

*John Adams Elementary School*

## March 2023 School Newsletter

Letter from the principal

Dear John Adams Families,

Our Adams Wolfpack is heading into March ready to continue the great learning and fun! Thank you, families, for all the support that you provide to your student, their teacher, and our school!

We are excited to share some celebrations with you in this newsletter along with information about things happening at Adams. You will also find updates about our school's attendance goal. Thank you, parents for valuing the importance of education and ensuring your student arrives to school on-time and maintains great attendance!

This newsletter also contains information about upcoming events, and useful tidbits for you and your student.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Slyter, Principal

**John Adams Elementary School**

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### **Star Students**

Congratulations to our February Star Students! We celebrated with these students at lunch on February 24<sup>th</sup>! Way to EXCEL with PRIDE Star Students! We are very proud of you!



### **Extra-Curricular Activities and Tutoring**

We are excited that more than half of our student population has been participating in an after-school club or tutoring! Go Adams!! Thank you to the Adams staff for hosting reading and math tutoring, Lego club, Girl Scouts, Choir, Activity club, Chihuly club, Art club, Coloring club, Garden club, and Basketball!





# Mark Your Calendar

**March 2023**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

- 03/03 PTSCO Meeting 8am in the library
- 03/03 SAC Meeting 9am in the library
- 03/07 - 03/24 Penny Wars
- 03/08 End of 3rd Quarter
- 03/09 NO SCHOOL - Teacher Work Day
- 03/10 NO SCHOOL - Data Collaboration
- 03/12 Daylight Savings - Set Clocks Forward 1 Hour
- 03/13 Beginning of 4th Quarter
- 03/17 St. Patrick's Day - Wear Green
- 03/17 Parenting Class 8-9:30am in the library
- 03/21 Kindergarten Roundup 5:15-6:15pm
- 03/24 Parenting Class 8-9:30am in the library
- 03/24 March Star Students Luncheon
- 03/24 3rd Quarter Positive Behavior Celebration
- 03/27 - 03/31 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

## **Attendance Matters!**

Our school wide attendance goal is to have a 90% or better attendance average for every classroom. Each week, classes who achieve a 90% or better weekly attendance rate will be recognized with:

- A shout out and a certificate during Great Gathering
- An extra recess on Friday
- The 3 highest attending classrooms will earn a special “Attendance Crown” for their teacher
- Class attendance success will be posted on a bulletin board in the main hallway showing our weekly progress as a school towards our goal.

Each month, we will recognize the class in each grade with the highest monthly attendance percent. The winning classes will earn a trophy. Congratulations to the following classes who earned a trophy for having the highest attendance percentage in their grade level for the month of February! Way to go!

**Kindergarten – Mrs. Niolon’s class 84%**  
**1<sup>st</sup> grade – Mrs. Lutze’s class 85%**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> grade – Ms. Martinez’s class 88%**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Mrs. Kochevar’s class 91%**  
**4<sup>th</sup> grade – Ms. Mihalko’s class 90%**  
**5<sup>th</sup> grade – Mrs. Thorne’s class 92%**





## **Attendance**

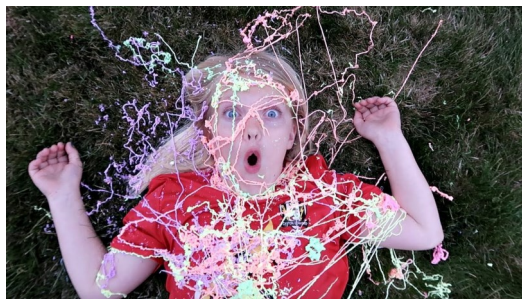
### **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Attendance Challenge**

We have an attendance challenge for our classes for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter! The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter is March 13 through May 23. Check out these fun opportunities our top-three classes will earn on Friday May 19.

- The class with the highest attendance percentage throughout 4<sup>th</sup> quarter will earn the opportunity to tape our Principal, Mrs. Slyter to the gymnasium wall!



- The second-place class will be able to silly string their teacher!



- The third-place class will have a root beer float party with our Assistant Principal, Mrs. King!



ITSCO "In The School Counselors"



JOHN ADAMS ELEMENTARY PRESENTS:  
**PARENT WORKSHOPS**

2/17/23 ACTING UP AND SHUTTING DOWN  
how to achieve emotion regulation

3/17/23 "NO" MEANS "NO"  
how to set effective boundaries

3/24/23 "TALK TO ME!"  
how to communicate when tensions are high

ALL DATES: 8:30AM – 9:30AM



### **Practice at home math and reading**

A few simple ideas to support your child's learning at home.

- Read aloud to your child
- Listen to your child read aloud
- Practice sight words together (search online for grade level word lists such as the Dolch Word List or Fry Word List)
- Practice math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division)
- Keep a writing journal and encourage your student to write in it often. They can write about their day or do some creative writing.

