

Adams Elementary

Adams Weekly Newsletter

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<https://www.zps.org/schools/grades-pk-5/adams>

Important Dates

OCTOBER 5: PICTURE DAY

OCTOBER 7: COUNT DAY

**OCTOBER 7: THIRD GRADE FIELD TRIP
(SEE TEACHER FOR DETAILS)**

OCTOBER 9: HALF DAY OF SCHOOL

OCTOBER 15: GREAT APPLE CRUNCH DAY

OCTOBER 20: PTO MEETING, 7PM

**OCTOBER 23: SECOND GRADE FIELD TRIP
(SEE TEACHER FOR DETAILS)**

**OCTOBER 26: FIFTH GRADE FIELD TRIP
(SEE TEACHER FOR DETAILS)**

**OCTOBER 28: KINDERGARTEN FIELD TRIP
(SEE TEACHER FOR DETAILS)**

OCTOBER 28: TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 29: HALF DAY OF SCHOOL

OCTOBER 30: NO SCHOOL

Link Bank

Here is where you'll find links that we often reference!

[2026/2027 DISTRICT CALENDAR](#)

[VOLUNTEER /VISITOR FORM](#)

[26/27 TRANSPORTATION SIGN UP](#)

[MY RIDE K-12 APP](#)

[HAND2HAND PERMISSION SLIP](#)



Picture Day is: Monday, October 5

You can order packages online!
Online order code: **006RMJZFGNCCE**
Please [click here](#) to go to Geskus' website.



**ADAMS ELEMENTARY
COUNT DAY**



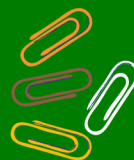
**HELP US
COUNT ALL OF
OUR CHIXS**
**WEAR YOUR CHIX GEAR FOR A PICTURE
WITH YOUR CLASS!**

**COUNT DAY HELPS US REPORT HOW MANY
STUDENTS ATTEND OUR SCHOOLS.
ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT!**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026

LET'S CELEBRATE

We are asking all students to celebrate being at Adams by coming to school on Wednesday, Oct. 7, decked out in their Chix gear or in Chix colors. Let's all show our Chix spirit and have some fun!



**AWESOME
CHOICES**

Extra Awesome Choices drawing on Count Day to celebrate responsible attendance!



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Important Information

Assessment Information: All K–5 students will take the NWEA MAP assessment between October 5 and 16. This assessment helps teachers understand what students know and what they're ready to learn next in reading and math. We take this assessment three times a year to measure student growth and help teachers meet individual learning needs. Families can help by encouraging their child to try their best, take their time, and simply show what they need to know. We encourage positive talk and a good night's sleep leading up to MAP. There is no need to study or prepare--just come ready to give their best effort!



We love having our families involved! Whether you're excited to chaperone field trips, help out in the classroom, or join in on fun school events throughout the year, completing a quick background check is your golden ticket. It's super easy to do—just head over to the ZPS website under the Volunteer section and fill out the quick form.

A friendly reminder for every visit: To keep our school safe, please bring your photo ID/driver's license with you every single time you plan to enter the building. We can't wait to partner with you this year!



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A few reminders:

Absences and Late Arrivals: If your student is going to be absent, please call our attendance line at 616.748.3480. Please leave a detailed message with the student's name, date, and the reason for the absence. **If your child is going to be late, please indicate their lunch choice for that day.**

Parent Pick Up: If there is a change in pick up for the end of the school day, PLEASE notify your child's teacher or our office so that we can make sure your child is getting where they need to go.

Appointment Notes: Just a reminder that if your child is missing school for an appointment, we will need a note from the provider to medically excuse the absence.

Gym Class: Starting Monday, October 5, **third, fourth, and fifth** graders will be doing the bike unit in PE. As a reminder, we will provide bikes and helmets. If students choose to want to bring their own bike or helmet, that is up to them and parent discretion! All bikes must be kept outside if they choose to bring their own.



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EMPOWER! Event & Bird Bowl– October 2, 4:45 & 7:00

On Friday, October 2, the Zeeland East and West varsity football teams will meet on the football field in a highly anticipated matchup. Before the showdown, the Freshman and JV football players, along with each school's cheerleaders, will come together with the zLinks program to run Zeeland Public Schools' annual EMPOWER! event for middle and high school students in the ZPS district who have a cognitive disability and/or an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

The event is free for participants, but all spectators must pay the \$5.00 gate fee, which also includes the West/East varsity football game that kicks off at 7:00 pm. Tickets must be purchased using the [GoFan app](#).

Gates for the EMPOWER! event will open at 4:15 pm, with a start time of 4:45 pm. Participants should arrive no later than 4:20 pm. The event will conclude around 5:45 pm.

See you Friday!

PUMPKINFEST

Zeeland Festivals' annual Pumpkinfest returns October 1–3 with a "Gone Country" theme and a full weekend of fall fun in downtown Zeeland.

Many of our ZPS students, families, teams, and groups will take part throughout the weekend, and we're excited to see our school community represented in this favorite local tradition.

Festivities begin Thursday, October 1, with Dinner on Us at 5 p.m. at Main and Church streets. Kidzfest runs Friday and Saturday with activities including face painting, obstacle courses, tractor pulls, a petting zoo, line dancing, live entertainment and more.

The weekend culminates with the Pumpkinfest Gone Country Parade at 3 p.m.

For the complete schedule of events, visit:

<https://www.zeelandfestivals.com/pumpkinfest>



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CATCH PROGRAM

We're partnering with Corewell Health Zeeland Hospital's CATCH program! CATCH stands for Coordinated Approach To Child Health. CATCH schools are committed to developing the Whole Child — mind, heart, and body — by helping kids get more physical activity, eat more nutritious foods, and develop social and emotional skills to become their best selves.

[CATCH Welcome Letter](#)

[October Family Tip Sheets \(English\)](#)

[October Family Tip Sheet \(Spanish\)](#)



TRUNK or treat



Please join us for a Halloween Fun

28 October

5:00-6:00

Playground Parking

Lot

COME IN COSTUME AND ENJOY
SAFE TRICK OR TREATING!

Treat donations Welcome: Drop off in
the office.



Zcata-LIST DONATION *Needs*

October 2026



Teacher Requests

- ☐ Headphones (wired)
- ☐ White 1/2" 3 Ring Binders
- ☐ Play Doh Toys
- ☐ Games: Candyland, Chutes &
- ☐ Ladders, Gamesfor Kinders
- ☐ Personal CD Players

Office Supplies

- ☐ Dry Erase Markers
- ☐ Masking Tape
- ☐ Staplers
- ☐ Sticky Notes
- ☐ Scientific/Graphing Calculators

Art & Craft Supplies

- ☐ Black Sharpie Markers
- ☐ Hot Glue Guns
- ☐ Glue Sticks (Mini & Regular)
- ☐ Yard Sticks
- ☐ Sequins & Confetti
- ☐ Felt Pieces
- ☐ **ANY** supplies you are clearing out! New or used!

- ☐ Ping Pong Balls
- ☐ Tissue Paper
- ☐ Masking Tape
- ☐ Staplers
- ☐ Construction Paper
- ☐ Wooden Craft Dowels
- ☐ Ink Pads
- ☐ Buttons
- ☐ Paper Plates (all sizes!)

Clothing

- ☐ SnowPants (New or Like New)
- ☐ Socks (new)
- ☐ Underwear (new)

To Learn More about
visit our webpage

Zcata-LIST

www.zcatalist.weebly.com



Simply drop your donation in the Z CataLIST
bin in your school's entryway or any of our locations!





We are hiring!



**Becoming a bus driver for ZPS
is as easy as 1, 2, 3.....4, 5, 6, 7!**

STEP #1: APPLY!

Apply online at:
www.zps.org/jobs.

Driving a school bus might seem intimidating at first, but it really is a great opportunity to work part time, while serving our great schools and community! We have a great team here who will help you every STEP of the way! Contact us today with any questions!

STEP #2: MI SECRETARY OF STATE

A school bus driver is also considered a "commercial driver" and must hold a valid Commercial Driver License (CDL). ZPS will cover all the costs to obtain your CDL! An individual must first successfully complete a number of permit exams at the Michigan Secretary of State. Those permits include:

- Obtain a Chauffer license upgrade - 20 question knowledge test
- CDL Group B - 50 question knowledge test
- (P) Passenger Endorsement - 20 question knowledge test
- (S) School Bus Endorsement - 50 question knowledge test
- Air Brake Endorsement - 25 question knowledge test

STEP #3: DOT EXAM

Our office will schedule a physical and drug test for you at the Holland Medi Center. This is to obtain your CDL Medical Card.

STEP #4: CDL ROAD TEST EXAM

Once our trainer feels you are ready, we will schedule your road test with Century Driving School. This exam includes 3 parts:

1. Vehicle pre-trip safety inspection
2. Basic controls skills test
3. An on-the-road driving test

STEP #5: HR

The day you pass your road test becomes your "official" hire date with ZPS Transportation! HR will now send you a packet of pre-employment paperwork/instructions to fill out. Once this is complete, you may begin driving for ZPS!

STEP #6: BEGINNING SCHOOL BUS CLASS

Every school bus driver in MI is required to carry their DOE Certificate Card showing they have completed the Michigan School Bus Driver Education Course. This class is 18 hours and offered through the ISD. Our team will schedule this for you.

STEP #7: ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

At this point, we will provide you with additional training on the policies and procedures of our department, ensuring you are comfortable and adequately trained to perform the job correctly and safely. Congrats, you are now a bus driver!