



Adams Topics

August 25, 2015

Gerald Adams Elementary
Dolphin Pride

Dear Parents and Students:

WELCOME BACK to the 2016 school year! The staff of Gerald Adams School and I are anticipating a fun-filled year of growth for all students. This year, we will continue to work with you, our parents, to provide what each child needs to be successful.

This school year is our second year in implementing the new Florida Standards and our assessment program is significantly different. We encourage parents to attend orientation and information sessions that will assist you in helping your child at home. Additionally, state assessment scores have not arrived. As soon as they do, we will be sending them home.

Please take some time to review the **IMPORTANT** materials provided to you at Meet The Teacher Day. As a reminder, we need **ALL** students to return **the health history form, the information sheet with current phone numbers, email addresses and emergency contacts as well lunch forms (if applicable)**. If you need assistance with any of this information, please do not hesitate to call.

On a **SAFETY** Note—I want to remind you that your child's safety is our number one concern. We ask that parents set a good example and model appropriate safety procedures for students. This includes: Parking in assigned places only—**NEVER** park in the drop off circle. The circle is also a single lane. Please be patient—we will keep the line moving safely. Talk to your children about appropriate bus zone safety—**THANK YOU!**

Finally, please look for After School forms. We have expanded our program to include academic support, enrichment and academic challenge. We will begin our after school program soon and we need to schedule for all students who will be attending the program. Late return of the application could jeopardize your child's eligibility and/ or start date.

We thank you for the opportunity to serve your family and to provide a quality educational program to your child. Do not hesitate to call if I can be of assistance. With **DOLPHIN PRIDE**,

Dr. Fran Herrin, Principal

PARENTS: ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS BY ENSURING THAT THEY COME TO SCHOOL EVERYDAY AND ARRIVE ON TIME. SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS FOR HOLIDAYS AND NON-SCHOOL DAYS IF POSSIBLE. MAKE SCHOOL PRIORITY #1

LUNCH PROGRAM NEWS: The quick easy way to prepay for meals is available on-line at www.mealpayplus.com. For a hot, nutritious and well balanced meal we have the best deal in town. Our meals are made with lots of TLC thanks to the **GREAT** Foodservice Staff in every school.

The IOU policy has set the limits for full priced meals for grades K-5 at \$12.00 The limit for reduced priced meals for all grades is \$2.10. The dollar amount is equal to 3 IOU's for breakfast and 3 IOU's for lunch. When a student has reached the dollar limit allowed the parent will be responsible for providing meals until the account is paid. Students with a negative balance will not be allowed to purchase a la carte items.

NO LUNCH DELIVERIES! NO BIRTHDAY PARTIES!

Free & Reduced School Meal Applications are available at each school. At the beginning of the school year, a grace period is given to students who were eligible for free or reduced price meals last year. **The grace period expires October 1st.** Remember, you must complete an application and be approved before the grace period ends each school year or your children will automatically go back to full priced meals. Until the Food Service Office processes the application, **your children must pay full price for meals.** You must submit a new application every year. Monroe County School District processes family applications. List all students on one application. The only exception is that **each foster child must be on a separate application.** For questions please visit www.keysschools.com or call the Food & Nutrition main office 305.293.1400 ext. 53355 or your school cafeteria.

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES—see the back

Information will be posted on our website —

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

K12 Accident Plans available through your school include: *At-School Accident Only, 24-Hour Accident Only, Extended Dental & Football.*

If you have questions, please call us at 1-866-409-5733. Accident coverage underwritten by Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company, Omaha, Nebraska

Enrolling online is easy & takes only a few minutes. Go to www.K12StudentInsurance.com

August/September Calendar Dates:

September 4th: College Color Day—wear your favorite college attire

September 7th: Holiday—No School

11th: Grandparents to lunch day

15th: Open House 6-7:15

18th: Summer Beach Party

14th-18th—Scholastic Book Fair

29th: Fall Fundraiser Begins

BIRTHDAY PARTIES: GERALD ADAMS SCHOOL WILL NO LONGER ALLOW BIRTHDAY PARTIES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY. WE LOSE VALUABLE INSTRUCTIONAL TIME AND FEEL THAT IT IS A MAJOR DISRUPTION TO THE ACADEMIC LEARNING PROCESS. PLEASE ADHERE TO THIS POLICY.

LUNCH DELIVERIES: WE ARE ASKING THAT PARENTS PLEASE NOT DELIVER LUNCH SUCH AS BURGER KING OR MCDONLAD'S, ETC TO CHILDREN AT SCHOOL. IT CREATES A MAJOR PROBLEM FOR STUDENTS IN THE CAFETERIA. YOU ARE WELCOME PACK A LUNCH BOX OR BUY FROM LUNCH THE CAFETERIA.

Parent News

TITLE ONE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM:

Just a reminder that our After School Program will begin soon for ELIGIBLE STUDENTS. This program provides academic support to students at no cost to you. At-risk students are obligated to attend. Transportation will be provide via a late bus

TITLE ONE NEWS: The Title 1 brochures, Parents-Right-to Know and Compacts were distributed. Please take time to review the material and meet with your child's teacher on ways to stay involved and ensure your child's success. Feedback or updates to these forms are appreciated. Please return with comments to Rob Taylor.

FLORIDA KID CARE: The Florida Kid Care Program is our state's Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) for children between the ages of birth through 18 years old. Most families pay \$15 or \$20 per month per family for quality, affordable health insurance. For more information about the program please check out www.floridakidcare.org.

The **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** will be here September 14—18. Stop by the Media Center to see the great selection of books for sale. We will be open between 7:30—8:30 in the morning, after school until 3:30 or stop by at our Open House on September 15.

GAE Open House! Annual Title I Meeting Tuesday, Sept.15th, 2015 at 6:00pm

- Meet in your student's classroom by 6:10 for an informational presentation about GAE and the programs that we offer as a Title I school! Translation is available.
- While you are in the classroom, teachers will share information about PBS and classroom expectations.
- The Book Fair will be in the library! Take home some good books!

Information about SAC (School Advisory Committee) will be available. Please sign up!