



# Adams Topics

February 2, 2016

Gerald Adams Elementary  
Dolphin Pride

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM NEWS:** From now on ALL late pick-ups will result in daycare fees (\$45.00), as parents picking up their child late has become costly as we must pay our employees. We are therefore adding these new guidelines. Students must be picked up between 5:20 and 5:30. A late fee will be assessed starting at 5:31. Students who have been excessively absent or picked up early or late (excessively) from the program will be dismissed so others can take full advantage of the program.

**YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER:** Students and parents are asked to participate in our Yankee Candle sale. All proceeds will continue to fund assemblies and honor roll celebrations. ALL SELLERS win a prize--see the brochure. TOP SELLERS win Visa gift cards. 1st Place: \$100 2nd Place \$75 3rd Place \$50. Family and Friends can shop two ways—from the catalog or online. Our sale ends February 19th. Catalogs are in today's Tuesday Envelope

Online Shopping:  
[www.yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com)  
Group Code: 990043081  
Credit is given to seller when name is entered.

HELP YOUR SCHOOL by participating in this great fundraiser.

## **FSA TESTING DATES:**

March 1: Grades 4-5 FSA Writing Test  
March 30-31 Grade 3 ELA FSA/Gr 4 Math FSA  
April 19-20 Grade 5 ELA FSA  
April 26-27 Grade 5 Math FSA  
May 3-4 GRADE 5 FCAT SCIENCE

**ACCESS TESTING FOR ELL STUDENTS:**  
WINDOW OPENS FEBRUARY 9TH

## **February Dates to Remember:**

2-19	Yankee Candle Fundraiser
4-5	Honor Roll Celebrations
11	SAC 5:30 p. m.
11	PAKER Night
15	President's Day—NO SCHOOL
19	Writing Camp
23	Progress Reports
25	1st Grade Show
26	Symphony KWHS
27	PBS 5K RUN

**COACH'S CORNER:** Coach is accepting donations of cups and powdered sports drinks such as Gatorade/Powerade for upcoming events like Jump Rope for Heart and Dolphin Days.

**PARENTS:** THANK YOU for helping make Literacy Week a HUGE success! The level of involvement this year was the highest I have seen. The students feed off of your enthusiasm and it shows in their performance. They are the real winners because of your dedication!

**HONOR ROLL:** We will be celebrating 2nd quarter honor roll this Thursday (grades 3-5) and Friday (grades K-2). The schedule is on the back of this Adam's Topics.

**ESE PARENT SURVEY:** Each year the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) surveys parents of children with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) to determine how well the school is partnering with the parent and promoting parent involvement in the child's education. This year, the surveys are paper-based, not electronic. The sealed envelopes have the student name and school visible through a window. There is a postage-paid envelope inside for the parents to drop into the mail. Please look for these surveys and return via mail. Thank you!

# Honor Roll Celebrations

We will celebrate our Honor Roll Students With Cookies!

Thursday at 1:30 in the cafeteria - Grade 3

Thursday at 2:00 in the cafeteria - Grade 4

Thursday at 2:30 in the cafeteria - Grade 5

Friday at 1:15 in the cafeteria - Grade K

Friday at 2:00 in the cafeteria - Grade 1

Friday at 2:30 in the cafeteria - Grade 2



## YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD WITH MATH

You want to help your child with math homework. But you're not sure you understand it any better than he does. Even if you aren't great in math, you can pass on a positive attitude to your child. Here are some things you can do:

- ◇ Accept the struggle. Many things in life require some struggle and a lot of practice.
- ◇ Encourage mastery. Math builds on what has been learned.
- ◇ Focus on fundamentals. Use flash cards to review math facts. . Don't focus on the grade.
- ◇ Use the textbook. Math textbooks offer explanations of how to solve problems. You may both find a way to solve the problem.