

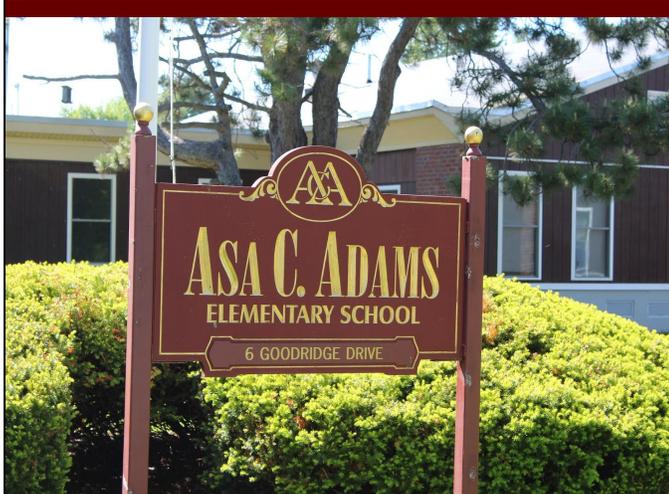
Principal's Newsletter

Asa C. Adams Elementary School

August 2017

Cultivating a community of responsible, respectful, and passionate learners

Welcome Back!



This is my favorite time of year! I can't tell you how excited I am to be writing this welcome back newsletter. On **August 30th**, we will open our doors to approximately 318 students and 75 staff. As we begin to wrap up our summer break and enter upon the journey of the 2017-2018 school year at Asa Adams Elementary School, our teachers and staff are gearing up to present an engaging, challenging and thorough curriculum that will cultivate expert learners.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns. Enjoy the last few days of summer!

Sincerely,
Darcie Fournier
Asa Adams Principal

Important Dates

Kindergarten and PK Open House: Monday, August 28
from 5:00-6:30

Teacher Inservice Days: August 28 & 29

First Student Day: August 30, 2017

Kindergarten Dismissal: kindergarten students will be dismissed at 12:45 until September 8, 2017. The first full day will be on September 11, 2017.

The Asa PTO Potluck is on September 8, 2017 on the Asa Adams Playground.

Beginning of the Year Kindergarten Schedule

All incoming kindergarten students will attend a shortened school day for the first two weeks (August 30 thru September 8). During this time, kindergartners will begin their day at 8:30 and end at 12:45, lunch will be served.

Monday, September 11 will be the first full day of school for kindergartners. Busing is available on early release days.

Kindergarten and PreK Open House

There will be an opportunity for Kindergarten and PreK students to come in to visit their classrooms and meet their teachers on August 28th from 5:00-6:30.

*We will host a schoolwide open house night later this fall for all other grade levels.

Welcome New Staff

Please welcome the following new teachers and staff to our school community:

Mr. Bradley Martin-grade 5

Ms. Charity Robbins-grade 4

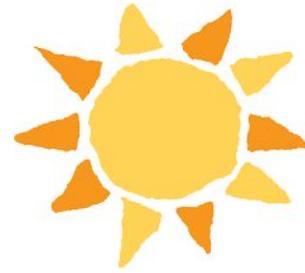
Ashley Satre- Special Education Program Courtney Eastman-Special Education

Sarah White-Special Education Program Josephine Cressey-Special Education

Meagan Sturgis-Special Education Program Sandra Seavey- ELL Teacher

Kate Crane- Administrative Assistant

Our new staff members will make a great addition to our already strong professional staff! I extend a wholehearted warm welcome to our latest additions.



Facility Improvements

Many facilities improvements have occurred over the summer. Here are a few updates you will notice the next time you are in our building:

The building has been deep cleaned over the summer months and looks amazing for opening day!

Elementary Wing Cubbies: Cubbies are being installed for second graders, a kindergarten, and a first grade class to store their backpacks and outdoor gear.

The fifth grade wing project is complete. This project included replacing a folding wall with a constructed wall (and insulated for noise reduction) between two classrooms and the length of the fifth grade hallway. New coat hooks, classroom doors and a fresh coat of paint create an inspiring learning space for our incoming fifth graders.

Special Education Room Project: The space previously used as an AV room has been transformed into an instructional space for our Special Education Program.

Library Office/ New AV room: this space has been renovated to better meet the needs of the library program. This project involved replacing old shelves, cupboards and windows to create a more efficient storage space.

Lighting Improvements: LED lighting was installed in the library office and new Special Education room.

Changes to our already existing Asa Team

We welcome Mrs. Suzanne Neville to the first grade team. Mrs. Neville had previously worked in our PreK classroom. You will find Mrs. Kreutz teaching third grade and Mrs. James teaching fourth grade this year, and Mr. Terry Henry, the OMS/OHS Choral Director, will be joining forces with Mrs. Moore within our general music program.

**Cyr Bus
827-2335**

Bus Route Inquiries

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



School Safety

Please read the following important reminders that will help our school year start off safely and smoothly

Arrival and Dismissal Times

- We expect our students to arrive to school between 8:20 and 8:30 am unless they are participating in the Early Breakfast Program.
- The school day begins promptly at 8:30 am and the school doors will be locked at this time.
- Students arriving after 8:30 am will be marked tardy and must stop at the office for a pass from the school secretary.
- End of the day dismissal is at 3:00 pm. The doors will remain locked until 3:00.
- Our Pre K morning session will begin at 8:30 am and end at 11:00 am. The afternoon session will begin at 12:30 pm and end at 3:00 pm.
- Our doors open for the Early Breakfast Program at 7:45 am. Students must not arrive to school before 7:45 am as there is no supervision and the doors remain locked until that time.

Pick Up & Drop Off

- Students must go directly to the cafeteria upon arrival and remain there until the bell rings at 8:30.
- If you would like to wait with your student until the bell rings, feel free to do so under the carport or on the playground. Please do not linger in the hallways outside of the gym area during arrival or dismissal times.
- Parents entering the building to drop off their children are required to go directly to the drop off spot in the lobby to eliminate hallway congestion.
- Parents entering the building to pick up their children must go directly to the gym.
- Please do not escort your child to the classroom upon arrival.

- Parents who drop students off from the parking lot must use the “drop off” area in front of the creative playground. Please do not drive up to the front of the building to drop students off.

Visitors

- All visitors are required to sign in and out at the main office and are required to wear a visitor’s tag during school hours. (8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)
- If you are interested in meeting with a teacher, please communicate with the teacher in advance to arrange an appointment.

Nut Free Grade Levels



The following grade levels are NUT FREE classrooms:

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

There are children in these grade levels who have allergies to nuts and nut products. These allergies can cause significant acute health risks if the children are exposed to nuts and nut products.

For grade levels that are nut free, we ask that students do not bring in products that contain peanuts or nut products for their snack.

We appreciate your support in this matter, and know that we all want to keep our students safe.