itemorder.com/sale>.

### **Adams Read-a-Thon Coming Soon!**

March is Reading Month! To help celebrate the Adams PTO is sponsoring a **Read-A-Thon** on **Friday, March 19**. Everyone in the school will be reading from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., and students will be seeking sponsors to support the activity and raise money. The PTO will use funds raised to support our classrooms and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade PYP Exhibition. More information is in the [PTO Update](#), and on the pledge forms that your child will bring home.

### **Tornado Drill Successfully Completed**

Wow—another successful safety drill this week! Our students and staff came through with flying colors as we completed a tornado drill on Tuesday, talking about where we would go and the actions we would take to maximize safety in case of a tornado. Everyone passed with flying colors.

### **PTO Update**

[Click here for this week's PTO Update.](#)

### **Free Spring Break Food Service is Available**

MPS will provide the Free Summer Meals Program for all community children aged 0-18 during Spring Break. That means **free meals** for all children! There is no need to fill out a pre-order form at this time. A request signature of confirmation of meal pick up will be provided at each location. Meals will be at **Central Park Elementary** and **Midland High School**.

- **Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup>** (3 meals) - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- **Tuesday March 30<sup>th</sup>** (7 meals) - 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

### ***Lost & Found***

Please monitor our Lost & Found regularly. As weather permits, we will continue our practice of moving it outside at the end of the school day.

# Hallo aus dem Deutschunterricht!



*Hello from German class!*



In World Language class, we have moved into our third language of four - German (das Deutsch)! We have been learning how different it is from Spanish and French, which are actually similar languages. They are both Romance languages and stem from Latin. German, however, belongs to the West Germanic group of the Indo-European language family, along with English! So although the students do not notice many similarities to Spanish or French, they are able to compare German to English!

In German so far, we have learned how to say hello and goodbye, how to introduce ourselves, how to say the days of the week and the date, some colors, feelings and weather. Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students are learning about Germany, while 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are studying Belgium (German is one of their three official languages). We will also be learning a bit about Karneval/Fasching celebrations in each country, which happened a couple of weeks ago (Mardi Gras time), and the masks they wear during those festivals. Our theme for the year is "Masks Around the World," connecting masks we are wearing worldwide for Covid with famous festival masks in the countries we study!

We are working hard to make World Language class interactive and fun despite the pandemic, since many of our normal routines would have included small group work, passing of manipulatives and songs. We are being creative with new ways of practicing language, and the students make me smile and laugh every day with their enthusiasm and resilience. I love to see the connections they make in things they are reading or watching, or in things they bring from home that connect to the world cultures we are studying. I hope they are sharing their learning with you!

For now...auf Wiedersehen!

## CULTURE CLUB - CHINESE NEW YEAR!



The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Culture Club celebrated Chinese New Year on February 20<sup>th</sup> with an amazing virtual presentation from four Chinese-American Jefferson Middle School students who also attend Midland Chinese School. For many years, the Culture Club has attended the Tri-City Chinese Association's New Year's Gala at Bullock Creek High School,

but this year it was a virtual event (last year it was canceled). The Gala normally includes traditional Chinese food including homemade dumplings, displays from the Midland Chinese School, and amazing entertainment in the Bullock Creek Auditorium (with emcees speaking

Mandarin). We look forward to a time when we can attend the gala again, but the students who presented their culture and Chinese New Year traditions with us this year did an amazing job!

Culture Club student learned about the origin of Chinese New Year, common customs, zodiac animals, chopsticks (and how to use them), and traditional Chinese instruments/music. Two of the students played their instruments for us (the *dì zǐ*-笛子 flute and the *gǔzhēng*-古筝) and explained how to play them. They also shared with us their entertainment piece they prepared for the virtual Chinese New Year event through the Tri-City Chinese Association, in which they all played an instrument in their own homes and then put it all together to make a beautiful piece playing a popular Chinese piece called "A Laugh in the Undaunted Sea" (沧海一声笑). The song is an original soundtrack from a 1990 Chinese movie "The Swordsman" based on a martial art fiction novel "The Smiling, Proud Wanderer". Two of the students played the traditional Chinese instruments they shared with us, and the other two played piano and saxophone.



dì zǐ-笛子



gǔzhēng-古筝

The Culture Club enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year, which goes by the lunar calendar and was celebrated on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> this year. Many of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade members share the zodiac sign of the ox, which was exciting since this year is the Year of the Ox. We learned how to say "Happy New Year" in Mandarin, as well. Xīn nián kuài lè! 新年快乐!



## MIDLAND INCLUSION 101 FOR FAMILIES

I wanted to personally invite any interested parents to the Midland Community Inclusion Council's [Inclusion 101 for Families K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade Virtual Workshop on Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00](#). The event is free, virtual, and should last about an hour. This is my PASSION and I'm honored to be leading the workshop along with Adams parent and Inclusion Alliance member Christy Plishka. The workshop is designed to equip adults of school-aged students with age-appropriate information on diversity, equity, inclusion (DEI) and the importance of an inclusive community. A second workshop geared toward 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade parents follows at 8:00 p.m. and

will be co-hosted by Jefferson teacher Nancy Barnard and Adams parent Katie Erikson. To sign up, please go to the Adams PTO Facebook page, or follow this link:

<https://midlandinclusioncouncil.com/workshop-registration>.

I hope to see some Adams parents in attendance! It will be a great dialogue and a way to share and learn from each other, helping our children to build a stronger, more inclusive future!

~ Frau Kim McMahan

### Upcoming Events

Mon, March 15

Spring Photos

Fri, March 19

Adams Read-A-Thon

Friday, March 26

Half-day of instruction for students - students released at 11:51am

Sat, Mar 26 – Mon, April 5

Spring Break

Tuesday, April 6

First day back from Spring Break

We had a great week here at Adams, and we look forward to seeing you and your students again next week. Have a good weekend!

Educationally yours,

***Scott Cochran***

Principal