



John Adams Newsletter

January 29th, 2018- February 9, 2018

It's a Great Day to be a Patriot Star!



Looking Ahead at Adams Events...

2/9/2018	Jog-A-Thon 9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
2/12/2018	No School- Lincoln's Day
2/15/2018	Family Math Night 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
2/19/2018	No School- Presidents' Day
2/21/2018	TAP 5th Grade Parent Night 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. @ Hull Middle
2/22/2018	PTA Honorary Service Awards Family Night 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
2/26/2018	GATE Testing - 4th & 5th grade only (with permission slips only)
2/26/2018	Adams' 4th & 5th Grade Spelling Bee (in the Cafeteria) @ 3:30 p.m.
3/1/2018	District Spelling Bee 5:00 p.m. @ Hull Middle School
3/12/2018	McTeacher Night from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
3/16/2018	Bike Rodeo
3/22/2018	STEAM Fair & Family Night
3/26 - 3/30/2018	Spring Break

Jog-A-Thon

John Adams' Jog-a-Thon is Friday, February 9, 2018. Students will have 20 minutes to walk/jog/run as many laps as they can. Please look out for the pledge envelopes that went home in Thursday Folders on January 25, 2018. Please help your child get pledges to earn money for their classroom. The completed pledge envelope will be due the day of the Jog-A-Thon, Friday, February 9, 2018. Thank you in advance for all the donations and volunteer hours.


Family MATH NIGHT Thursday, February 15, 2018 @ 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Come join us for a night of family fun! Parents will participate with their children in Math activities. Parents, please turn in your participation forms to the office by Friday, February 9th.

PowerSchool Student Contacts Update

NOTE: Only those contacts that are in the student's PowerSchool, and show proper ID, will be authorized to pick up the student from school, during school hours or after school (if student is in the office as a "late pick up"), NO EXCEPTIONS!

Using the Access ID & Password information letter, mailed from the District, parents/legal guardians can create an account to link to each of their student's PowerSchool profile on <https://torrance.powerschool.com>. The "Information Update" icon link is enabled for parents to use on PowerSchool's website. This allows parents/legal guardians to edit/modify/delete each student's contacts. This is in "year round update" mode so parents/legal guardians can make changes all year long. Remember to have your I.D. ready when picking up students from the office. If you have yet to receive your letter from the district or are having difficulty modifying contacts in PowerSchool, please contact the office.



ELPAC Testing at Adams

On Friday, February 2, 2018 we started our on campus ELPAC testing. ELPAC Testing will continue throughout the school year. The English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) is the successor to the California English Language Development Test (CELDT). Beginning in 2017-18, the ELPAC is the required state test for English language proficiency (ELP) that must be given to students whose primary language is a language other than English.

<https://www.elpac.org/resources/practicetests/>

Early Drop Offs and Late Pick Ups

Early Drop Offs: Some John Adams' Parents have been dropping their students off at the front of the school as early as 7:30 a.m. This is a safety concern because students are running around and playing without a parent or a staff member. Please note that there is **no adult supervision** for any student dropped off at the Front Gate or the Back Gate before school. The John Adams' Cafeteria is open at 8:15 a.m. for breakfast only, students are to remain in the Cafeteria for breakfast until 8:30 a.m. We have adult supervision on campus once the gates are officially opened at 8:30 a.m.

Late Pick Ups: It is very stressful for **children** when they are left at **school** after their normal **pickup** time. Please make sure you plan ahead and pick your children up on time everyday. Unfortunately we have had students left at school as late as 5:30 p.m. When children are not picked up on time, the delay causes difficulty for everyone involved-for the child who worries about where the parent is; for the parent who is anxious about being late; and for the staff, who have have families of their own that they would like to get home to.

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