



# Adams Elementary School

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*“Every Child, Everyday in Every Way”*

## Principal's Newsletter!

Dear Adams Community:

October 23, 2009

We are in full swing! Students are engaged, working hard and learning! We continue our efforts to hold H1N1 off and stay healthy. Please continue to be cautious if a student shows any signs of Flu-like symptoms including fever, cough, sneezing, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, tiredness or extreme exhaustion.

• **Safety:**

- We have 428 reasons to drive safely in our school zones. We have had a couple of close calls already this year. It only takes one accident to change lives forever...
- We had a Spokane Sheriff visit one day during dismissal... J. Bonin stopped in and ask me to share a few reminders with everyone:
  - To ride in the front seat you must be 13 years old. \$124 fine for each child
  - Remind parents that we want them to set a good example by using the cross walks
  - It is illegal to be on a cell phone while driving and we are not 100% focused on driving when we are on one. This creates a higher risk of an accident with 428 students leaving Adams.
- **Academics:**
- Hopefully you have spent some with the new Math Connects website with incredible tools – check it out! [www.macmillanmh.com](http://www.macmillanmh.com).
- Keep in touch with the student planners, help students learn the importance of practice (homework) and work together with our teachers!

• **October 30<sup>th</sup> classroom parties!**

- Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> will be a regular school day until 2:00 when the classroom activities begin. We have an alternative setting for any student who wishes not to participate.
- **Guidelines for costumes:**  
NO: blood, knives, guns, weapons or anything that would scare a young child. Save those things for when you head out trick or treating. They are not appropriate for school.
- Teachers will be sharing specific guidelines with their classes all next week. If you are not sure please ask and just err on the cautious side. Anything that is distracting or disruptive to the safety or learning of others will be removed.
- **Colder weather is on the way.**  
Remember that we expect to have outdoor recess daily. The only times we don't is if it is really pouring rain or reaches a “feels like” 20 degrees outside. Please have children dressed appropriately to be outside!

We are all working very hard to instill successful learning habits, behavior habits, social habits and emotional habits into our students. We love the challenge and hope you will engage with us in meeting this challenge! Thank you for your efforts to be true partners in your student's education.

**We will continue to push students for their best, challenge them, love them and laugh with them!**

**Jeff Dufresne**

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