

# The Adams Chronicles

## December

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## 2018

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*Principal's Point*

*Important Dates*

Happy Holiday Adams Traditional Academy families!

The excitement of the holiday season is upon us! As we prepare for change of weather and vacation plans, I invite all parents and students to review the Parent/Student handbook as a refresher of ATA's vision and mission statements, along with the policies regarding attendance, homework, discipline and healthy practices. The ATA teachers will share more information regarding upcoming December events within their weekly newsletters.

This school year, I have the opportunity to collaborate with P.T.O. It was decided to include "*Coffee with the Principal*" meetings with P.T.O. general parent meetings held in the evening. Our first combined quarterly evening meeting was held this past November. I was able to hear parent suggestions and concerns. I would like to continue an open friendly environment that provides a collaborative sense of community relationships and build upon the family – school connection.

Our students can greatly benefit from suggestions and contributions. Listed are suggestions that were discussed:

- Building Improvements
- Parent Volunteers
- Building Community Morale
- Incorporating Student Centered Activities

Information will be forthcoming regarding the next combined meeting. I hope to see all ATA parents at the meeting. ATA wants to provide a collaborative sense of community relationships with our teachers, staff, parents and students. On behalf of the ATA faculty and staff, we wish you a safe and happy holiday season. We thank you for choosing Adams Traditional Academy for your child's education.

On behalf of the ATA faculty and staff, enjoy the holiday break and we will see you next year.  
Classes resume January 7, 2019.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stacy Oates

Dec. 4th	Tour 10:00a.m.
Dec. 6th	Site Council 6:30p.m.
Dec. 11th	1st & 3rd Grade Concert JPHS
Dec. 13th	PTO Meeting 8:05a.m. Tour 12:00p.m. 2nd & 4th Grade Concert JPHS
Dec. 17th	8:05a.m. Morning Assembly
Dec. 18th	Tour 10:00a.m. Spelling Bee 1:00p.m.
Dec. 20th	Geography Bee 1:45p.m.
Dec 21st	Early Release 12:00pm
Dec. 24th-Jan. 4th	No School Winter Break

### Important Numbers

**(602) 938-5517**

<b>Reception Desk:</b>	ext. 100
<b>Attendance:</b>	ext. 322
<b>Registrar:</b>	ext. 116
<b>Nurse:</b>	ext. 122
<b>Teachers:</b>	Room #
<b>Business Office:</b>	ext. 144
<b>PTO Room:</b>	ext. 119
<b>Pre-K/ATB:</b>	ext. 327
<b>Eagles' Nest:</b>	ext. 137

## News from the Art Room

We are continuing our study of the Ten Principles of Design: Balance, Variety, Movement, Unity, Contrast, Emphasis, Repetition, Proportion, Rhythm & Harmony.

Within these principles we are also studying the different types of each principle such as the four types of balance: Symmetrical, Asymmetrical, Radial & Crystallographic.

We are also finishing our first exploration into the world of clay and will be exploring the worlds of drawing, painting & mixed media next.

There are two Art Clubs this Quarter:



**Doodle Bugs Art Club** for our young Artists.

And **Creator's Art Club** for our older young Artists.



There are lots of projects are planned for the holidays too.

Keep on creating,  
*Miss Parker*

## HEALTHY NEWS

Season's Greetings to Everyone!!

Winter season is nearly here which brings colds, coughs, runny noses and the flu bug. It is important that we do our best stop the spreading of the germs. **Did You Know: According to the CDC coughing can spread droplets as far as 19 feet, and sneezing as much as 25 feet!! These droplets stay suspended in the air for up to 10 minutes.** We need to remember to sneeze and cough into our sleeve. Please keep your child home from school if they are really sick.

\*\* Important note: Cough drops are considered a medication; therefore, as per the school handbook, your child cannot bring them to school. There are cough drops available in the Health Office for those who have permission to have them. Parents are welcome to bring cough drops to the Health Office. Also, flavored Chap Stick makes a great stocking stuffer for your children. Keeping one in their desk will prevent your child from missing class time to run to the office for lip care. May you be healthy for the holidays and a great beginning to the New Year!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [healthaide@atachoice.org](mailto:healthaide@atachoice.org) or ext. 122. Stay healthy!

*Mrs. Holmes, Health Aide*

Hi! This is Mr. Ulm.

Middle school boys basketball is in full swing. The boys have been working hard and are excited to show off their game and represent Adams. It would be great to have everyone come out and cheer the team on.

Home games this month are: Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30p.m., Dec.12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30p.m., & Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30p.m.

*Thank you ,*  
Mr. Ulm

# Music Notes

1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents! Please read the information on your student's upcoming program carefully. These kiddos have been doing so well learning their songs, and I am positive that these December programs will be awesome.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Here are the dates for all programs this year. Please mark your calendars now.

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Tuesday, December 11th  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Thursday, December 13th  
5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Tuesday, February 19th  
7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Tuesday, April 30th

All programs will be located in the Jefferson Preparatory High School auditorium. Programs will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m., with students needing to be seated with their classroom teacher **NO LATER THAN 6:15 p.m.**

**\*Reminder: These programs are a required test grade for all students to fulfill AZ music standards of performing and showing proper audience behavior. Conflict due to religion, traveling out of the country, or emergencies will be excused.**

Dress Code for students:

### **Boys:**

Black, navy, grey or tan slacks/pants (no jeans or shorts)  
Button up shirt or nice, non-uniform polo shirt (any color)  
Sweaters and blazers are optional (it will be warm on stage)  
Tie or bow tie optional

### **Girls:**

Black, navy, grey or tan slacks/pants (no jeans, shorts or leggings)  
Dresses/skirts should follow school skirt length dress code  
Cap sleeves or sweater/shawl to cover shoulders on dresses  
Nice blouse or button up top

Shoes: Comfortable shoes that the student can stand and walk in. Low heels are fine.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [lhoag@atachoice.org](mailto:lhoag@atachoice.org).

Musically yours,  
Mrs. Hutton



# PTO NEWS

## 2018-2019



General PTO meeting will be Thursday, December 13th at 8:05 am, Building A, *Multipurpose Room A*. This PTO meeting will be geared towards planning the class holiday parties. Please join us and get class party ideas and share activities that have worked for you in the past.

**Norterra Earn and Learn:** save those shopping receipts from all shops at Norterra! ATA earns points for sales and special activities throughout the year, so keep those receipts and turn them in to the school (a box is in the lobby of building A). Watch for news throughout the year of more ways to Earn and Learn at Norterra Shops.



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### PTO Council

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Jill Frier - Council  
Angela Lian - Council  
Natasha Woolery - Council

### Contact Us

- PTO@atachoice.org
- PTO School Office  
602-938-5517 ext. 119

### Important Dates:

#### Dec. 13th

General PTO Meeting  
8:05 a.m.

#### Dec. 21st

Early release 12:00 p.m.  
Classroom Parties

#### Dec. 24th—Jan. 4th

No School, Winter Break

#### Jan. 18th

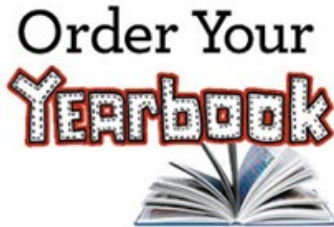
Patriot's Day

## We Need Yearbook Photos!

Do you have photos you want to contribute to the yearbook? We are in need of photos from all classes and activities for the school. Please email them to Miss Welch at [mwelch@atachoice.org](mailto:mwelch@atachoice.org), or download them to a thumb drive and send it in with your child (include your name if you would like it returned). Be sure to identify the photos by teacher name or activity so Miss Welch knows where to put them in the yearbook.



## Have you ordered your full color yearbook yet?



The cost is \$28 for a softcover yearbook right now, but the price will increase on December 22. Go to [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com) and enter our Yearbook ID code: 10539419



**Used uniforms: "FILL A BAG FOR \$10" event!!!** This is your chance to restock on uniforms. During the month of December, you can come to the PTO room, and fill a bag of uniforms for just **\$10**. Uniforms are gently used, sizes available range from 5/6-14/16 and XS adult. A PTO council member volunteer will be available in the PTO room, BLDG A during the following times:  
**MON, TUES, WED: 8:00 – 8:45 a.m**  
**Every day: 2:00 p.m – dismissal.**

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<u>3</u>  Day 3	<u>4</u> Tour 10:00a.m.  Day 4	<u>5</u>  Day 1	<u>6</u> Site Council 6:30p.m.  Day 2	<u>7</u>  Day 3
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<u>24</u> NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	<u>25</u> NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	<u>26</u> NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	<u>27</u> NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	<u>28</u> NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK
<u>31</u> NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK				

# January 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	<u>1</u> NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	<u>2</u> NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	<u>3</u> NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	<u>4</u> NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK
<u>7</u>  Day 2	<u>8</u>  Day 3	<u>9</u>  Day 4	<u>10</u> PTO Meeting 8:05a.m. Tour 12:00p.m. Report Cards  Day 1	<u>11</u>  Day 2
<u>14</u> 8:05a.m. Honors Assembly	<u>15</u> Tour 10:00a.m.  Day 4	<u>16</u>  Day 1	<u>17</u>  Day 2	<u>18</u> Patriot's Day  Day 3
<u>21</u> NO SCHOOL MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	<u>22</u> 100th Day of School  Day 4	<u>23</u>  Day 1	<u>24</u> Tour 12:00p.m.  Day 2	<u>25</u>  Day 3
<u>28</u>  Day 4	<u>29</u> Tour 10:00a.m.  Day 1	<u>30</u>  Day 2	<u>31</u>  Day 3	