



# Adams Topics

November 12, 2013

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Proud Dolphins!

## School News:

**EARLY RELEASE-NOVEMBER 14th:** We will have an early release day for data meetings and professional development, We will dismiss at noon. Parents are asked to make arrangements ahead of time for student pick ups.

**THANKSGIVING BREAK:** November 25-29th is our fall break. The school and all programs will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

**SECOND GRADE PLAY:** A Special "Thank YOU" to the teachers and kids for their great 2<sup>nd</sup> grade play starring Brandon Rodriguez as Tiger Woods, Katherine Smith as Coach Rosa and Roan Milelli.

**ACCELERATED READER:** Congratulations to the Accelerated Reader Word Count Leaders as of 11/08/2013 for Gerald Adams Elementary! This time we are celebrating our school-wide word count leaders. We have some amazing readers at Gerald Adams!

Student	Words
Christ Jolis	364,956
Zandre Font	311,176
Vivian Carper	292,162
Bobby Salter	251,427
Benjamin Woodson	216,749

The more you read the more you know!

**PAL Basketball League Sign-ups:** If you are interested-register at Douglas Gym.

### November Dates to Remember:

12—	Blood Drive
19—	SAC Meeting
25-29 —	Thanksgiving Break—NO SCHOOL
27—	SAC Meeting/ELL Night 6:00 p.m.

**SAFETY PATROL FUNDRAISER:** GAE Safety Patrol is selling Domino's Pizza Slice the Price cards! Buy a large pizza get a large pizza FREE! That means buy 10 large pizzas get 10 large pizzas FREE! Sells for only \$10 and can be used multiple times until Monday, June 30, 2014. Thank you for supporting GAE Safety Patrol!

**CLASS DONATIONS:** Mrs. Perez's class would like to thank the following people for their classroom donations: Ramona's Shirt Put On (\$250), Almond Tree Inn (\$250), and Orchid Key Inn (\$250).

**CLASS NEWS:** Mrs. Smith class would like to thank Mr. Marc Hacker, Jay Gogan and all the volunteers that help to create a wonderful field trip on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. The children watched a demonstration on the pottery wheel by Marc Hacker. The children enjoyed homemade pizza baked in an 800 degree kiln. The children also saw the ancient art of crackle glazing called Raku which is a Japanese art form.

### NOVEMBER IS PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION MONTH

Some ideas to get more involved this week on the back of this newsletter.

# MAKE ATTENDANCE A TOP PRIORITY FOR YOUR CHILD

Strong attendance is as important to your child's school career as the foundation is to a house. Without it, there is nothing to build on. Here are just some of the many important reasons your child must be in school:

- School attendance is the law. Every school district requires students to attend. The only exceptions are illness, family emergencies and religious obligations.
- Missing school affects classroom performance. Most kids have trouble keeping up if they miss more than a few days.
- Peer relations often get started at school. A child who misses school may have fewer friends.

To aim for top attendance:

- Tell your child that school is important to you and your family. You expect her to be in school.
- Support school rules and consequences for skipping class and being tardy.
- Make sure your child eats healthy foods and gets enough sleep and exercise to avoid frequent absences due to illness.
- Don't accept excuses for why your child "must" miss or be late for school.
- Avoid scheduling family trips and medical appointments during school hours.



## November 2013 Parental Involvement in Education Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Governor Rick Scott proclaimed November as Florida's Parental Involvement in Education Month.						<b>1</b> <b>FAMILY LITERACY DAY</b> Visit your local library and read a book.	<b>2</b> Have a movie night. Check out the public library for free movies. Pop some popcorn.
<b>3</b> Browse through the newspaper and discuss current events.	<b>4</b> Listen! It's the #1 thing a parent can do to support their child.	<b>5</b> Praise your child for their efforts in school and at home.	<b>6</b> Ask teachers what your child is learning in school and how you can offer support at home.	<b>7</b> Invite your child to help you write the grocery list and plan meals.	<b>8</b> Watch your favorite TV show together and discuss the main event.	<b>9</b> Get outside and have some family fun in the beautiful fall leaves!	
<b>10</b> Listen to and discuss different types of music.	<b>11</b> <b>VETERANS DAY</b> Talk to your child about Veterans Day and why we honor veterans.	<b>12</b> Attend parent/teacher conferences.	<b>13</b> Check out your child's school's website through your public library or at home.	<b>14</b> Send notes or emails to your child's teachers to let them know you are available to discuss your child's progress in school.	<b>15</b> Collect and donate canned goods to help other families in your community.	<b>16</b> Relax under the stars and discuss the constellations.	
<b>17</b> Flip through old family photo albums. Tell stories about your family's history.	<b>18</b> <b>AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK</b> See what your child's school is doing to celebrate.	<b>19</b> Join the PTA, PTO, or a parent involvement committee.	<b>20</b> Talk with your child daily about homework, classroom activities, and school events.	<b>21</b> <b>NATIONAL PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY</b> Take the Pledge <a href="http://www.fldoe.org/family/itg1/">http://www.fldoe.org/family/itg1/</a>	<b>22</b> Show school spirit! Attend a school sporting event with your child.	<b>23</b> Play a favorite board or card game together.	
<b>24</b> Talk to your child about his/her favorite subject in school.	<b>25</b> Sneak a fun note into your child's backpack or lunch box as a little token of encouragement and support.	<b>26</b> Encourage reading, writing, and discussions among family members.	<b>27</b> Participate in your child's favorite hobby.	<b>28</b> <b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b> Talk about things for which your family is grateful.	<b>29</b> Connect with other parents at weekend or afterschool activities.	<b>30</b> Visit a local zoo or park and talk about what you see there.	