

Cultivating a community of responsible, respectful, and passionate learners

Coming Soon: The Principal's Newsletter is going green! If you would like to continue to receive a paper copy of these newsletters please contact the office.



A Note From Principal Fournier

Snacks and Lunch

If your child brings a snack or lunch to school, please consider fruits, vegetables and/or protein snacks, such as apples & cheese, rather than packages of candy or cookies. Also, please avoid sending soda and opt for a more healthful choice, such as milk, water or juice.



Arrival and Dismissal Safety Reminders

- **Students must not arrive to school before 7:45 a.m. as the doors are locked and there is no supervision before that time.**
- Students must arrive to school between 8:20 and 8:30 a.m. (unless they are participating in the Early Breakfast Program)
- Our doors open for the Early Breakfast Program at 7:45 a.m.
- All students must go directly to the gym unless supervised on the playground or under the carport by their parent.
- Dismissal for walkers, parent pick-ups and bikers will be at 3:00 p.m.
- **Students must leave school grounds upon dismissal unless supervised by their parent.**

September Important Dates

September 9: Pie In the Sky Road Race

September 11: First Full Day of Kindergarten

September 18: 2nd grade-5th grade begin NWEAs

September 19: 6:00 School Board Meeting
Town Council Chambers

September 20: 6:30 Parent Volunteer Training
Art Room- PTO will provide child care

September 20: 12:45 Dismissal Early Release Day

September 21: 6:00-7:00 Asa Adams Open House

September 24 & 25: Young Americans (grades 3-12)

September 25: PTO Meeting



School Counselor's Corner

Welcome back! It has been beyond wonderful to see all of our students back from busy summers and settling into their new classrooms. I have been spending lots of time in the gym in the mornings, in the cafeteria at lunch, and on the playgrounds, so I have hopefully greeted and visited with every one of our students! While the start has seemed to be a smooth one, please know if your child is feeling at all anxious or uncomfortable about something, I'd be happy to talk with you and/or them to make sure they are feeling great about their school experience. Feel free to call, email, or stop by-I want to help make every student feel like Asa Adams is the best place to learn.

I want to reach out to all families at Asa to tell you about a program we are offering this year to help families who may be in need of some extra food resources on weekends. We will fill a shopping bag full of non-perishable food items and anonymously place them in your child's backpack on Friday afternoons. The hope would be that these items would help on weekends when children don't have access to our lunch and breakfast programs. If you would be interested in this, please contact me via phone (866-2151), email: lerhardt@rsu26.org, send in a note with your child, or stop in and chat with me. All information will be kept confidential, and the disbursement of food will happen in a very private way. Let me know if you have questions, concerns or interest in participating.



I'm looking forward to beginning my teaching time in classrooms starting in grades 3-5 next week, and in grades PK-2 the week

following. Keep on the lookout for our Habits of Mind plans for the coming year in the next Principal's Newsletter. And don't hesitate to be in

touch with any questions or concerns at any time during the school year. There is no such thing as a silly questions, and we can't help make a concern better if we don't know a concern exists. Thanks for being our partners in educating your children.

Mrs. Lisa Erhardt



Welcome to a new year of library visits! Asa Adams students visit the school library once a week with their classes. PreK students check out one book each week to enjoy in the classroom. Kindergarten students check out one book to take home and are allowed to take them home for a week. Grades 1-5 students are allowed to check out two books at a time. A few of our students still have overdue books from the 2016-17 school year. Parents, please check with your child to see if he/she still has a book checked out from last year.

During the first few weeks of library classes I review book care and good library habits with my students. Parents, you can help by reinforcing the following library habits:

- **Keep library books in a consistent spot while they are home so they are easy to find.**
- **Keep books safe and away from food and liquids.**
- **Mark your child's library day on a calendar so your child is prepared to return library books.**
- **Help your child to remember to return his/her library book on library day.**

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me (Diana Smart, Asa librarian) at 866-2151.

Reading Recovery/Literacy Coach

Hi! Some of you I've met and many I haven't. In any case, you will see me all around the school.

My name is Renee Curtis and I'm the Reading Recovery Teacher/ Literacy Coach here at Asa Adams. I started here February 27th and spent the spring months teaching in the Reading Recovery capacity; meeting the wonderful staff and children; and acclimating to my role as a Literacy Coach. I look forward to growing educationally this year with the wonderful staff and children here at Asa!



ORONO PUBLIC LIBRARY

September Events for Kids

For more information check our website:

library.orono.org or call us at 866-5060

- Storytime for Babies-age 4- 10:15 every Thursday
- Maine Student Book Award Club- for 4th and 5th graders, Tuesday 9/12 @ 3:30
- Chickadee Award Book Club for K-2nd graders - registration opens Monday 9/18 for 6 week session beginning 10/5
- Reader of the Pack Open House - Tuesday 9/19, 5:50-7 pm. Drop in to meet therapy dogs, Koda and Nala, and learn more about the program.
- Autumn Bird Adventures - 9/23 10 am-noon, Family program to learn about our fall and winter birds
- Pajama Story Time - Tuesday 9/26, 5:30 pm, family story time with snacks provided



Nut Free Grade Levels

The following grade levels are NUT FREE in the classrooms:

- Grade 1
- Grade 2
- Grade 3
- Grade 5

LABELS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM

Asa Adams has participated in the Campbell's Soup Labels for Education program for many years. As some of you may be aware Campbell's decided last year to phase out this program, and it was originally supposed to end in August 2017. However, Campbell's recently announced that the Labels for Education program will continue until January 2, 2018. This program allows us to submit the Labels for Education UPC codes found on Campbell's Soup and other products in exchange for school supplies. So if anyone has any Labels for Education at home or purchases products with these Labels please send them to school prior to the end of the 2017 calendar year.



Contacts for Parents

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If you have any questions about pick up or drop
off times for your school bus route, please
contact Dave Cosenze at Cyr Bus.