

# JOHN ADAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER



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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Family Night at the Book Fair
- ◆ Grandfriends' Day
- ◆ Halloween Parade

See below for details

## Principal's Message



We have had a great start of the year! Our Library is up and running thanks to our wonderful volunteers: Teri Dykzeul and Cindy Nelson. Our Accelerated Reader and SuccessMaker programs are ready to go for the new school year. The teachers and I have collaborated to identify our at-risk learners. Mrs. Yoakum and Mrs. Underwood, our Intervention teachers, are starting to meet with individuals and small groups to support classroom instruction.

We've had our first round of Student Council elections, and have an energetic, creative, and responsible group of student leaders. Back-To-School Night was very successful and we had a great turn out! The teachers made wonderful presentations, explaining their programs and expectations. Our PTA Association meeting was very informative, really helping families to become aware of all that PTA does and how parents can be involved in supporting our school. If you missed the presentations, do visit our website ([www.johnadams-torrance.com](http://www.johnadams-torrance.com)). It's amazing the information and resources available at our site thanks to our parent volunteer, Milana Ruszczyk, who keeps us up-to-date and current.

Later this month we will be hosting an Adams restaurant night at McDonalds. Our very own staff members will be helping out in the kitchen and behind the counters serving Adams families that attend. The date is Thursday, October 15, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. McDonalds is located at 1728 W. Lomita Blvd. near the corner of Western Avenue. Adams will receive a portion of the proceeds from not only counter purchases but drive-through window and take-out purchases as well. What a great way for us to have fun while raising money for our school. Hope to see you there.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW STUDENT COUNCIL



We had a wonderful election week. We had great candidates who were very creative in their posters and speeches. We are tremendously proud of each and every candidate who ran for Council Office or for Room Representative. We are pleased to announce our new Student Council members:

President: Sasha Ruszczyk  
Vice President: Sara Webb  
Secretary: Jake Nash  
Treasurer: Katie Bentovoja  
Activities Director: Alamea Zamora  
Room Reps: Sanjan Sudwal, Savannah Gonzalez, D'Angelo Alva, Cherish Hollomon, Olivia Magee, Gracie Mckaig, Anthony Chang, Brooke Oto, Michelle Kaku, Tyler Sato, Bailey Locano, Stella Poulin, Isabel Poulin, Naomi George, and Allison Lee.



### Adams New Bell Schedule

8:15	Breakfast
8:30	Campus opens
8:50	Class instruction begins
10:30	Morning recess (15 min.)
12:00	K-2 Lunch (45 min.)
12:30	3-5 Lunch (45 min.)
1:50	Kindergarten dismissal
2:15	Afternoon Recess (10 min.)
3:03	1-3 grades dismissal
3:12	4-5 grade dismissal
<b>Early Out Wednesdays</b>	
1:50	Kindergarten dismissal
2:18	1-3 grades dismissal
2:27	4-5 grade dismissal



## THANK YOU TO OUR ADAMS DONORS

We would like to give a special thank you to Stuart Nemiroff from Golden Spoon who so generously supports our students for their good citizenship and academic achievements.

Thank you to all who donated their service and time to Adams this past month. Membership Drive (Shari Kaku),

Hospitality (Kari Kirkwood), Directory (Marcia Oto), Fall Fundraiser (Rose Hollomon), Adventures in Art (Sarah Brown), website (Milana Rusczyk), and valet parents (Miguel Sepulveda, Olin Sheikh, Terry Webb, Ted Vigil, Patty Sloan, Dee Lopez, Joy Cabe and subs Violet Norman and Riffat Miska).

## SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

Our Site Council met on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. We discussed upcoming school and PTA events. Council reviewed the council By-Laws. Test scores, our Academic Performance Index (API) and Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) were all discussed. We continue to meet the No Child Left Behind annual goals for all significant sub-groups as well as AYP goals. Our API rose 10 points this past year to 873. We elected the following officers: Tony Iovine -

Chairperson, Tracey Arney - Vice Chairperson, and Sandra Skora - Secretary. Our election for new members to our Site Council for the 2009-2011 term has been sent home. Members of our School Site Council are as follows: Tony Iovine, Miguel Sepulveda, Cindy Paulson, Sandra Skora, Sharon Jones, Tracey Arney, Joyce Wong and Kerry Lee. Pending memberships are Martina Fuentes and Shari Kaku.

## PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT WITH PEGGY TREMAYNE

Our first parent education night is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-8:30 p.m., at Hickory Elementary School in the cafeteria. The topic that will be discussed is "Positive Parenting and Successful Kids." This discussion will include helping your children with homework as well as effective discipline techniques. Peggy Tremayne will be our guest speaker. She is a noted educator and Individual, Marriage and Family Therapist. She has a wealth of experience in dealing with families, children, and teenagers. Dinner, at no cost, will be served at 6:00 p.m. and our workshop with Peggy Tremayne will begin at 6:30 p.m. The

YMCA on Hickory's campus is offering free childcare during the workshop portion of our evening. Reservations are required and were due to school on October 6<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in still attending, please call the office in case we have a cancellation. Hope to see all of you there!



## ENGLISH LEARNERS MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ELMAC) MEETS IN OCTOBER

Our first ELMAC meeting will be held on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:10 a.m. in the library (room 22). We encourage



parents of our second language learners to attend this meeting to learn more about the program we offer at Adams and how we can work together to help your children succeed in school. It's also a great time to meet other parents of your culture and make new friends. We hope to see you there.



We are on the Web:  
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 e-mail:  
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## GRANDFRIENDS' DAY COMING OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>

Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, is our annual Grandfriends' Day. Our students are encouraged to invite a grandparent or senior friend to spend some time with them at school. Our teachers plan special activities in class to involve the "seniors" with the students. We know that not all of our students have grandparents who can come, but maybe a senior who is a neighbor, a

family friend, or a childcare provider could join them. Grandfriends' activities in the classroom will start at 11:15. Our family picnic will be held from 12:00 - 1:00. Once again, we will sell lunch in the cafeteria, or you can bring a picnic. The PTA Book Fair will be open in the Cafeteria so you can go shopping for those extra special books that the kids so love!

## HALLOWEEN AT ADAMS

In the spirit of the season, we will be holding our annual Halloween Parade on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. We hope that you can join us....and please do come in costume, it makes the day so much more fun for everyone! Students are encouraged to wear their costumes to school and change into school clothes after the parade. Costume accessories are not allowed on the playground during the school day, but may be worn with costumes for the parade. The students parade by grade level. At the end of the parade we invite all of our guests to come out and parade for the students - so bring your little ones (of all ages) and enjoy the spirit of the season. The primary playground will be



open for additional parking. We ask that cars leave the playground as soon as possible after the parade so that we can resume our regular schedule. If for any reason you do not want your child to participate in this activity, please be sure to let their classroom teacher know. WE WILL HAVE A PARADE EVEN IF IT RAINS!

## MONTH AT A GLANCE

October	9	Flag – special recognition, Fall fundraiser ends	
	12	Student Free Day – NO SCHOOL	
	14	School Site Council Meeting – 3:25 Parent Education Night at Hickory with Peggy Tremayne – 6:00 p.m.	
	15	Great American shakeout (District earthquake drill) – 10:15 a.m. Restaurant Night – McDonalds from 4:00 – 8:00	
	16	Flag – Writing Wonders ELMAC Meeting, 9:00 in library	
	19-23	Book fair (before and after school in the cafeteria)	
	21	Family Night at the Book Fair	
	23	Flag – Math Wiz Grandfriends' Day – Classroom activities 11:15 – 12:00, Picnic 12-1 Progress Reports go home	
	26-30	Red Ribbon Week (Say NO to Drugs)	
	27	Make up picture Day (Group, retakes, and absences) Volunteer ID picture – 8:30 – 11:30 Volunteer Meeting – 9:00 in library	
	29	Title 1 Parent Meeting – 6:00 p.m. in cafeteria	
	30	Halloween Parade –EVERYONE wears costumes, 9:15 on upper playground (Remember to bring a change of clothes for after the parade)	
	November	1	Daylight Saving time ends – set clocks back 1 hr.
		2	Make up Title 1 parent meeting – 9:00 a.m. in the library
		3	Hearing and Vision screening <a href="#">...more in Website Calendar</a>

