

# Abigail Adams Middle School



Welcomes Our Incoming 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Parents!

# A few words from Parent Council President

Mary Raab

# We are a school .....

- that provides a safe nurturing environment.
- striving for excellence.
- dedicated to Teaching and Learning.
- that has respect for diversity in teaching and learning.
- that prepares our students with skills to be successful in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

# The New Abigail Adams Configuration

- Principal – Dan Birolini
- Two Assistant Principals
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Laura Balan
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Mary Dewan
- 4 Counselors
- All 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> District Special Education Programs are at Adams

# The New Abigail Adams Configuration

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - 9 teams of 2
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade - 4 teams of 4 and a team of 2
- Exploratory Classes or Specials
  - Reading
  - PE
  - Health
  - Art
  - Music

# Your Student's Schedule

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
8:24	ELA	Music	PE	History	Science	Math
9:21	Math	ELA	Reading	ASB	History	Science
10:18	Science	Math	ELA	Music	Health	History
11:15- 12:40	3 Lunches					
11:15	History	Science	Math	ELA	Reading	ASB
12:45	PE	History	Science	Math	ELA	Art
1:42	Reading	ASB	History	Science	Math	ELA

# Middle School Lunch

- Lunches are 25 minutes.
- Lunch is currently \$2.50.
- There are a number of options.
- You can put money on an account.
- You can request your child's records.
- There will be free and reduced lunch forms that go home.
- There will be peanut free tables.

# The Bus

- Routes and times will be posted on-line by Wednesday of this week and in the Weymouth news for the next two weeks.
- Bus Forms need to be filled out for your child to ride the bus.
- To apply for bus payment waiver requires proper documentation.

# Drop-offs

- Middle Street
- Town Hall Parking Lot Horseshoe Shaped Parking area.
- Students are to walk up the sidewalks by the Town Hall or the Cross of Grey

# Pick Ups

- On Middle Street at 2:45
- After 3:00 in the side parking lot by the gym

# A TYPICAL DAY

- Students arrive
- There are 4 entrances
- Students enter the building at 8:10
- Homerooms will be given a door to enter through each morning.
- In Homeroom at 8:20
- First block begins 8:24
- 57 minute blocks

# A Typical Day Continued...

- Lunch (Lunch begins at 11:15 and Third Lunch ends at 12:40)
- End of the day Homeroom at 2:39
- We announce the bus order
- 2:45 Dismissal

# Attendance Policy

School attendance is governed by state law (Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 76, Sections 1 & 2, which state that no child may exceed seven (7) days absence from school or fourteen (14) partial days, which includes tardies and dismissals, in any six-month period except for:

- Documented medical illnesses or medical appointments
- Legal obligations or court appearances
- Bereavement due to an immediate family member
- College or private school visits
- Observance of religious holiday

# Absences

- On the fifth day of absence, parents/guardians of students will be notified by letter of the expectations for students to come to school.
- On the seventh unexcused absence, referral will be made to the district attendance officer. A school based CHINS (Child In Need of Services) petition may be discussed.
- On the tenth day of unexcused absence, CHINS will be filed on behalf of the student and a violation of Chapter 76, Section 2 – Duties of Parents: Penalties will be filed against the parent/guardian.

# Tardies

- Students are allowed three excused tardies/dismissals per term.
- Once a student has reached three tardies/dismissals in a term, parents/guardians receive a letter outlining consequences for any additional tardies/dismissals in that term.
- Students who are tardy/dismissed 4 through 6 times receive a lunch detention for each of those instances
- Students who are tardy 6 times may receive a morning wake up call one hour prior to the opening of school.
- Students who have six to nine tardies/dismissals will receive two lunch detentions or one after school detention for each of those instances.
- Any additional unexcused tardies/dismissals after 9, the student is subject to in-school suspension and a CHINS petition may be filed.

# Bullying

- Zero Tolerance
- Second Step
- Camfel Productions Assembly
- MARC - Presentation

# Dress Code

- Dress code in the handbook.
- Please be aware of what your kids are wearing when they leave the house.
- We will call home for change of clothes.
- Please make sure dress is weather appropriate.

# Cell Phones

- Students are to have cell phones shut off and locked in a locker.
- To communicate with your child during the school day, you need to call school.
- Students will be allowed to call home during the day if needed.

# Lockers

- Students will need to share lockers.
- We will be there to assist them.

# Homework

- Students will be required to do 1.5 to 2.5 hours of homework a night (includes 30 minutes of Reading)
- Students are provided an agenda. They are required to write their daily homework in their agenda book.
- The homework is posted on line each night (however students are still required to fill out their agenda).

# Homework on Line

- Will be on-line by the third week of September

You will find it on

- Abigail Adams web site
- Parent Council web site

# How information is shared....

- Information day is Thursday
- Alert Now Messages
- Student Newspaper
- On an as needed basis

# After School Opportunities

- Homework Club
- Chess Club
- Drama
- Intramural Basketball
- Intramural Soccer
- Girls Club
- Make a Difference Club
- History Club
- Geography Club
- Games Club

# We love to have parents involved!

- Parent Council
- School Council
- Performances
- Volunteering in the Library
- Field Trips
- Our School is Your School!

# Parents Please

- Make sure your students get to school and on time.
- Check your students' agendas and homework
- Monitor curfews/bedtime
- Monitor computer use (STUDENTS UNDER 14 are not allowed to have Facebook accounts.
- Be an advocate for your child's learning.

# 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> days of school

- Two Half Days
- Day 1 and Day 2
- Day begins at 8:15 and ends at 11:15
- There will be no breakfast or lunch on either day.
- Teachers will spend this time getting the students comfortable with their school.
- Students are expected to have a writing utensil and notebook only.

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Abigail Adams is a GREAT  
place for teaching and learning!

Any Questions?