

# Welcome to Adams Elementary!



Our principal's name is Mrs. Martindale, and our lead secretary is Ms. Ashley. Ms. Sharon is our office assistant, (and she is pretty funny, too). Our typical enrollment is 450-475. We serve students in grades K-5, and are technically considered a Churchill Region school, though our boundary extends into the South Eugene Region, and have students who have gone through the School Choice process and attend from all 4J regions.



Our school was built in 1949, and a fun fact is that we were build the same year as Camas Ridge Elementary, with the same architectural design. Aside from some necessary amendments, we are carbon-copies! Because we had some updates, Camas is going before us in the new-construction process. Our hope is to be in the next bond cycle. Still, thanks to excellent love and care by our building custodians, we think we are pretty sharp for some old brick and mortar!



Where we are  
a family...

An impressive reputation of being a “big, little school,” makes us feel pretty special. Once you’re here, you are family. We are big enough to get things done and have some fun, and small enough to know each other by name. Great educators to find their way to Adams and stay. Many of our faculty reside in the Adams (Friendly Neighborhood) community.

We welcome new friends together...



We have a Party in the Park in the fall, to welcome new community members, dance to the DJ's music, and take advantage of food trucks who come to share some great food. Shave-Ice is a BIG favorite. Parents and Guardians get to meet, say hello, and welcome new folks to our Friendly Neighborhood!

There are also LOTS of opportunities for guardians to volunteer - background checks are required for the safety of our school family.

Where we lift each other up...



This art predated some of us, but it is an example of one of the many ways art is expressed at Adams. We regularly feature artists-in-residence, many through the Lane Arts Council. In addition, we have been home to Meet the Masters, where students are exposed to many of art's greats throughout history, as well as some contemporary contributors. Prior to the pandemic, we had plans underway to create a mural on the playground-side, where every student would have an opportunity to participate in making the artist's design a lasting reality. On a daily basis, art is woven into other subjects and often visible on our walls and halls as well as into alternative ways to represent summaries, mathematic expression, relationship problem-solving and more. Our hope is that our students become well-rounded people who see beauty in all things.



We care about each other.



At Adams, we have a full-time counselor who works with children daily. She helps with social-emotional learning, problems-solving, sharing strategies, listening, guiding, teaching and also helps families connect with community services they may need. She's also very nice. :-)

Where we are ALL artists...



An example of a mural from years past, that is hung proudly on the 22nd street side of our school.

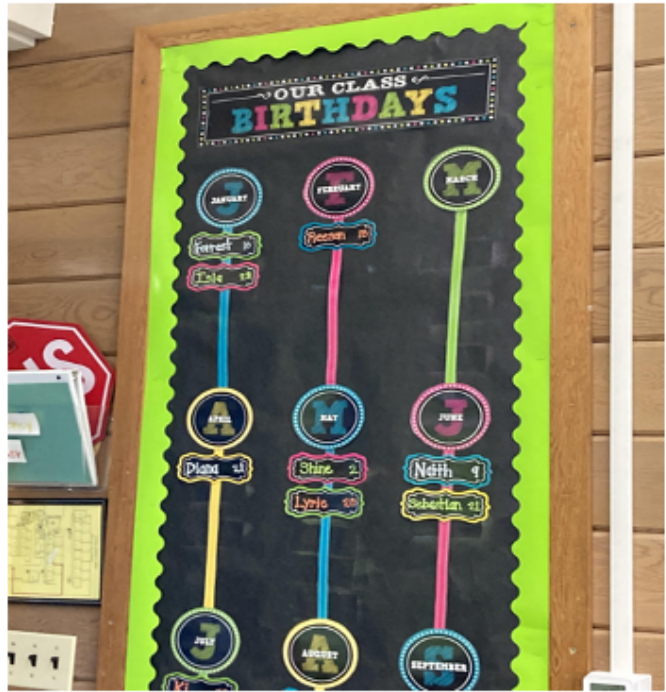
## Where we learn together...



Our main building structure is sort of a giant letter “E” with the back side of the E backed up to 22nd street, and each of the hallways are lines extending southward, toward the playground. Our Kindergarten and first grades classroom are in the middle wing, where the main entrance is. The eastern most wing is home to our Life Skills program and our second and third grade classrooms, with the western hall (featured here) as the fourth and fifth graders’ learning home. Additionally to the west, are the music room and the gymnasium.



Where we  
celebrate  
together...



We celebrate lots of things at Adams! As a Positive Behavior Supports school, our philosophy is one where we build relationship, we teach desired expectations, including citizenship, kindness, patience, friendship, inclusiveness, participation, upstanding, acceptance and more. We celebrate our students when they exhibit these behaviors and we encourage them individually as well as class/school-wide, with activities and acknowledgments. Research and experience has shown that it is more effective to acknowledge desired behaviors and provide choices than it is to punish. If consequences do occur, they are designed to be discreet, developmentally appropriate, right-sized, and in partnership with our families. We all have “oopses” from time to time as we learn new rules and expectations, but we are still a school family!

Where we learn together...



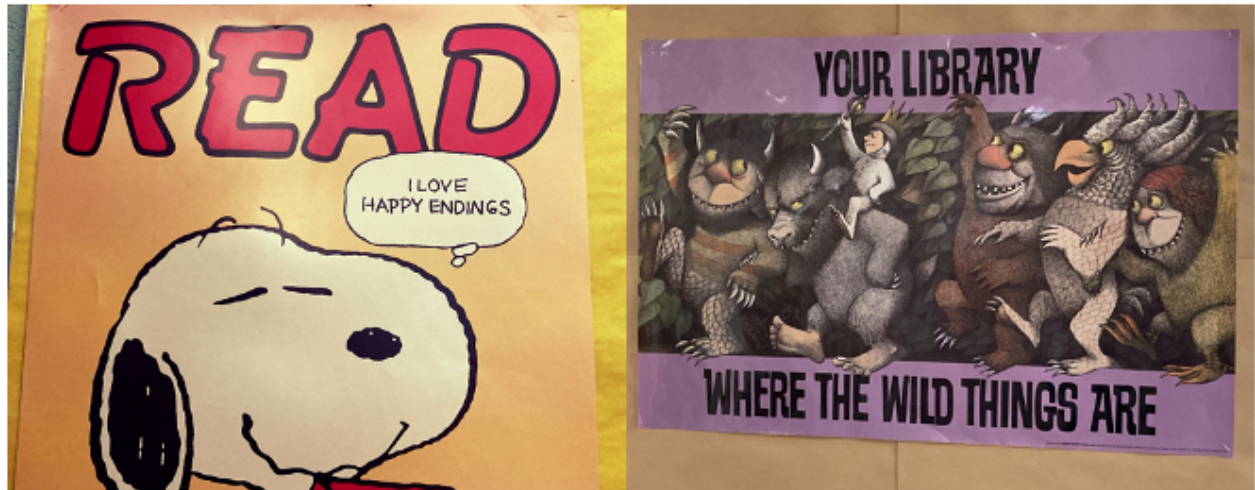
We start our days with Morning Meeting, which is an effort to build community, check in, and establish relationships - and a positive class-family culture.

Where we care for our resources together...



We are a Premier Green School! This means that we have gone above and beyond in terms of stewardship of our resources. We recycle, compost, collect plastics that are later turned into Trex decking, and a few years ago we added solar panels to the top of our main building. This kiosk shows us how much energy we are creating, saving, and using. Students are an integral part of our Green Team!

Where we read together...



Ms. Carla runs our library, and she is AWESOME!

And we read together...



She makes sure there is something for everyone, and creates reading nooks for those who like to REALLY get into their books!



We grow together...



Ms. Carla also works to make sure that our titles represent ALL Adams students, and that we can see ourselves in the characters as the heroes, the professionals, the everyday people, and uniquely ourselves.

We make music together...



Mr. Eisenband is a great music teacher. He meets us right where we are, and shares lots of musical styles with us. We sing, we play, we listen, and we learn about the notes, the rhythms, the cultures and more! We have concerts for our school assemblies and during normal school years we share our music with our families.

We move together...



We love Coach Brian! He teaches us all about how our body systems work while we are learning fun games and sports. It's always just the right amount for where our growing bodies are, so that we are safe. We also have a climbing wall, which is a BLAST! (We also do that under close supervision, since Coach Brian is certified to teach this to us).

And MOVE!



Jog-A-Thon is one of our big fundraisers. We can walk, run, skip, and listen to the DJ as we do our laps for our teams. It's a LOT of fun!



Technology is one of MANY tools we get to use as learners. iPads are a great help when we are learning at our own rates and levels, when we are learning how to do research, and also when we are working on different projects at the same time. Our teachers make sure we aren't on our screens too long, as we have many other tools to use.



# And make lifelong friends...



If you have any questions, or would like to schedule a personal “virtual” tour, please call us. 541-790-5000. We look forward to meeting you!