

# JOHN ADAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As the year comes to a close, it's wonderful to reflect over the great times we have shared this school year. Adams is an incredible place in which to work and it is mostly due to the great staff we have as well as so many wonderful people who have done so much on behalf of our students and families.

There are so many terrific people who need to be recognized and thanked for all they have done on behalf of our students and families. Let me start with PTA. We have a wonderful association with devoted and competent leadership. Thank you Lucy Sheardown and the current PTA Board of Directors and committee members, for all you have done this year. We are fortunate to have Shari Kaku as our PTA President next year. I am confident it will be another outstanding year under her direction.

To our support staff in our office, Miss Sharon, who welcomes you and lets you know that she's going to do everything she can to take good care of your children. Mrs. Cervantes our Office Assistant and Mrs. Yamada, our Health Clerk who helps to make sure that the day goes smoothly. Thank you also to Mr. Bud for providing us with a clean and welcoming environment.

And to our teachers... thank you for the fine job you do each and every day in each of your student's life. Your challenges are many, and you take them all in stride and provide our students with the best education you can give. Our noon aides, paraeducators and many, many volunteers are irreplaceable in what they provide in the classroom and on campus. Finally, I want to thank Teri Dykzeul and Cindy Nelson for keeping our library running and available to our staff and students.

## THANK YOU TO OUR ADAMS DONORS

I would like to thank some wonderful people for the special activities they provided this past month. Thank you to Lorna Kurosu and her committee for providing a terrific Teacher Appreciation week. The teachers were most appreciative and felt very special. I would also like to thank Pina Medina, Angelina Lalau, and their committee for all their hard work during Blue Ribbon Week. It was great having the opportunity to see and hear from so many of our local heroes.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PTA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Each year our PTA Scholarship Committee selects two outstanding seniors from Torrance High who attended John Adams in their elementary years to receive a \$300 scholarship. This money is to be put toward their college expenses. This year's recipients are: **Dimiana Saad and Joseph Wee.**

Dimiana attended Adams for five years. Her college choices are UCLA, New York University, or USC in the fall in which she plans on majoring in Law, Political Science. Dimiana has been very active at South High. She is a member of the California Scholarship Federation (CSF) and has participated in the Student's League, Service Club for all four years at High School. As a senior at South High, Dimiana was ASB Senior Class President as well as President of the Student's League and Chairperson in Site Council co-leading with the Principal. Dimiana is a very hard worker and goal-oriented. We wish her the very best in her future aspirations.

Joseph attended Adams for grades four years. He plans to attend Stanford University, UC Berkeley, or Harvard College in which he plans on majoring in Business Administration. At Torrance High he was a member of the California Scholarship Federation (CSF) and National Honors Society. He was very active in band and KIWIN'S, a community service club that is a branch of Key Club and KIWANIS International. Math, engineering, and science appear to be Joseph's passion. We wish him the very best in reaching his goals and future accomplishments.

We couldn't be prouder to recognize these fine scholars/leaders.

## LUNCH CHARGES IN JUNE

Please be advised that beginning June 14<sup>th</sup> your child will either need to bring money for lunch or have money on their accounts. Students will not be allowed to "borrow" any money the last two weeks of school. If you have set up an account on [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com), you can check the status of your child's account from your home. Any money remaining on your child's account at the end of the school year will be available for your child to use next school year-even if they are going to Middle School next year!

## SOUTH BAY ENRICHMENT ACADEMY (SBEA) FOR SUMMER

Have you made your summer plans yet? Register now for the South Bay Enrichment Academy sponsored by the Torrance Education Foundation. Elementary programs for incoming Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be held at Arnold, Anza and Edison schools starting July 12<sup>th</sup>. Don't wait – the deadline to sign up is June 18th. For more information and online registration go to [www.tefsbea.org](http://www.tefsbea.org).

### **DONATE YOUR E-WASTE AND HELP SAVE OUR SCHOOLS!**

On Saturday, June 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the Torrance Council of PTAs will be hosting an E-Waste donation day. AllGreenRecycling.com at 1-800-780-0347 is donating the profits from this event to the SOS (Save our Schools) campaign to replenish proposed state budget cuts. Acceptable items include: Computers, monitors, televisions, cell phones, MP3 players, laptops, printers, ink and toner cartridges, cables and wires, microwaves and all electronics.

Drop off location is 2336 Plaza del Amo, Torrance, at the Educational Materials Building (EMB) parking lot. For more information please visit the Torrance Unified School District website at <http://www.tusd.org/> or call Tammy Khan at 310-972-6152 or email her at [tkhan@tusd.org](mailto:tkhan@tusd.org)

### **JOIN US FOR THE OLYMPICS, FAMILY PICNIC ON FRIDAY, JUNE 11<sup>th</sup>.**

The fun begins at 9:00 with our Opening Ceremony and March of Athletes. We go from there to the upper grade playground and field for our events. We start with the field events, take a recess break, and continue with the track events. Lunch will be from 12:15 – 1:15. Bring a blanket, beach chair and plan to picnic. More information will be coming home in future Thursday packets.

### **REMINDER – ALL PERMITS, AFFIDAVITS OF RESIDENCE AND NOTARTIZED RESIDENCY MUST BE RENEWED ANNUALLY**

If your child is attending Adams on any one of the above, please remember that these have to be renewed each year. If you need direction on how to complete the process, please call the school office. Your child will not be placed in a class in September until the paperwork has been completed.

### **CELDT LANGUAGE TESTING TO BE DONE OVER THE SUMMER**

All parents of English Language Learners received a letter from TUSD regarding taking the CELDT test during the summer. You need to register for the test online for an appointment. If you do not have a computer or having difficulty registering, please come to the office and we will be happy to help you make an appointment. If your child does not get tested this summer, they will not be allowed to start school in September. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Our last day of school is Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. School will start at 8:50 a.m. and we will dismiss at 11:50 a.m. It has become our tradition to have a farewell assembly at 11:30 a.m. and dismiss directly from there. Please join us!

### **BEAUTIFICATION DAY**

The beginning of school for the 2010/2011 school year will be here before you know it. In order to get our campus ready for the beginning of school we will be having a spruce up the campus day on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please mark this day on your calendar and plan on joining us. Older students can earn community service hours for helping at our beautification day.

June	3	5 <sup>th</sup> grade parents – Human Growth and Development Meeting – 6:00 p.m. in Rm. 17
	4	Flag – Band performance 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Track meet – 3:30 at Torrance High School
	5	E-waste Donation Day – EMB Parking Lot – 9:00 – 4:00
	8	Election Day – Adams is a polling site
	11	Olympics – Grand Entry at 9:00 Family Picnic – 12:15 – 1:15
	14	Olympics Awards Assemblies
	16	5 <sup>th</sup> Graders to Hull
	18	Human Growth and Development – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade Beach Day
	21	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Challenge
	23	Fifth Grade Fun Day
	24	Last Day of School – Report Cards go home Dismissal at 11:50 grades K-5, Final assembly at 11:30 a.m.

## ***GOOD BYE TO OUR 5<sup>th</sup> GRADERS***

***We wish you each the very best as you move on to middle school.***

***Remember – once a Patriot always a Patriot!***

***Don't be a stranger.***

**To everyone else, have a relaxing summer. School starts  
September 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:50 AM.**