

PRINCIPAL'S POST

SARAH ADAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

9/04/2009

Claudia Mall, Principal



Don't Forget!

- 9/7 Labor Day, no school
- 9/8 MAP testing begins for grades 2-5
- 9/8 Grade 4 Orchestra Recruitment and
- 9/8 Grade 5 Band Parent Meeting
- 9/14 PTO Meeting 6:30 PM
- 9/15 Grade 5 Band Recruitment
- 9/21 MAP testing ends
- 9/21 Family Fun Night at Culver's 5:00-8:00PM
- 9/24 Early Release
- 9/25 4th Friday Parent Forum, 8:45 AM
- 9/29 Market Day
- 10/8 Picture Day
- 10/12 Columbus Day, no school

Thank You ~ Gracias ~ Merci

We've made it with flying colors through our first full week of school!

Our students are adjusting well to their new classrooms, teachers, and routines. They are arriving to school happy and leaving for home with numerous tells to share with their parents.

I appreciate the many ways parents are doing their part to make the transition into the new school year a successful one for their children. A huge thank you to everyone for following the traffic guidelines in the circle drive at drop-off and pick-up times. Many have commented with concerns regarding safety issues and it is a good reminder to each of us that we are all in this together. Someone said that the circle drive is like O'Hare Airport, where you can stop and drop-off or pick-up, but you can't park and stay! Changing our habits is not as easy as it seems, but let's make a huge effort to change bad habits for the sake of our children's safety!

Thank you teachers and staff for the thousands of things you have been doing to make sure everyone and everything is taken care of. You are the best!

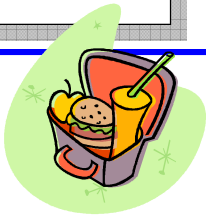
So it is with much gratitude that I conclude this first week. Your children bring joy into the building daily, and we are blessed with their presence.

~ Gracias a todos ~ Thank you everyone ~

Curriculum and the Master Schedule

Curriculum is why we have school. The principal's address at the 1st PTO Meeting will focus on curriculum initiatives for 2009 and explain how the master schedule supports learning. This will take place on Monday, September 14 at 6:30 PM. Hope to see you there!

Recess and Lunch Update



The most popular time of a student's school day! Recess. Swings, jungle gym, football and soccer, jump ropes, tag, basketball, and more. Our kids love to play! Recess is then followed by lunch. All students wash their hands as they enter the lunch room with "hand wipes." At lunch, students sit with their classmates and everyone has Free Seating on Fridays. These breaks in the school day give

You are cordially invited to attend the first
4th Friday Parent Forum
On September 25 at 8:45 AM

This is an open meet, greet, and conversation time with the principal. Your interests, concerns, topics and comments will be the focus of this forum.



Buddy's PTO Buzz



PTO MEETING

Please join us for the first PTO meeting on **Monday, September 14th at 6:30 p.m.** in the library. Snacks will be served and there will be gift card giveaways!



It's time for a new school year! Sarah Adams still has some open positions for the 2009-2010 PTO:

- Vice President
- Silent Auction
- Fun Fair
- Donations Committee
- Beautification
- Cultural Arts
- Orbit Skate

All of these committees are vital to the functioning of our PTO, but our most immediate need is for a Vice President. This person would primarily be responsible for overseeing and communicating with the Committee Chairs, and relaying information to the other Officers. This position may be co-chaired if you wish, but can easily be accomplished by one person with good organizational skills. If interested, please contact Shelley Cooper at sbcoop@hotmail.com or Carol Cramer at ccrufus@aol.com.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK SALE

The Entertainment Book fundraiser is a great way to help our school. By purchasing a book for only \$20, you will get discounts on everything from food to travel to sporting events. They also make great gifts! The sale runs until September 18th.

STRONGEST LINK

Strongest Link is back! We are looking for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders who possess a willingness to learn about community service and have a positive, helpful, and caring attitude to make our school the best it can be. The permission slips for the club will be going home in the next week. **Strongest Link Club membership is limited to the first 30 returned, parent-signed permission slips.** We will meet after school once a month on Thursdays. Strongest Link offers the opportunity to teach our children about volunteering and connecting ourselves to our community. We look forward to an exciting, fun and rewarding year helping others! Strongest Link leaders: Kathy Keenan, Beth Mumbower and Julie Snyder.

BOX TOPS/LABELS FOR EDUCATION



Last year we earned over \$1200 from Box Tops submitted! Our goal this year is \$1500. Be sure to check for Box Tops on items (i.e.

Kleenex, diapers, cereal, etc). When cutting off the Box Top, please do not cut off the expiration date!

Last year 6000 Campbell's labels were submitted for points. We purchased playground toys for the students to use at recess. When clipping labels, please be sure to include the points value (if noted on the label) and the UPC code.

Keep clipping those labels! There are bins inside the front doors; just send them in a small bag with your children or drop them off when you pick them up from school.

PTO Mission Statement:

The Sarah Adams Elementary School PTO will actively collaborate with the school community to support the common goals of parents and teachers by enhancing the educational process and providing additional academic and recreational opportunities to assist in making each child feel valued, challenged and successful.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT



The first Sarah Adams Family Fun Night at Culver's in Lake Zurich will be Monday, September 21st from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Watch for the flyer to come home soon!

SPIRITWEAR SALE

Orders for Spirit Wear will be taken from now until September 18th, 2009. Spirit Wear samples are on the bulletin board in front of the school office. Garments run small so order a size bigger than you think you need. Order forms are available on S.I.G.N. if you have misplaced the one that went home last week. Orders of \$30 or more will receive a FREE t-shirt!

CUB SCOUT PACK 237 Recruitment Night

Cub Scout Pack 237 will be holding an information night on Wednesday, September 9 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. All boys in 1st through 5th grade are eligible. Some of the outings planned for this year are a family camp-out, corn maze trip, cave exploration, and planetarium trip. Cub Scouts is a year round program with a focus on building positive character traits. Come on out and see what it's all about! (Pack 237 is chartered by Sarah Adams PTO)



If you would like to receive PTO related information via email, please contact Heidi Davis at 4cubsfans@gmail.com.