



Adelaide Eagle News

"Teaching the Mind By Encouraging the Heart."

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Principal's Message

Important Dates

Adelaide Celebrates State Test Results

Results from last April's state-wide assessments for grades 3-8 have arrived, and Adelaide has much to celebrate! WASL scores (Washington Assessment of Student Learning) were released just before the start of school, and last year's 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders showed a strong performance in reading and math when compared to students across the district and state. They met the state's minimum targets of 76.1% of students meeting standard in reading and 64.9% in math. Both of these targets increased this year as part of the federal mandate to have all students meeting standard by the year 2014.

We are especially proud of our school's performance in reading! Adelaide's 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders out-performed students across the state by 12%, 11% and 17% respectively on the reading portion of the test. Students did well in math as well, outperforming the state by 8% (3rd), 11% (4th), and 19% (5th).

Congratulations to all of our students and teachers for the excellent work they did last year in meeting the grade level expectations set by our state! These targets increase every three years, with the goal of getting all students to standard in reading and math by the year 2014. We continue to set goals and modify instruction to help ALL children achieve at high standards!

This is the last year that Washington will take the WASL in its current form. The state test for grades 3-8 and high school will be replaced this year with the "Measure of Student Progress" or MSP. State assessments are part of the long-term reform efforts of our state and are designed to show whether students are meeting new and higher standards in the new and higher standards in the areas of reading, writing, math and science. The percent of students who met standard in each of these areas in our school, district and state is shown below.

This Month:

POPCORN

Friday, Sept. 25

Looking Ahead:

BOOK FAIR

Week of October 26

NO SCHOOL

Friday, Oct. 9

Friday, Oct. 16

Thu-Fri, Oct. 29-30

Student-Led

Conferences

Thursday, Oct. 29

Friday, Oct. 30

Students Meeting	READING			MATH		
ADE 3rd Grade	71.1%	79.7%	83.3%	72.9%	69.0%	74.1%
Federal Way 3rd Grade	73.7%	71.1%	72.6%	74.4%	71.0%	70.2%
WA State 3rd Grade	70.9%	70.4%	71.3%	69.6%	68.3%	66.3%

Students Meeting	READING			MATH			WRITING		
ADE 4th Grade	91.4%	82.9%	84.2%	64.3%	55.7	63.8%	64.3%	50.0%	57.9%
Federal Way 4th Grade	80.6%	77.4%	73.9%	60.3%	59.5%	55.8%	56.2%	57.9%	54.4%
WA State 4th Grade	76.6%	72.3%	73.5%	58.1%	53.4%	52.3%	60.2%	62.1%	60.3%

Students Meeting	READING			MATH			SCIENCE		
ADE 5th Grade	90.9%	92.8%	90.3%	80.0%	84.1%	80.6%	41.8%	59.4%	42.3%
Federal Way 5th Grade	75.4%	79.8%	79.1%	66.2%	69.0%	71.2%	31.3%	40.2%	36.0%
WA State 5th Grade	71.9%	75.3%	73.9%	59.5%	61.0%	61.9%	36.5%	42.9%	44.9%

Minimum state standard for 05-07: **RDG – 64.2%**

MATH – 47.3%

Minimum state standard for 08-10: **RDG – 76.1%**

MATH – 64.9%

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Notes from the Office

- School hours are 8:50 AM to 3:20 PM. Attendance is critical to a child's success in school. Being on time is just as important.
- Students may not arrive at school before 8:40 AM (8:15 if they eat breakfast at school). There is no supervision for students who arrive early.
- If your child will be absent or late, call 253-945-2312 before 8:30 AM. When your child returns to school, please send a note to excuse his/her absence. If your child will be late and needs a lunch ordered, please call the office before 9:45 AM to let us know.
- If you need to pick your child up early for an appointment, please arrive a few minutes before you need him/her, to allow time for your child to be located. Students will not be called to the office prior to the parent's arrival in the office.
- Please make after school arrangements before your child leaves each morning. Last minute changes in plans often confuse children and allow for mistakes.
- All visitors to our school must sign in at the office and wear a visitor's badge. This is required to ensure the safety of our students and staff.
- Plan family vacations during school holidays or other school days off. Please note that if your child's pre-planned absence for a trip is not approved by the principal, it will be counted as an unexcused absence.
- Keep the school apprised of changes in address, phone number and emergency contacts. It is important that we always have a way to reach you if your child becomes ill or hurt.
- Write your child's name on everything. We don't want your child's favorite coat or lunchbox ending up in the Lost & Found. Remind your child to check the Lost & Found frequently if they are missing something.

Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining a safe environment for Adelaide students.

Give us your Ideas

The Federal Way School District's Family Partnership Office would like to hear ideas from parents and staff about simple ways parents can support their student's learning at home.

The department would like to gather the best ideas and tips to share with parents who want to support their children's academic success, but whose work schedules do not allow them to participate in school meetings, committees or activities.

To share your ideas you can call 253-945-2273, or send an email to tmoore@fwps.org or schedule an in-person appointment at a location and time most convenient for you.

Does Your Child Need Shots?

Free primary immunizations are available for students (kindergarten through age 18) attending Federal Way Public Schools. Primary immunizations include:

MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)

IPV (polio)

DtaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)

Varicella (chicken pox vaccine)

TD (tetanus, diphtheria)

Hepatitis B

Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)

Flu or HPV vaccine will **not** be available.

The clinic will be on Saturday, October 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The clinic is:

Federal Way Public Health Center

33431 13th Place South

Federal Way

Students must come accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. You must bring your child's immunization records to the clinic.

Welcome to Adelaide!

Adelaide welcomes Mr. Nick Castilleja, Mrs. Tracy Galsim, Ms. Cristina Soto, and Ms. Jennifer Classen.

Mr. Castilleja teaches Health and Physical Education. Ms's Galsim, Soto and Classen are para-educators assisting in classrooms and on the playground. We are happy to welcome all of them to the Adelaide family!

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Students' WASL scores have been sent home already. A parent handbook entitled "Reaching Higher" is available upon request to any parent who wants more information about the WASL test and the state's learning standards. Parents can find WASL information on-line at <http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/WASL/Grades3-8.aspx>. Parents can request an appointment to view their child's individual test by calling the District Assessment Office at 253-945-2004. Students' individual scores were mailed to parents earlier this month. Please call me if you have questions about your child's WASL scores, or the state assessments in general.