WELCOME

TO

ADAMS ELEMENTARY

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WELCOME TO ADAMS!

On behalf of the PTA, we'd like to offer you a warm welcome to Adams Elementary.
We are thrilled you will join us as we kick off another fun school year.
We would love to meet you!
Welcome to the Adams Eagle family. We're so glad you're here.
Kerry Riley Lynd, PTA President and the PTA Executive Team

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ADAMS MISSION & VALUES

Our mission is to provide an engaging, appropriately challenging, arts-infused education that maximizes the academic, social, emotional, and physical growth of every student.

Established in 1909 and located in the heart of Ballard, we are proud of our long tradition of being a community school that offers a holistic education and fosters excitement about learning.

Adams is special because...

- **Arts Integrated Curriculum**: 15 years of arts-integratation in alignment with Common Core state instruction;
- **Strong academics** and a focus on meeting each child where they are;
- **Dynamic, engaged teaching staff** committed to incorporating best practice into their teaching;
- **A diverse community and supportive services:** SPED teachers, ELS, math interventionists, etc.;
- **Community involvement:** volunteering or supporting behind the scenes, and our school benefits;
- **After School Enrichment Programs** that support the students and enhances their education;
- **A close-knit family culture:** every student is deeply known, valued, and celebrated at Adams. We intentionally foster a warm, inclusive, and welcoming environment that connects families, teachers, and students in a supportive, lifelong community;
- **Social Emotional Learning:** our dedicated SEL curriculum empowers students with essential life skills like empathy, resilience, and self-regulation. By prioritizing mental well-being alongside academics, we help children build healthy relationships and confidently navigate challenges.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Follow our PTA Calendar to keep up-to-date on all school events and activities:

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?
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SEPTEMBER

- Monday, 8/31: Meet Your Teacher Open House Grades 1-5, 3-4pm
- Wednesday, 9/2: First Day of School, Grades 1-5 (regular school dismissal 2:25pm)
- 9/2-9/4: Kindergarten Family Connection Meetings
- Monday, 9/7: Labor Day - No School
- Tuesday, 9/8: First Day of School, Kindergarten
- Tuesday, 9/15: PTA Board Meeting, 6:30-8pm
- Friday, 9/18: Family Connection Event, Fall Launch at Adams (more info to come)
- Monday, 9/28: Fall PTA General Meeting 6-8pm (childcare & pizza provided)
- Wednesday, 9/30: First Monthly PTA Coffee & Community on Adams playground, 8-8:30am

OCTOBER

- Big Give launch!
- Tuesday, 10/6: PTA Board Meeting, 6:30-8pm
- Friday, 10/9: Professional Development Day - No School
- Friday, 10/16: Parents Night Out (PNO), 6-9pm
- TBD: Principal Connection Meetings (K-2, 3-5), more info to come
- Wednesday, 10/28: Monthly PTA Coffee & Community on Adams playground, 8-8:30am

NOVEMBER

- Tuesday, 11/3: PTA Board Meeting, 6:30-8pm
- Wednesday, 11/11: Veterans Day - No School
- 11/23-11/27: Family Teacher Conference Week and Thanksgiving - No School
- November, 11/18: Monthly PTA Coffee & Community on Adams playground, 8-8:30am
- (TBD) November: Reflections Art Project Submissions Due

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DECEMBER

- Friday, 12/4: Parents Night Out (PNO), 6-9pm
- Tuesday, 12/8: PTA Board Meeting, 6:30-8pm
- Wednesday, 12/16: Monthly PTA Coffee & Community on Adams playground, 8-8:30am
- Friday, 12/18: Early Dismissal, 1:25pm (1 hour early)
- 12/21-1/1: Winter Break - No School
- TBD: Principal Connection Meetings (K-2, 3-5), more info to come

JANUARY

- Monday, 1/4: First Day Back to School
- Tuesday, 1/5: PTA Board Meeting, 6:30-8pm
- Monday, 1/18: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School
- Tuesday, 1/26: Winter PTA General Meeting, 6-8pm
- Wednesday, 1/27: Monthly PTA Coffee & Community on Adams playground, 8-8:30am
- Thursday, 1/28: No School
- TBD: Multicultural Potluck & Bingo Night (more info to come)

FEBRUARY

- Tuesday, 2/2: PTA Board Meeting, 6:30-8pm
- Friday, 2/5: Parents Night Out (PNO), 6-9pm
- Friday, 2/12: Valentine's Family Dance (TBD, more info to come)
- 2/15-2/19: Mid-Winter Break, No School
- Wednesday, 2/24: Monthly PTA Coffee & Community on Adams playground, 8-8:30am
- TBD: Book Fair (more info to come)
- TBD: Art From the Heart (more info to come)
- TBD: Principal Connection Meetings (K-2, 3-5), more info to come

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- Tuesday, 3/2: PTA Board Meeting, 6:30-8pm
- Friday, 3/19: Parents Night Out (PNO), 6-9pm
- TBD: Talent Show (more info to come)
- Wednesday, 3/31: Monthly PTA Coffee & Community on Adams playground, 8-8:30am

APRIL

- Tuesday, 4/6: PTA Board Meeting, 6:30-8pm
- 4/12-4/16: Spring Break, No School
- Wednesday, 4/28: Monthly PTA Coffee & Community on Adams playground, 8-8:30am
- TBD: Principal Connection Meetings (K-2, 3-5), more info to come

MAY

- 5/3-5/7: Staff Appreciation Week
- Tuesday, 5/4: PTA Board Meeting, 6:30-8pm
- Friday, 5/14: Parents Night Out (PNO), 6-9pm
- Monday, 5/24: Spring PTA General Meeting, 6-8pm
- Wednesday, 5/26: Monthly PTA Coffee & Community on Adams playground, 8-8:30am
- Monday, 5/31: Memorial Day - No School
- TBD: Moveathon
- TBD: Adams Day at the Mariners Game
- TBD: Syttende Mai Parade
- TBD: Book Bounce

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JUNE

- Friday, 6/18: Juneteenth - No School
- Monday, 6/21: Last Day of School (1:25 Early Dismissal)
- Monday, 6/21: 5th Grade Graduation
- Friday, 6/11: Field Day (12-1:30pm)
- 6/22 & 6/23: Potential School Make Up Days

TO KNOW

- All event dates are subject to change. Advance notice will be sent via Konstella and updated on the Google calendar in the event of a date change.
- Please note: the standardized testing dates have not been released. Those dates will be communicated as soon as the district posts them.

ADAMS DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

Regular School Hours:
7:55am-2:25pm

Early Dismissal Wednesdays:
7:55am-1:10pm

What can I expect at drop-off and pick-up?

Students can be dropped off on the school playground as early as 7:35am, where several school supervisors monitor daily. Teachers arrive on the playground to lead their classes inside at the first bell (7:50am). Classroom instruction begins at 7:55am. Your teacher will send specific directions on where to line up in their welcome emails. The older grades (3-5) typically walk in by themselves. The playground gates are locked around 8:15am. If you arrive after classroom instruction begins, you will need to go in through the office and sign your child in.

For students not attending after-school care, please pick up your child on the school playground at the regular dismissal time of 2:25pm, and 1:10pm on Wednesdays.

If your child will attend an after-school program, they will be walked to the bus, to Kids Co., or to BCC.

After School Programs:

- Kids Co. - https://www.kidscompany.org/site_locations/adams/
- Ballard Community Center (BCC) - https://www.seattle.gov/parks/all-community-centers/ballard-community-center
- Boys & Girls Club - https://positiveplace.org/youth-before-after-school-programs/
- Adams Enrichment Programs (Sign-up Fall/Winter/Spring)

If your child will be late or absent from school, please email your child's teacher and adams.attendance@seattleschools.org.

SAFETY DRILL PROCEDURES

In the event of an emergency, various safety drills are performed throughout the year. In order to give each family an opportunity to speak to their child(ren), we have decided to implement recurring "Safety Days" each month. The specific drill will be listed on our school calendars in order to best prepare your child.

EVACUATION

All staff and students will exit the building immediately. Each class has an escape route to an outside area a safe distance from the building.

EARTHQUAKE

All students will drop, cover, and hold (preferably under a desk). When shaking stops, school administration will consider the strength and length of the earthquake when determining if evacuation is advisable.

LOCKDOWN

A lockdown is the process of protecting students and staff from external and internal dangers. A lockdown is used when there is an immediate threat of violence in, immediately around, and especially if directed at the school. Students and staff practice locking classroom doors, pulling window and door shades, and sitting quietly. There is no requirement to exit the building after a lockdown drill.

REVERSE EVACUATION

A reverse evacuation is defined as the process for moving students/staff/visitors indoors because of potentially dangerous situations outside the building(s).

SHELTER-IN-PLACE

Shelter-in-place is the process of keeping students and staff safe from dangers within the community. Schools would shelter-in-place in events such as a hazardous material incident, radiation incident, snowstorm, vague threats, or violence in the community that is not directed at the school.

HOW WE COMMUNICATE

Konstella

PTA-owned platform, used for all communication, school updates, inter-classroom messaging, upcoming events, and volunteer opportunities.

Newsletters

Eagle News: Posted weekly every Monday on Konstella, highlighting the upcoming weekly events, activities, and student successes.
Eagle Flyer: Monthly backpack mailer, highlighting what's coming up that month in events and activities.

Email

Though Konstella is our main source for school communication, emails are used occasionally by the PTA, grade reps, and classroom parents. Families must designate their approval for the school to hand over their email contact to the PTA for such purposes.

Talking Points

Alerts regarding emergency school closures, inclemental weather updates, messaging from school nurse, teacher newsletters, etc.

The Source

SPS site to find report cards, attendance & tardy records, MAP test results, and more. https://ps.seattlesschools.org/public/

School Messenger

Principal Jones will send out bimonthly emails through this platform to provide updates on what's going on at Adams

GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS

- PTA: Parent Teacher Association
- ELA: English Language Arts
- SEL: Social Emotional Learning
- IEP: Individual Education Plan
- 504 Plan: A plan to provide accommodation for students with disabilities
- RTI: Response to Intervention
- PNO: Parents Night Out
- ASP: After School Programs

FIRST WEEK CHECKLIST

- [ ] Complete emergency contact, health, and immunization forms sent home by teacher
- [ ] Log into The Source (https://ps.seattleschools.org/public)
- [ ] Set up a lunch account on myschoolbucks.com
- [ ] Confirm pick-up plan/location with child
- [ ] Label waterbottle, coats, lunch box, etc.
- [ ] Join PTA (https://www.adamselementarypta.org/pta-membership)
- [ ] Download Konstella app
- [ ] Download Talking Points app
- [ ] Mark first PTA General Meeting on calendar (9/28 @ 6-8pm, childcare & pizza provided)

VOLUNTEERING AT ADAMS

Adams welcomes family and guardian volunteers in classrooms, school events, and field trips. Anyone who wishes to volunteer at Adams must complete the SPS Screening Form and Volunteer Application at least two weeks before you plan to volunteer. Approval status is active for two years.

These volunteer forms are for all school events and activities taking place on school grounds during school hours, as well as school-host field trips. Completing these forms are not technically required for volunteering at PTA-sponsored events, though we encourage you to do so.

Application for New Volunteers:
https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/volunteer/volunteerapplication/process/

Application for Renewal & Returning Volunteers:
https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/volunteer/current-return-volunteers/

Seattle Public Schools Volunteer Information:
https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/volunteer/

Navigating this information can be overwhelming. For help, please visit Patti Roche at the main office front desk or reach out via email at pjroche@seattleschools.org.

Discover meaningful ways to support our school through the Adams PTA. You can get involved by helping with after-school event setup, volunteering during activities, or joining our PTA Board or Community leadership team. We regularly post open volunteer shifts on Konstella and our official PTA Website, so check back often. For questions or more details, please reach out to execteam@adamselementary.org.

Come to a General Meeting! We also highlight volunteer opportunities at PTA General Meetings (September, January, May). All are welcome and encouraged to attend, though only active PTA members are eligible to vote.

Please consider becoming a member of the Adams PTA today!
https://www.adamselementarypta.org/pta-membership
Single Membership $16
Dual Membership $27
Scholarships $0

PTA-SPONSORED EVENTS

Almost every month there is a fun-filled event at Adams, each hosted by a different grade with sponsorship by the PTA. These events are for the Adams community and can only be completed with help from our wonderful parent volunteers. Many thanks in advance for helping us put on our fun events!

Big Give
Our annual fundraiser that takes place throughout the month of October.

Fall Fest
A fun, autumnal way to kick off the school year. Join us for cookie decorating, pumpkin painting, and other fun activities. A quiet, sensory room is located in the Teacher's Lounge.

Multicultural Potluck & Bingo Night
Bring food from your culture or a family favorite recipe: Pork Sausage Rolls, Chocolate Matzo, Taro Sago, Norwegian Ring Cake, Spam Musabi, Filipino Adobo, Vietnamese Spring Rolls, are among many delicious past contributions. In between rounds of Bingo, the emcee hosts World Trivia.

Valentine's Day Family Dance
This is a new event to Adams! A fun way to bring families together, to dance and build community. TBD on specifics.

Talent Show
An Adams favorite! Kids from Kindergarten all the way through 5th grade showcase their special talents! Acts from previous years include: Dance routines, solo song performances, original poetry, glow-stick dances, gymnastic routines, musical instrument solos (piano, violin, clarinet, etc.).

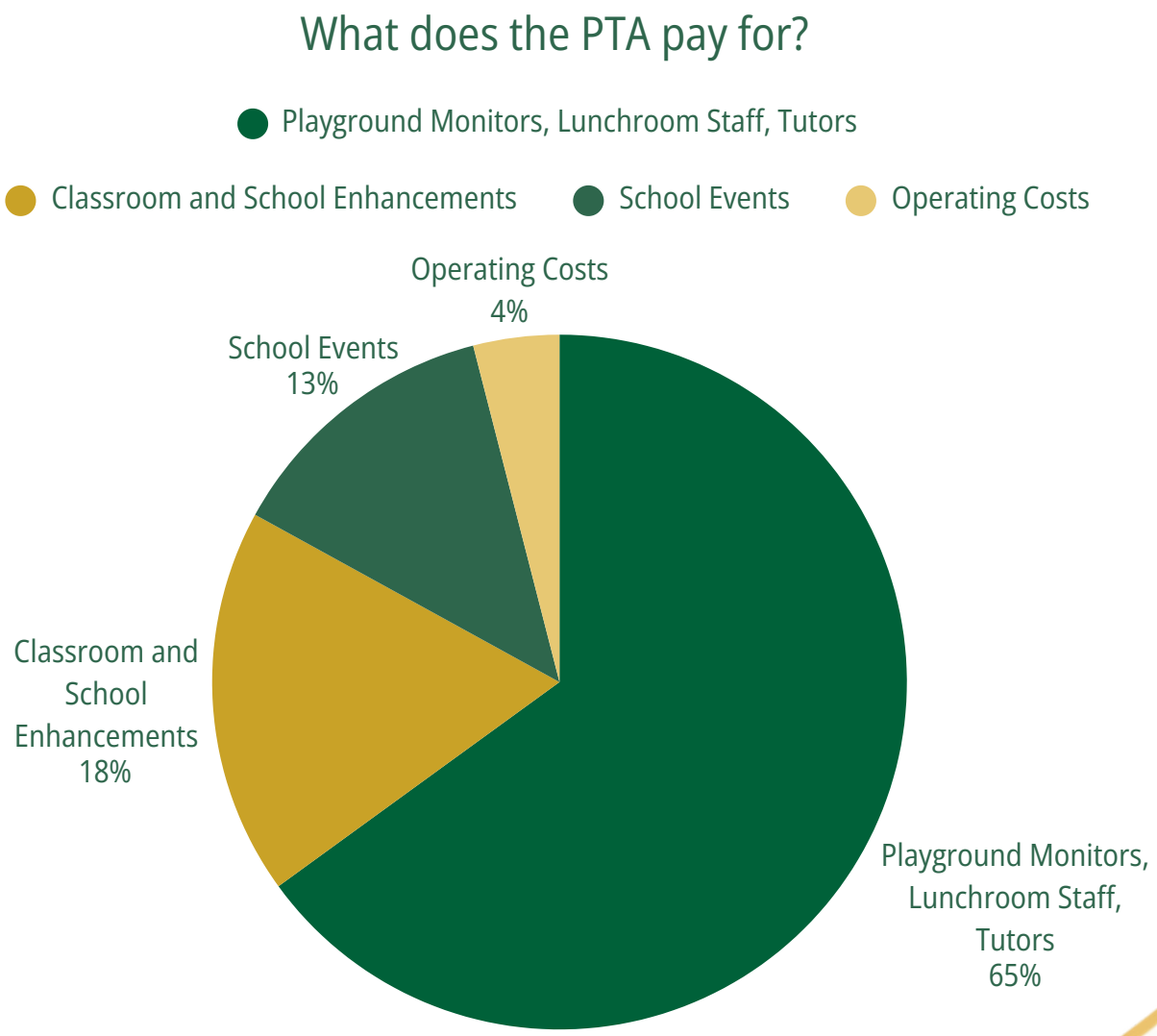
Moveathon
Our spring FUN-raiser! Kids run laps, sometimes with their teacher, and each lap targets their goal.

THE PTA AT ADAMS

The PTA at Adams is committed to supporting the students, teachers, and leadership at our school. Only when we all work together, do we reach our full potential.

Through fundraising, we close the gap between district funding and what our students and school really needs.

Starting from a place of equitability means every child succeeds.



WHO'S WHO AT ADAMS

Principal: Ms. Anitra Jones, alpinchback@seattleschools.org
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Psychologist: Angie Wang, acwang@seattleschools.org
Special Education: Angela Burke, aburke@seattleschools.org
Custodial Engineer: Steve Kern, smkern@seattleschools.org
Night Custodian: Sam Gebre, sggebre@seattleschools.org
Music Specialist: Shelby Leyland, saleyland@seattleschools.org
Art Specialist: Lizzie Anema, lmanema@seattleschools.org
PE Teacher: Gabe Kellum, gskellum@seattleschools.org
Librarian: Chris Oswald, choswald@seattleschools.org

MEET THE ADAMS 26/27 PTA EXEC TEAM

Kerry Riley Lynd, PTA President

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c: (206) 310-3162

Kerry has two daughters, Louise [4th] & Scarlett [2nd]

Fun Fact: In elementary school, Kerry taught herself how to speedread, and now can read over 1,000 words per minute.



Jaclyn Callahan, PTA VP

e: ptavp@adamselementary.org
c: (713) 624-0818

Jaclyn has one daughter, Violet [4th]

Fun Fact: In elementary school, Jaclyn cut her own bangs in the back of her 1st grade classroom.



Monica Miller, PTA Secretary

e: ptasecretary@adamselementary.org
c: (433) 538-7559

Monica has three daughters, Lucy [4th at Cascadia], Olivia [1st], and Elayna [future Eagle]

Fun Fact: In elementary school, Monica made a life-sized papier-mache John F. Kennedy. She cannot remember why.

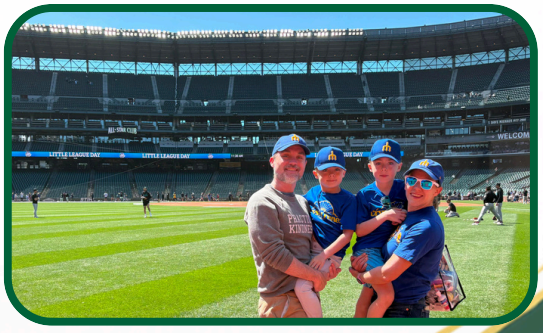


Dave Hubbard, PTA Treasurer

e: ptatreasurer@adamselementary.org
c: (503) 539-8400

Dave has twin boys, Teddy & Gabe [2nd]

Fun Fact: In elementary school, Dave's chosen travel reading was volume "S" of the World Encyclopedia.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What other events and activities happen at Adams?

Many! Mr. Kellum, our PE teacher, hosts Parents Night Out (PNO) on select Fridays throughout the year, from 6-9pm. In June, Mr. Kellum hosts Field Day. Each quarter (September, January, May), we have a PTA General Meeting, and pizza & childcare is provided. The Scholastic Book Fair in February is a school-wide favorite event, as well as our Book Bounce each spring (save your old books to be donated and "bounced" to a new friend!). Once a month, the PTA hosts a coffee meet-up on the playground, directly after school drop-off. Additionally, we are implementing a bi-monthly Principal Chat, targeting grade levels (K-2, and 3-5).

Where do I find a list of school supplies?

Adams Elementary strives for equality, and as such the PTA provides school supplies for each child, in each classroom. At the start of school, you will be provided with a paypal link to donate to the PTA to cover the cost of the school supplies for your child(ren), as well as others who may not be able to afford it. Traditionally, the cost is around $30 per child. The PTA also provides classroom funds to each teacher for room enhancements.

What does my child need to bring to school each day?

A backpack and water bottle, and lunch if not purchasing school lunch. That's it!

Where does my child go to the bathroom?

Each kindergarten classroom has a private bathroom in the class. Teachers are not allowed to assist the children while using the bathroom. For the grades 1-5, students will use a communal bathroom.

What if my child has a life-threatening food allergy or needs daily medication?

Your child's teacher will send home a packet to fill out with all information. Nurse Darlene keeps all necessary medication throughout the year. In severe allergy cases, the child's teacher will declare the classroom a nut-free zone.

How do I check my child's grades and test scores?

The Source. The go-to spot for all school records, including grades, test scores, library fines, and paying for field trips.

How does my child pay for lunch from the cafeteria?

Children can pay for meals or milk in the cafeteria, by checking their student ID number and adding funds via MySchoolBucks, located on The Source.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Adams is an arts-infused school. What does this mean?

Adams has a balanced, integrated arts program encompassing theater, visual, dance, and musical arts. Our award-winning program is the only one of its kind in the district. Art is infused into daily instruction; every student receives a sketchbook and spends at least ten minutes in daily drawing. This teaches students how to visually problem-solve. Most every teacher has received two years of training with Arts Impact, and all participate in ongoing arts training. At the national level, it is recognized that when the arts are included in the classroom, learning increases at every level.

What kind of special education guidance is available to us?

Adams features the Resource Room and the Focus Room. The Resource Room is for students with special needs (reading, math, writing, social/behavior, adaptive/life skills, and study organization) who are fully included in general education. Adams has Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Speech and Language Therapy services on-site. Students can be recommended for the Resource Room via an existing IEP (Individualized Education Plan) or by their teacher. Adams also offers tutoring services, as needed and determined by the classroom teacher. The self-contained special education room is known as the Focus Room, and operates outside of the general education environment. If you would like your child evaluated for any of these services, please speak with their homeroom classroom teacher.

What is an average day like in the classroom?

Each kindergarten classroom has a private bathroom in the class. Teachers are not allowed to assist the children while using the bathroom. For the grades 1-5, students will use a communal bathroom.

Can I rent the readerboard?

Yes! The readerboard is available to “rent” for $25, and the message will be up for the full day of your choosing. To request a message, email readerboard@adamselementary.org and provide your name, requested date, and message. The following link brings you to a page to pay for the message. https://www.adamselementarypta.org/reader-board-request-1

How do I make sure I am informed of all school news?

Every Monday, the PTA posts the Eagle News, a weekly newsletter, on Konstella. The content typically includes upcoming weekly events and teacher/student highlights. Every month, the PTA creates The Eagle Flyer, a monthly newsletter that is sent home in your child's backpack. Additionally, Principal Jones will send a bi-weekly school email. Your child's teacher will send their classroom newsletters via Talking Points. To receive all PTA communication, please join Konstella.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can I find out about volunteer opportunities?

Join the PTA. Adams has a very active PTA, and we hope you'll be involved! Current openings for the 2026-2027 school year: Social Media Coordinator, Weekend Food Coordinator, Big Give Chair, Arts at Adams Chair, and Community Engagement Liaison. Please email execteam@adamselementary.org for more information.

Become a Room Parent. Room parents facilitate communication and support between the teachers and families. They also coordinate classroom gifts for teachers around holidays, birthdays, and staff appreciation weeks.

Volunteer in the Classroom. Adams welcomes parent volunteers throughout the year, on a weekly basis, or as needed. Teachers will advertise their classroom needs at the beginning of the year, but you are always welcome to reach out to them directly. You can also chaperone field trips or help with special projects and parties.

How do I let the school know if my child will be absent, or needs to leave early, or will come late?

If your child will be late, absent, or needs to leave early from school, please email your child's teacher and adams.attendance@seattleschools.org. A clipboard is located in the office front desk to sign your child in or out.

Any other questions? Please email execteam@adamselementary.org. This email goes directly to the executive team (president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer).