

Dear Families,

We have had such a great start to the new school year. The students are very respectful and patient as they learn the new school schedules and classroom routines. We are so proud of them!

Flu season is right around the corner. It is important that you do not send your child back to school for 24 hours after they have vomited or run a fever. Due to the H1N1 virus, it is more important than ever to be respectful of this policy. Thank you.

Our parent advisory at Adel Elementary is entitled P.A.C.T., Parent and Child Together. We have meetings that focus on educational topics and activities that support our teachers and students. All parents are invited to attend. Our first meeting is September 21st at 5:30 p.m. in the art room at Adel Elementary.

Cynthia Eby, our school nurse, informed me that we are completely out of extra-small and small sweatpants. We have over 100 new 5-year olds in our building. They have accidents in the lunchroom and elsewhere in the building. If you have borrowed sweatpants from the office, please return them to school. If you would like to donate gently used extra-small and small sweatpants to the school, that would be GREAT!

We will be collecting Campbell Soup labels and Box Tops for Education labels also. Both programs are excellent, however the Box Tops actually bring in more revenue to our school. This money will be used for items such as:

- additional guided reading books for classrooms
- special classroom projects

Please take time to cut these out and send them to school. Remember, we need UPCs for Campbell's and box tops (cut around the dotted line) for Box Tops for Education. Thanks!

We are looking for individuals interested in becoming a Reading Tutor at Adel Elementary. Reading Tutors work with one student twice a week for 30 minutes. The Reading Tutor is provided with a consistent lesson plan and training. Right now, Adel Elementary does not have any male employees except for our building custodian, Mr. Marvin. It would be really beneficial for our students to have some male role models at Adel Elementary. Regardless if you are male or female, we would love to have you volunteer in this very important role. If you are interested in becoming a Reading Tutor, please fill out the back of this newsletter and return it to school. You can make a difference for a student right in our own community!

Thanks to all of you for adhering to our visiting policy during the first two weeks of school. It is very important to ease the students into their daily routine before we have visitors in the classroom. THANK YOU! Also, remember we would like you to schedule your visits with the teacher before visiting. During the last two weeks of school, the teachers like to have this time to reminisce with their students and finish assessments.

If your student is referred to the nurse's office, a yellow note will be sent back to class with them. This will provide a record for the teacher and for the family. I hope this helps in our attempt to continually improve our communication with the home.

We will have our first "Star Student" assembly on Monday, September 14th. This is an opportunity for each classroom to honor 3-4 students each month for achievement, effort or behavior. By the end of March, **each** child at Adel Elementary will be honored during a "Star Student" assembly. The students

will receive a certificate and get their picture taken! We will sing to our "Star Students" the following song written by our music teacher, Dianne Braymen (to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star):

**Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star**

You're our bright and shining stars. Keep it up and you'll go far.  
Wear a smile where e're you go and your friends will let you know  
that no matter what they say...  
You'll shine brighter everyday!!!!

IF YOU HAVE CHANGE OF DISMISSAL PLANS FOR YOUR CHILD, YOU **MUST** SEND A NOTE OR CALL EACH TIME TO THE SCHOOL INDICATING WHAT YOUR CHILD SHOULD DO AFTER SCHOOL. Otherwise, we will follow the dismissal plan that you gave us at the beginning of the school year.

**Looking Ahead:**

September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Labor Day, No school
September 8 <sup>th</sup>	School Board Election
September 14 <sup>th</sup>	School Board Meeting
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	School Pictures
September 16 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 Early Dismissal-Teacher Inservice
September 21 <sup>st</sup>	5:30 PACT Meeting
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	School Board Meeting
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	No School, Teacher Workday
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 Dismissal: Parent Conferences 2:00-8:30
October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1:00 Dismissal: Parent Conferences 2:00-8:30

Have a wonderful weekend!

Carole Erickson  
Adel Elementary Principal

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I am interested in becoming a Reading Tutor for an Adel Elementary student. I understand the commitment to this child will be twice a week for thirty minutes each time.

My child's name is: \_\_\_\_\_

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_