

Addison School District Newsletter

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Reading Buddies: A Literary Partnership

Approximately two times a month, weather permitting, the 8th grade students walk over to the elementary school to read to students in classes from kindergarten through third grade. Depending on the grade level and the students, either the 8th grade students read to the elementary students or the elementary students read to the 8th grade students with support.

Both the elementary and middle school students benefit from the Reading Buddies program. The elementary students enjoy reading to the "big kids" or having the support of being read to if they are a struggling reader. This provides each student with individualized support and the opportunity to bond with a positive role model.

The 8th grade students really look forward to the Reading Buddy days. Mrs. Hand says, "I watch students light up when sharing their experiences with their reading buddy. It boosts their confidence, increases their self-awareness and promotes a sense of community within the district." Many students have expressed an interest in career paths that would allow them to work with elementary age students as a result of the program.

Most students have very positive comments about the Reading Buddies program:

"I love reading to little kids. That is the highlight of my day!" -Savannah S.

"I like helping"- Hailey T.

"I think that it is fun. I think it is a better experience for the kids because it is cool for them to hang out with the older kids." - Bryson L.

"I like being a role model to the younger kids and I like getting to spend time with the younger kids." Danica W.

By Kenzie Stuby



Club Spotlight: Middle/High School Drama Club

One of the most diverse and creative groups in our school, the Drama Club, dazzles every year, putting on two shows for the Addison community to enjoy. This fall, the Drama Club put on a fantastic production of *Clue* and are excited to have begun working on this year's spring musical – *Peter Pan*. The Drama Club works tirelessly throughout the year, dedicating countless hours to creating a spectacular performance.

The club is made up of actors, singers, dancers, and stage crew who all collaborate to create productions that make Addison proud. During rehearsals, the actors practice lines, learn songs, and prepare choreography. The stage crew designs, constructs, and organizes sets and props. Mrs. Vroman, the Drama Club music director, hopes that her students will make fun memories, cherish the sense of family bonding they have within the club, and "in the end create a life-long love for theatre and music."

Along with Mrs. Vroman, the Drama Club is directed by Ms. Hamblin and Mr. Richardson, who work in the music department in the Addison School District. The club is also supported by a multitude of volunteers, such as Hal Sisson, Jessica Clark, and Ellyanna Vroman. Middle school members Jerome M., Taylor P., and Mairiad S. spoke on their favorite parts about being in Drama Club, which include performing in the musical, meeting new people, and making friends. High school member Seth S. discussed how his confidence has grown from being in the Drama Club. He also mentioned that it's been a great creative outlet for him, and he looks forward to it every year.

The Drama Club is always looking for more members and would encourage anyone interested to try it out next year! Listen to the announcements and check Schoology for upcoming opportunities.

By Anna Lyons & Kaylee Keech

Nominations Open for the Addison Sports Hall of Fame. Addison is now accepting nominations for the Addison Sports Hall of Fame. If you know someone who deserves to be recognized for their contributions to Addison sports, please review the criteria and submit your nomination online by April 1, 2025. Don't miss this opportunity to honor those who have made a significant impact on our sports community.

<https://forms.office.com/r/y6M95PpnSe>



Fall Athletic Recognition: Alex B. & Hadleigh W., Girls Tennis Doubles team took 3rd Place at Sectionals. Student athletes were recognized at the Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, December 17th.



ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) NOTICES

THE ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOE WILL HOLD A FISCAL TRAINING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025 AT 5:00 PM IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIAL. THIS IS A TRAINING WHICH IS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. NO FORMAL ACTION WILL OCCUR.

THE BOE WILL HOLD A REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025 AT 6:00PM IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA.

Senior Spotlight: Class of 2025

Sydney R.

Favorite part of high school?
Finishing 2nd for States twice in Cross Country

What are your plans after high school?
Go to college

Favorite staff member?
Mrs. Lyons

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
Rich and going around on a yacht

What advice would you give to younger students?
Get your work done and don't complain

How has Addison contributed to your success thus far?
Kept [me] in a competitive mindset



Brooke V.

Favorite part of high school?
Making new friends

What are your plans after high school?
Going to CCC for nursing

Favorite staff member?
Mrs. Brightman

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
Working as a NICU nurse

What advice would you give to younger students?
Time does fly by fast, make memories

How has Addison contributed to your success thus far?
Gave me an outline on how to be a person

Middle School Student Council members gathered to make ornaments for the residents of the Addison Place.

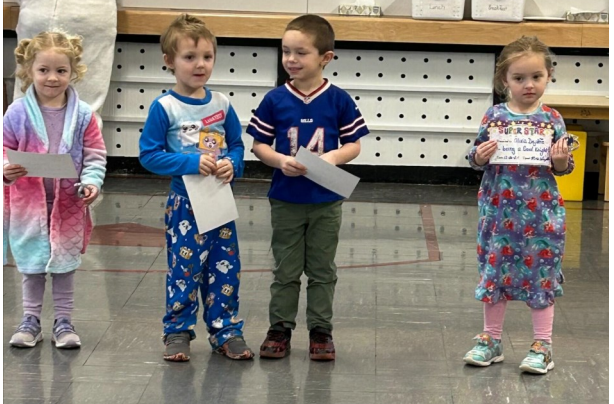


High School National Honor Society Students rang the bell for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Drive. This occurred on December 14th at the Walmart in Painted Post. They were there from 9-12. The students were great. They greeted everyone warmly, wished people a Happy Holiday, Merry Christmas and thanked everyone for their donations. They engaged in small conversations with people who stopped to chat with them. They sang Christmas carols as well. It was a cold morning, but the students did an exceptional job. Mrs. Overton, NHS advisor, says, "I can't express how proud I am of them."



Valley Early Childhood School News

Valley has been busy! Students had a few days of practice for their Holiday show and then on Thursday 12/19 the big day happened! All the children did a great job performing the songs they had been practicing for their families. On Friday at KKI, they celebrated student and staff birthdays and good knights of the week! Frosty the Snowman also visited. The children had pajama day and enjoyed popcorn and a movie.





Tuscarora Elementary Holiday Festivities

In Mrs. Edward's 1st grade class, instead of a student gift exchange, students do a book gift game. Students take turns rolling the dice and following the directions about passing, trading or whatever the dice says. When the game is over, kiddos open their gifts, and they get so excited about their books. This activity encourages a love of books and reading! Also, teachers participated in ugly sweaters and treat exchanges the week before break. Congratulations to 2nd grade for winning the door decorating contest!



100 Step Reading Challenge

250 Steps

Kindergarten

Lyla B
Quinn M

1st Grade

Hunter C
Waylon B
Alana C
Emmarie G
Jaxon H

2nd Grade

Augusta T
Clark T
Chrystal O

3rd Grade

Amelia B
Harper G
Josephine P
Brayden W
Marlee H

4th Grade

Cora W
Bricen W
Brielle P
Stiehl S
Raelyn M

100 Steps

Kindergarten

Amaya G

2nd Grade

Zayn B

3rd Grade

Alexavier D
Haelyn S
Sadie J
Aspen S
Faithe R
Jayce D
Brinley K
Abbigail B
Megan S
Keagan C
Weston B

4th Grade

Creeden K
Elijah K
Brantley S
Thaddeus H
Hailey R
Bentley F
Camden H
Milo H
Erika N

5th Grade

Gavin B
Faith F
Easton M

January Regents Exam Schedule

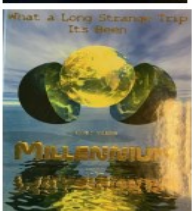
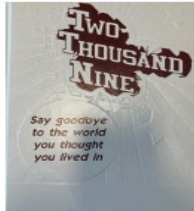
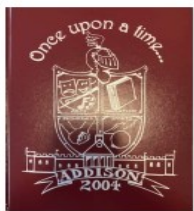
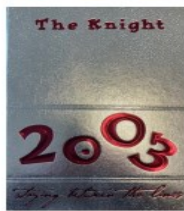
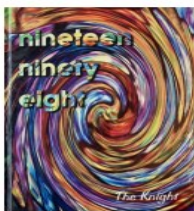
Tuesday, 1/21	Wednesday, 1/22	Thursday, 1/23	Friday, 1/24
8:00 AM English Language Arts	8:00 AM Geometry US History	8:00 AM Global History & Geography	8:00 AM Living Environment
12:00 PM Physical Set- ting/Earth Science	12: 00 PM Physical Setting/ Physics Algebra I	12:00 PM Algebra II	Uniform Ad- mission Dead- lines: Morning Exams: 10 AM Afternoon Exams: 2 PM

No school on Monday, January 20th or Wednesday, January 29th. Students will have a half day on Friday, January 24th. Monday, January 27th is a conference day.

Recognize any of these Covers?

In an effort to reduce storage of past yearbooks, the Yearbook club would like to offer yearbooks from these years at a greatly reduced price of \$10. We have several years available.

Contact Samantha Havens at shavens@addisoncsd.org with your inquiry and she will respond ASAP on availability and how to proceed with purchases.



Winter Weather Announcement:

Greetings ACSD Community!

Now that the school year is well underway and the winter season is upon us, I wanted to thank you for your patience and support through the beginning of the school year, as well as to provide some information regarding potential school closings as the possibility of inclement weather increases as winter steadily approaches.

First, thank you! As you can imagine there is much preparation that goes into the opening of school each September and everyone at ACSD does their very best to make the start of school as smooth as possible; however, the reality is that there are always bumps and hiccups during the first few days and weeks, adjustments to last minute changes are made and everyone reacclimates to the routines of school. Your patience, support and communication have been greatly appreciated throughout this first month.

Second, winter weather has arrived and with it comes the increased potential for school closings due to adverse weather and travel conditions. While our goal is to have students in school every day, sometimes Mother Nature provides conditions that just make the commutes too risky. Please be aware, that the district, in collaboration with county, village and highway departments of our townships, monitor the weather forecasts and road conditions very closely and are in near constant communication when inclement weather conditions are possible.

Further, we make every effort to make the decision to close schools with as much advance notice as possible so that our families have as much time as possible to make any needed childcare arrangements; however, this is the Greater Southern Tier of WNY and as you well know, conditions can change rapidly and vary widely, especially in the 165 square miles that comprise our district, as well as between school districts in the GST region. As a result, despite our best efforts and intentions, the decision to close schools often may not be made until the last minute. Additionally, if we experience a particularly challenging winter, it may be necessary to employ our remote learning plan for a day or two. If this is the case, it will be announced along with the closing of school and every effort will be made to ensure students are prepared in advance. Again, we will do our very best to make and communicate these determinations as soon as possible, but your continued patience and understanding in this regard is very much appreciated.

When the decision is made to close school, this is communicated in the following ways:

- As a pop-up on our district website, www.addisoncsd.org
- As a post to our district Facebook page
- Through Parent Square as a call, email and/or text message
- Through local TV and radio stations

In closing, thank you, once again, for your role in helping the school year get off to a great start, as well as for your continued support of our staff, schools, district, and – most importantly, your children. Should you have any questions about the information in this letter, please start by contacting your child's school principal. Best wishes for very Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,
Jim Peiffer, Superintendent of Schools

RESILIENT Children & Families

January 2024

Jennie Mose Family Resource Center

14 South Street, Addison, NY

All our services are free and all are welcome!

Phone: (607) 359-3839 or (315) 521-0615 Email: balchh@proactioninc.org Web: www.proactioninc.org/programs/rcf

Hours of Operation

Fridays & Sundays: CLOSED

Monday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. & Tuesday: 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

1:45 p.m. - 3 p.m. at the Community Center

Wednesday: 8 a.m.-1 p.m. & Thursday: 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

1:45 p.m. - 3 p.m. at the Community Center

3rd Saturday of the Month: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Services

Family Resource Centers offer a welcoming atmosphere where parents and caregivers can bring their children to play, explore and socialize with other children and families.

Drop-In Play

Our centers are each set up to engage the imagination and encourage exploration. Parent/caregivers and their children can explore dramatic play, block play, cars and trucks, create beautiful works of art, read stories together or enjoy one of the many other areas at our Family Resource Centers. During our Drop-In Play hours we help provide the materials, a safe, friendly warm and welcoming environment where you can find support from our caring staff and other parent/caregivers

Gross & Fine Motor Activities

It's time to get those large muscles moving! It takes lots of practice to perfect our coordination skills so we can learn to rollover, sit up, crawl, walk, run, climb and eventually ride a bike. You can always find gross motor opportunities at our centers varying for the developmental ability of your child. The precise movements it takes for a child to pick up a cheerio, write their name or learn to cut are developed through fine motor activities. We are conscious at our centers in making sure we provide lots of materials and opportunities for children to build these muscles and "fine" tune these skills.

Sensory Play

Children learn so much through their 5 senses: touch, sight, hearing, smell and taste. Sensory play will focus on developing one or multiple senses.

CLASSES & GROUPS

Call for more information

Music and Movement

Full filled music program for all ages. Enjoy music, songs, movement, stories and giggles!

Parent Connections

In person monthly group designed to strengthen and support parents & caregivers who you are raising children with.

Parents as Teachers

Evidence based curriculum that's core philosophy is that parents are their children's first and most influential teachers. Through activities parents/caregivers will increase their parental knowledge of early childhood development, improve parenting practices, provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues & increase children's school readiness and school success.

Storytime

Come join us for a nurturing evening of creativity, conversation and adult interaction.

Baby Doll Circle Time

Baby Doll Circle Time strengthens attachment & attunement through Social Play.

Upcoming Parent Education

Positive Solutions for Families

24/7 Dads

Flip It! (c)

2024

January 9th & Wednesday January 22 @ 10:30 a.m.

Thursday January 23rd @ 10:30 a.m.

RESILIENT Children & Families

Snow Much Fun

January

JENNIE MOSE

Family Resource Center

Our services are free of charge and every family is welcome!

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4
6	7	8	9	10	11
13	14	15	16	17	18 10-12
20	21	22	23	24	25
27	28	29	30	31	

Hours:

Monday

8 am-1pm

Tuesday

8 am - 1 pm

Wednesday

8 am - 1pm

Thursday

8 am - 1 pm

Friday

Closed

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14 South Street

Addison, NY

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Heather Balch

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Website:

www.proactioninc.org/events

Facebook:

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Office of Children and Family Services

Coming in March:

Positive Solutions for Families

24/7 Dads

Flip It

United Way

Community Partner