



Adams Update March 19, 2021

Half-Day of Instruction next Friday, March 26 (11:51 a.m. dismissal)

Just a reminder that next Friday, March 26 is a half-day of school, from **8:40 – 11:51 a.m.** In an effort to create a more balanced experience throughout the course of the school year, we will run the afternoon specials schedule that morning, as we ran the morning specials schedule for our November half-day.

Erosion Tables and 2nd Grade Classes

Our 2nd grade classes have been immersed in their PYP study *How the World Works*, focusing on how *How Different Processes Shape the Earth*. Students learned about erosion and weathering, and how these processes impact the landscape. The final event of the unit involved developing ways to save a city from a landslide brought on by incoming rains. Students learned a lot, and had fun, too!



Virtual Academy Fun!

Mrs. Laplow's Virtual Academy 1st grade classes had a great time on St. Patrick's Day. She and her students dressed up, danced, played games, and listened to a St. Patrick's Day story. Learning and fun in the Virtual Academy—yes!





Also in the Virtual Academy, Mrs. Zank's class read How to Catch a Leprechaun by Adam Wallace. Students followed up by writing about catching leprechauns, and focusing on good beginning, middle, and end sections of their writing. Then students developed their own leprechaun traps. Here's a picture of Keziah with her trap—I hope she caught one!

Officer Hinson, Back in the Fifth Grade!

Officer Hinson, from the Midland Police Department, talked with our 5th grade classes this week about: *stressful situations, stress, and how to recognize and manage stress*. What timely and helpful lessons! These conversations marked the half-way point of the DARE program for our 5th graders this year. Thank you to Officer Hinson and the MPD for partnering with us—we appreciate you!



Welcome Back, Safety Patrol

We were excited to welcome back a treasured Adams tradition this week: our Safety Patrol! Mrs. Kraut and our dedicated crew of fourth and fifth grade students were allowed to return to their posts—outdoors, and socially distanced, of course. When you see them, please thank the Safety Patrollers for their service, and remind your children to listen to their instructions. Thank you, all, for helping to keep our students safe!

Adams Read-A-Thon Celebrates Reading

This afternoon we are celebrating *reading*, and raising money for the PTO, with our all-school Read-A-Thon. Thank you to everyone, from the PTO to staff to students to families—for supporting this event and Adams Elementary School. We'll include more information about the Read-A-Thon in next week's *Adams Update*.

Successful Fire Drill Monday, March 15

This Monday we completed our fourth successful fire drill of the school year. Students and staff evacuated the building quickly and quietly, and all went well. As always, school safety is top priority for us. Good job, everyone!

Repeat—Spring Break Travel Plans?

There has been much discussion about Spring Break travel and how to manage returning to home and school after break. Please be careful and safe, taking common-sense precautions. All MPS schools are sending out this guidance from the state of Michigan regarding traveling out of state. [gov/documents/coronavirus/Accessible_Safe_Holiday_Travel_Guidance_2222021_FINAL_717620_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/Accessible_Safe_Holiday_Travel_Guidance_2222021_FINAL_717620_7.pdf)

PTO Update

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Upcoming Events

Friday, March 26

Half-day of instruction for students - 11:51 a.m. dismissal

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