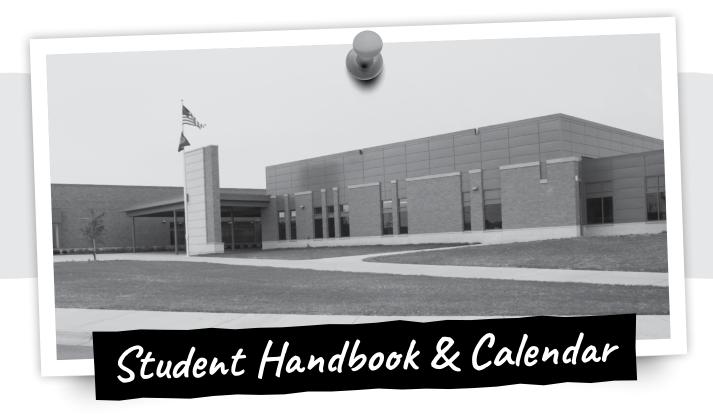


ADAMS ELEMENTARY



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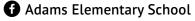




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For Bilingual Liaisons:

Arabic: 402-436-1715 نرجو الإتصال ى الدع هذه الأرقام إذا كنتم مجاحب إلى خدمات الترجمة مخللاب العربية Russian: Если вам требуются услуги переводчика пожалуйста позвоните по телефону: 402-436-1942

Español: Por favor llame a este número de teléfono si necesita servicios de intérpretes: 402-436-1938

Vietnamese: Xin vui lòng gọi về số này nếu qúi vị cần có dịch vụ thông dịch: 402-436-1939

Ukrainian: Будь ласка, зателефонуйте за цим номером, якщо вам потрібні послуги перекладу: 402-436-1786

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LPS Student Calendar

2025-26

Graduation Dates

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 Yankee Hill

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 Independence Academy

Thursday, May 21, 2026Bryan Community Focus Program

At Pinnacle Bank Arena May 22-24, 2026

Fri: LSE Sat: LNE, LSW, LNW, LNS Sun: EHS, LHS, LSB

- First Day for K, 6, & 9th Grades
- First Day for 1-5, 7-8, & 10-12th Grades
- Last Day for Students
- All Schools Not in Session
- Schools Not in Session (Professional Learning/Planning Day)
- Quarter Start Dates
- Quarter End Dates

Calendar Options for Families: The Lincoln Public Schools District understands and appreciates that our community has a wide variety of rich and varied religious celebrations and observances. In the event families recognize these holidays, parents should notify schools. Students will be given excused absences and allowed reasonable opportunities to make up any schoolwork missed. Note: Changes to the calendar may occur as a result of inclement weather or other circumstances. If sufficient school time is lost as a result of calendar changes, and it brings the total number of school hours for the year below the state minimum requirements, the Superintendent will implement a plan for making up this time, which may require additional minutes added to the day, additional days added to the calendar, days previously identified as non-student days re-scheduled as student day, or other appropriate calendar or schedule measures.

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THE ADAMS COMMUNITY Teaching with Passion | Learning with Confidence | Achieving Excellence

Welcome

Dear Student and Families,

Welcome to Adams Elementary School! This handbook has been prepared for all students and parents/guardians in hopes that it will be helpful in answering questions you might have about the policies and practices of our school. Please carefully review the contents with your child. The "Important Information" booklet provided by Lincoln Public Schools also gives critical parent/student information. Note that dates for school events are subject to change. If you have questions or concerns regarding these publications, please do not hesitate to call the school office at 436-1121.

On behalf of the entire staff, we look forward to working together to make this a productive and successful year of learning and growing.

Jeff Rust, Principal



Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DIBELS 8 1st - 2nd Grade Wednesday, August 27th - Thursday, September 11th (Friday, September 12th - Friday, September 19th Make-Up) MAP Growth Reading and Math 3rd - 5th Grade Monday, August 25th - Thursday, September 11th (Friday, September 12th - Friday, September 19th Make-Up)					1	2
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10	11	First Day for K, 6, and 9th Grades	First Day for 1-5, 7-8 and 10-12th Grades	14	15	16
17	18	PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.	20 Adams Advantage	21 Apparel Sale Ends	22	23
24 31	25 Walk-A-Thon Kick Off	26	27	28	29	30
	1	2	3	4	5	

>>> Important Dates

Thursday, August 7th Apparel Sale Starts

Tuesday, August 12th First Day for Kindergarten

Wednesday, August 13th First Day for 1st - 5th Grade

Tuesday, August 19th PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 20th Adams Advantage

Thursday, August 21st Apparel Sale Ends

Monday, August 25th Walk-A-Thon Kick Off

ADAMS COMMON AREA EXPECTATIONS						
	BE SAFE	BE RESPECTFUL	BE RESPONSIBLE	ADULT EXPECTATIONS		
ARRIVAL	Walk bike on school property Line up under grade level sign Single file line outside Hands and feet to self	Use sidewalks only Follow adult directions Use appropriate language Use shoulder voice	Use crosswalks Go directly to room when bell rings Put cell phone away for the day	Bell at 8:10 a.m. signals teacher to pick up students and escort to class		
HALLWAY	Walk Hands and feet to self Follow adult directions for flow Single file line Eyes and feet forward	 Hands by your side or buckled Follow adult directions Silent voices, unless directed by a teacher 	 Stay in line order Go directly to your destination Be a good example to others 	Supervise students Use line order Model expectations Use stopping points in the hallway		
BATHROOM	Wash hands with soap Keep hands and feet to self	Silent voices Respect privacy One person per stall	 Flush toilet Get in and get out quickly Throw paper towels in trash Report any problems to an adult Use 1 pump of soap and 1-2 paper towels Rinse hands quickly 	Adult stays with group Monitor hand washing area Keep noise level low Enter restroom if needed Stay in schedule for bathroom breaks (5 minutes or less)		
LUNCHROOM	Sit on your pockets Keep all food on trays and to self Walk Keep hands, feet and objects to self Stay in line order	Use table voices Have courteous conversations Use manners Respond to signals for attention	 Clean up area after eating Stay in your seat until dismissed Get permission to leave your seat Get adult help with accidents or spills 	Supervise line Escort students to line / check with supervisor Look for quiet tables during focus time Dismiss by tables		
RECESS	Walk in line order Stay in designated areas Hands and feet to self	Follow game rules Include everyone Kind words Take turns Use appropriate language Show good sportsmanship	Take care of the equipment Use equipment correctly Ask permission to leave area Quickly and quietly go to your line when the whistle is blown When lining up use sidewalks	Supervise designated areas Spread out Be on time Have a radio Check equipment Take kid count Enforce playground rules		
ASSEMBLY	Wait for arrival and dismissal Keep hands and feet yoourself	Use good audience manners Respond to signals for attention Sit on your pockets Be polite to our guests Silent voices when entering the hallway	Be a good example to others by listening and having good manners	Supervise designated area Be on time		
DISMISSAL	Walk bike on school property Walk single file Line order Hands and feet to self	Use sidewalks only Follow adult directions Use appropriate language	Use crosswalks Leave school grounds when bell rings	Ensure all students leave school grounds or are escorted to the office at 2:58 p.m. Supervise multiple points along sidewalk near bus and daycare pick-up		
BUS	Stay seated for the duration of the ride Hands and feet to self Use shoulder voice	Have courteous conversations Follow adult directions Use appropriate language	 Clear any trash, keep the bus clean Report unsafe behaviors adult Take all your belongings with you 	Set clear expectations Maintain student accountability Communicate with parents / admin / teachers		
TECHNOLOGY	Keep password private Keep personal information private Visit approved and appropriate apps, websites, and databases	Use appropriate language Respect online learning environment Ask before taking or using photos	Report inappropriate digital behavior to an adult Give credit for images or words in your work that came from someone else	Monitor use with Hapara Teach / review citation rules Familiarize appropriate LPS apps, websites, and databases		
CHROMEBOOK	Keep device flat on desk Carry with screen closed and use both hands Keep liquid away from device	Hands on your device Keep volume at expected volume	 Only use the device for learning Follow directions and stay on task Report any problems or broken parts to a teacher Keep default setting unless instructed by teacher 	Teach expectations at the beginning, review throughout year Refer to RUA		
SAFE TO SAY	Report a safety concern or tip	Recognize what is a reportable concern	Refuse to stand by silently	Teach when to say Teach ways to say		

September 2025

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	1	2	3	
7	Field Trip: 1st Grade to Pioneers Park Nature Center Field	Field Trip: 1st Grade to Pioneers Park Nature Center Field	10	11	12 PTO Walk-A-Thon	13
	4	5	1	2	3	
14	15	16	Constitution Day 8:15 a.m. Adams Advantage	18	19	20
21	22	Picture Day	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30			n h - Friday, September 26 9th - Tuesday, September	

>>> Important Dates

Monday, September 1st
- Tuesday, September 2nd
Schools Closed

Monday, September 8th
- Tuesday, September 9th
Field Trip:
1st Grade to Pioneers Park
Nature Center Field

Tuesday, September 9th Field Trip: 1st Grade to Pioneers Park Nature Center Field

Friday, September 12th PTIO Walk-A-Thon

Wednesday, September 17th

- Constitution Day 8:15 a.m.
- Adams Advantage

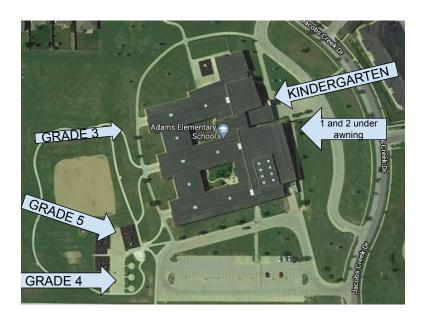
Tuesday, September 23rd Picture Day

Arrival

For safety purposes, the Adams playground will be closed before school. Upon arrival at school, all students should move directly to the area designated for their class to line up. The Adams campus is closed until 8:05 a.m. Classroom teachers will supervise students at 8:05 a.m.

Arrival Times

- Earliest arrival is 8:05 a.m. unless riding the bus, participating in breakfast, band, chorus, or before-school childcare.
- Students arrive on campus at 8:05 a.m. and line up in designated areas.
- Classes begin at 8:15 a.m.
- The Adams Elementary campus is closed until 7:45 a.m.
- Students arriving for breakfast should not arrive before 7:45 a.m., as there is no supervision at that time.



Arrival Areas

Upon arrival line up in lines at the front of the school. At 8:10 a.m. students are escorted to arrival areas.

After 8:15 a.m., all students use the front entrance and report to the office. Breakfast is served 7:45-8:00 a.m.

Arrival Line Up Spots

- 8:05-8:10 a.m. students arrive and line up in class cohort, we will have cones and signs the first few days to indicate where to line up.
- 8:10 a.m. Students will walk to their lines outside their classrooms

NOTE: If you drop off after 8:10 a.m. have your student enter through the main door (Door #1) and walk to their classroom.

Where do I line up?

DOOR ASSIGNMENTS				
Kindergarten line up near front Kindergarten Doors				
1st Grade	1st Grade line up out front under awning			
2nd Grade line up out front under awning				
3rd Grade	line up out back near Doors 6 and 7			
4th Grade	line up out back near basketball courts			
5th Grade line up out back near playground equipment				

Dismissal

For safety purposes, students will not be allowed to play on the playground while waiting for rides after school.

Dismissal Procedures

- All students are dismissed out separate doors and bought to the front of the building by staff at 2:53 p.m.
- All students must go directly home or to a school sanctioned after school activity.
- School Campus (including the playground) is closed until 6:00 p.m. except for use by school childcare and clubs. Reservations for rooms / playground should be entered in the district Archibus system.

Dismissal Areas

- Students enrolled in after school activities will be escorted to their designated areas.
- Brothers and sisters meet OUTSIDE the building.
- Parents arrange to pick up their children at the same place daily.
- Parents/guardians are to follow the traffic flow route found on page 9.

Late Pick Up Procedures

Staff will supervise students at dismissal until 2:58 p.m. When outside supervision concludes, student not picked up are brought inside to the office to ensure safety. Parents are contacted and asked to come in to the school and sign students out. If parents/guardians and all emergency contacts cannot be reached, the police may be contacted to help with unification.

Drop Off and Pick Up

- Follow flow of traffic when dropping off and picking up your children.
- Drop off and pick up your child(ren) on the passenger side only of the car to ensure children do not cross the street.
- Arrange to drop off and pick up your child(ren) in the same place each day.
- Use crosswalks. Teach your child to stay safe by using the designated crosswalk lines.
- Please keep dogs on a leash and off school property.



October 2025

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5	Parent / Teacher Conferences	PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.	8	Parent / Teacher Conferences	Quarter 1 Ends	11
	Book Fair Starts			Book Fair Ends		
	4	5	1	2	3	
12	13	14	Quarter 2 Starts	16	17	18
	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	4	5	1	
19	20	21	22 Adams Advantage	23	24	25
	2	3	4	5	1	
26	27	28	29	30	31 PTO Fall Party	
	2	3	4	5	1	

Important Dates

Wednesday, October 1st Adams Advantage

Monday, October 6th

- Parent / Teacher Conferences
- Book Fair Starts

Tuesday, October 7th PTO Meeting 6: 30 p.m.

Thursday, October 9th

- Parent / Teacher Conferences
- Book Fair Ends

Friday, October 10th Quarter 1 Ends

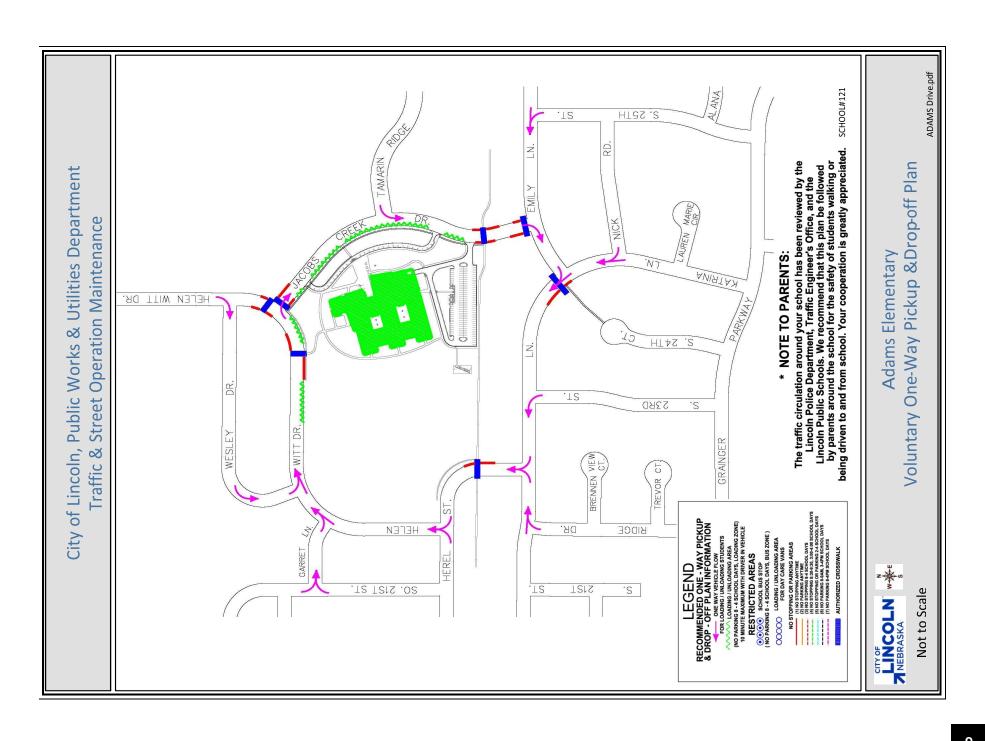
Monday, October 13th -Tuesday, October 14th Schools Closed

Wednesday, October 15th Quarter 2 Ends

Wednesday, October 22nd Adams Advantage

Friday, October 31st PTO Fall Party

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November 2025

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9	Plcture Retakes	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Field Trip: 2nd Grade to Lincoln Children's Zoo	19 Field Trip: 2nd Grade to Lincoln Children's Zoo Adams Advantage 4	20 Field Trip: 2nd Grade to Lincoln Children's Zoo	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	2	3	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	

>>> Important Dates

Tuesday, November 4th PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 5th Adams Advantage

Friday, November 7th Heritage Night

Monday, November 10th Picture Retakes

Tuesday, November 18th Field Trip: 2nd Grade to Lincoln Children's Zoo

Wednesday, November 19th

- Field Trip:
 2nd Grade to
 Lincoln Children's Zoo
- Adams Advantage

Thursday, November 20th Field Trip: 2nd Grade to Lincoln Children's Zoo

Wednesday, November 26th - Friday, November 28th Schools Closed Adams is dedicated to promoting healthy lifestyles for children. In the school lunchroom we ask that students bringing cold lunch refrain from packing sodas and food items that lack nutritional value. Additionally, our staff integrates concepts of wellness, nutrition and meal-time etiquette into lunch periods.

Meal Prices

BREAKFAST (7:45 A.M.)					
Full Price \$1.30					
Reduced \$0.30					
Adult / Non-Student \$2.80					
Second Breakfast	\$2.80				

LUNCH					
Full Price \$2.50					
Reduced	\$0.40				
Adult / Non-Student	\$4.80				
Second Lunch	\$4.80				
Milk Only	\$0.60				

Prices subject to change.

Lunch Procedures

LUNCH SCHEDULE			
Kindergarten 10:45 a.m 11:15 a.n			
1st Grade	11:00 a.m 11:30 a.m.		
2nd Grade	11:15 a.m 11:45 a.m.		
4th Grade	11:30 a.m 12:00 p.m.		
3rd Grade	11:50 p.m 12:20 p.m.		
5th Grade	12:10 p.m 12:40 p.m.		

Our cafeteria cash register system is computerized. With this cash register system a parent/guardian deposits money into an account that is accessed by a student ID card which is scanned when purchases are made in the cafeteria. Money in an account can be transferred from one school or another if a student changes schools within Lincoln Public Schools.

If a child received free/reduced lunch and breakfast last year, the application is valid for the first 30 days of the new school year. A new application must be completed each school year. The fastest way to complete an application for your family is the Free/Reduced Meal Application online. Paper applications will be accepted at the school; but are processed at the Nutrition Services Department. Completing the application online eliminates delay.

Parents/guardians are welcome to join their child(ren) for lunch. Parents, please notify the office before 9:00 a.m. if you plan to have school lunch. Please be aware you may take their own child out for lunch, but may not take other students with them. Your assistance in getting your child back within the allotted thirty minutes to avoid being tardy is appreciated.

The United States Department of Agriculture and the Nebraska Department of Education Competitive Foods Policy states that "no food may be sold or served that competes with the National School Lunch and/or Breakfast programs one half hour prior to the serving period." This means that no food may be sold (i.e., pop, snack machines, fund raisers), or class parties. Parents may not bring in food for more than their child, as this is in violation of the Federal Lunch Program guidelines.

Classrooms will enter the cafeteria and go through the hot lunch line or sit down at assigned spots with cold lunch. Students will be seated with their classroom in the cafeteria. After eating, students will be dismissed, clean up their areas, and return to class.

Any food that is associated with classroom parties/celebrations will be provided by the school or PTO with the approval of Principal Rust. Parents may not send food to share in the classrooms.

December 2025

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	SCHOOLS CLOSED	PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.	Field Trip: 3rd Grade to Morill Hall	Field Trip: 3rd Grade to Morill Hall	5 PTO Glow Party	6
	SCHOOLS CLOSED	4	5	1	2	
7	8	9	10 Adams Advantage	11	12	13
	3	4	5	1	2	
14	15	16	17	18	Quarter 2 Ends	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK	SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK	SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK	SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK	SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK	
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>>> Important Dates

Monday, December 1st Schools Closed

Tuesday, December 2nd PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 3rd Field Trip: 3rd Grade to Morrill Hall

Thursday, December 4th Field Trip: 3rd Grade to Morrill Hall

Friday, December 5th PTO Glow Party

Friday, December 19th Quarter 2 Ends

Monday, December 22nd - Wednesday, December 31st Schools Closed Winter Break

WELCOME TO THE

Paul Adams Elementary PTO!

In 2025-2026, all Adams families are automatically PTO members!

Mission

The objective of the Paul Adams Elementary PTO shall be to enrich and enhance the **EDUCATION** of the students; to strengthen **COMMUNICATION** between parents and staff; to promote **SCHOOL SPIRIT**; and to host **ACTIVITIES** of Paul Adams Elementary School.

Board Members

2025 - 2026

President	Jennifer Mostel
President Elect	Hilary Dawes
Vice President	Jennifer Kulwick
Co-Treasurer	Nicole Beck
Co-Treasurer Elect	Traci Rathje
Treasurer Elect	Amanda Dowo
Secretary	Lindsay Kant
Members at Large	Lori McCarthy
	Nga Doan
	Katie Ripa
Principal	Mr. Jeff Rust
Assistant Principal	Mrs. Croslev-Witt

What We Do

Education

- Support Media Center electronic databases
- Fund PLC assembly performances & author visits
- Provide Principal's fund & enrichment grants for each grade level
- Support 5th Grade t-shirts, musical, zoo and Salt
 Dogs trips, chorus trip, & recognition ceremony

School Spirit

- Staff student picture day
- Publish the yearbook
- Sell school spirit gear
- Provide conference meals & PLC snacks for Adams staff
- Support teacher appreciation week

Communication

- Provide & stuff Wednesday communication folders
- Provide 4th & 5th Grade planners
- Coordinate the student directory

Activities

- Kindergarten
 Playground Play Dates
- Fun Night
- Book Fairs
- Movie Night
- Bingo Night
- Walk-a-Thon
- Heritage Night
- Color Run
- · Classroom parties
- Collect donations for the community

Get Involved!

- Get to know school stafff
- Learn more about your child's education
- Meet other parents

Attend Meetings

Typically held the 1st Tuesday of the month, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. (check Adams calendar for dates).

Volunteer

Our greatest challenge is finding people to donate their time! If you see a call for help, say "yes!"

Help Fundraise

It all adds up & the money benefits your kids!

Stay Connected

Find reminders, pictures, & videos on Facebook:

Paul Adams Elementary PTO

- Find information & forms on the PTO's Website:
 - https://adamspto.ptboard.com/
- Email us if you have questions: pauladamspto@gmail.com

January 2026

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DIBELS 8 Kindergarten Tuesday, January 13th - Tuesday, January 27th (Wed, Jan. 28th - Fri, Jan. 30th Make-Up)				1	2	3
Map Growth MAP 3rd Wednesday, January 7t	- 5th Grade h - Friday, January 23rd (Mon, Jan 26th - Fri, Jan.	30th Make-Up)			
	EL Students Kindergart - Friday, February 27th (I		rch 6th Make-Up)	SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK	SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK	
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	0	3	4	5	1	
11	12	13	14 Adams Advantage	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23 PTO Movie Night	24
	SCHOOLS CLOSED	2	3	4	5	
25	26 Parent / Teacher Conferences	27	28 Adams Advantage	29 Parent / Teacher Conferences	30	31
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Important Dates

Thursday, January 1st - Friday, January 2nd Schools Closed Winter Break

Monday, January 5th Quarter 3 Starts

Tuesday, January 6th PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 14th Adams Advantage

Monday, January 19th Schools Closed

Friday, January 23rd PTO Movie Night

Monday, January 26th Parent / Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, January 28th Adams Advantage

Thursday, January 29th Parent / Teacher Conferences

Communicating Student Progress

Report Cards & Parent-Teacher Conferences

Lincoln Board of Education states (Policy 6570) that "student progress will be reported formally to parents/guardians at least four times each year." Information about elementary student progress is reported in four areas:

- 1. Progress through district curriculum objectives.
- 2. Performance in assigned curriculum level.
- 3. Effort.
- 4. Use of effective learning or study skills.

At the end of each quarter, teachers summarize and communicate student progress to parents/guardians through the report card. It is also at this time that teachers analyze assessment information and review reading and math groups to determine whether or not students are placed at the appropriate instructional level. We know that for children to experience continuous growth and success in learning they must be working at an instructional level that will adequately challenge them. Because children learn in different ways and at different rates, it is important that we examine instructional placements on a regular basis and make adjustments based on students' needs. For these reasons, some children may move from one instructional group to another in order to meet their individual needs. This move could result in a change of teacher for reading or math instruction. Classroom teachers will notify parents/guardians if an instructional move is recommended.

Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled twice a year, typically during the first and third quarters of the school year. Please consult the calendar for conference dates. Parents with immediate questions about their child's academic progress are encouraged to contact the teacher at any time.



Communication

District-Wide School Messenger

This district-wide communication system allows schools to quickly send out school or district phone calls, texts or emails to families with important information. Please be sure the school has your updated phone number and email address so you can receive this information. School Messenger is used to notify families of emergency situations or school closings and to send out reminders about upcoming events or PLC Days.

Adams Advantage

The "Adams Advantage" contains announcements, information, specialist reports, school events, etc. Classroom teachers will send home regular communication to inform parents of current curriculum studies, upcoming events, classroom news, etc.

Adams Wednesday Folders

Typically, school news will be sent home via Wednesday folders. Please return the folder on Thursday. You are to return notes to your child's teacher via the folder. General information will be sent with the oldest child in the household attending Adams.

Community News

"Community News" is a newspaper distributed by Lincoln Public Schools, free to all elementary students the first week of every month from September through May. "Community News" replaces most informational flyers and can be used as a guide to community activities for students. The monthly school lunch menu is included in each issue of "Community News."

School Website

Information is regularly updated on our website: adams.lps.org

ParentVue

Parents may access communications, attendance information and more for their child through ParentVue. A "button" linking you to ParentVue can be found on our school website.

Facebook

Check out school happenings on our Facebook Page! "Like" us at www.facebook.com/adamsaviators



Mental and Behavioral Health Point of Contact

Your student's mental health is important to their academic success. If you have concerns about your student's mental or behavioral health, you can contact the social worker at your student's school/program. LPS social workers are licensed mental health practitioners and can help connect you to appropriate mental health or behavioral supports.

February 2026

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.	4	5	6	7
	1	2	3	4	5	
8	9	10	11 Adams Advantage	12	PTO Spring Party	14
15	SCHOOLS CLOSED	17 SCHOOLS CLOSED	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Important Dates

Tuesday, February 3rd PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 11th Adams Advantage

Friday, February 13th PTO Spring Party

Monday, February 16th
- Tuesday, February 17th
Schools Closed

Bullying

If you feel that peers are bullying your child, please contact your child's teacher or the building principal, Mr. Rust. All reported incidences of bullying/unsafe behavior will follow the protocol outlined in Lincoln Public Schools Board Policy 5482: Anti-Bullying Policy.

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school-aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time.

In order to be considered bullying, the behavior must include:

- Imbalance of Power: Kids who bully use their power—such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity—to control or harm others. Power imbalances can change over time and in different situations, even if they involve the same people.
- Repetition: Bullying behaviors happen more than once or have the potential to happen more than once.
- Hurtful aggressive physical and/or verbal behavior.

Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose.

As an added prevention piece, please discuss with your child adults in the building who they can talk to if they feel that they are being bullied or are in an unsafe situation. These people may include, but are not limited to, their teacher, the administrator, school counselor, school psychologist, school social worker or any other adult in the building that they have built a positive relationship with.

Students are taught about what bullying looks like and sounds like, along with how to advocate for themselves through the District's Second Step program.



March 2026

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.	4 Adams Advantage	5	Quarter 3 Ends	7
8	9 SCHOOLS CLOSED	10	1 11 SCHOOLS CLOSED	12	3 13 SCHOOLS CLOSED	14
15	16 Quarter 4 Starts	17 Cunningham School House: Holdsworth	Cunningham School House: Flodman	19 Cunningham School House: Ford	20 Cunningham School House: Olmsted	21
22	23 Cunningham School House: Kirchhoff	Cunningham School House: Hartwig	25 Adams Advantage	26	PTO Bingo Night	28
29	30	Field Trip: Kindergarten to Lincoln's Children Museum	Monday, March 23rd - I (Monday, April 27th - F NSCAS and NSCAS Alte Monday, March 23rd - I	riday, May 1st Make-Up rnate Science 5th Grac	o) le	

All procedures, guidelines and dates outlined in this document are subject to change, based on recommendations and directives issued by the Nebraska Department of Education, the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD), or other governing body.

Important Dates

Tuesday, March 3rd PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4th Adams Advantage

Friday, March 6th Quarter 3 Ends

Monday, March 9th - Friday, March 13th Schools Closed

Monday, March 16th Quarter 4 Starts

Tuesday, March 17th Cunningham School House: Holdsworth

Wednesday, March 18th

Cunningham
School House: Flodman

Thursday, March 19th Cunningham School House: Ford

Friday, March 20th Cunningham School House: Olmsted

Monday, March 23rd Cunningham School House: Kirchhoff

Tuesday, March 24th Cunningham School House: Hartwig

Wednesday, March 25th Adams Advantage

Friday, March 27th PTO Bingo Night

Tuesday, March 31st Field Trip: Kindergarten to Lincoln Children's Museum

Before-&-After School Care

Before and after school care is available to families at Adams School through the Family Service "School's Out" program. "School's Out" provides before-and after-school care for kindergarten through fifth grade students. Hours are 7:00–8:15 a.m. and 2:53–5:45 p.m. Please call **(402) 441-7949** for registration information and fee schedule.

Student Use of Telephone

Students will be permitted to call home regarding school matters after getting permission from the classroom teacher. Calls by students must be kept to a minimum, as there are a very limited number of phone lines in and out of school. Students are asked to make arrangements for participating in after-school activities or going home with a friend before arriving at school.

Birthdays

Classrooms recognize birthdays in a variety of ways. Students are not allowed to bring birthday treats (edible or non-edible). Invitations will not be distributed during the school day. Teachers should be notified ahead of time if a student has invitations to distribute after school. Phone numbers and address cannot be distributed by school personnel.

Nuisance Items

The possession of articles that disrupt the learning environment shall be considered nuisance items. They include such items as: extra money, toys, balls, toy weapons, comics, candy, gum, skateboards, roller blades, radios, cassette/CD players, iPods, cell phones, trading cards, etc. Students should NOT bring these items to school. Articles taken from students shall be returned directly to the parent/guardian at their request or to the student at the end of the school year, if the student requests them. Knives or any other items that might be considered a weapon are strictly prohibited and should NEVER be brought to school. Students who violate this rule could face suspension and/or expulsion from school, in accordance with state law.



After School Clubs & Activities

Throughout the school year, a variety of interest clubs and activities are sponsored by the Adams PTO. Club and registration information will be sent home with students. Additional activities available to students (some for only designated grade levels) include: chorus, band, and orchestra. Other clubs and activities may be organized to address special interests of students and staff.



Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DIBELS 8 Kindergarte Monday, April 20th - Fri (Monday, May 11th - Fr	n - 2nd Grade iday, May 8th iday, May 15th Make-U	p)	1	2	SCHOOLS CLOSED	4
5	SCHOOLS CLOSED	PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.	8	9	Field Trip: 4th Grade to National Monument	11
12	13	14	15 Adams Advantage	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Adams Advantage	30		

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Important Dates

Friday, April 3rd
- Monday, April 6th
Schools Closed

Tuesday, April 7th PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 10th Field Trip: 4th Grade to National Monument

Wednesday, April 15th Adams Advantage

Wednesday, April 29th Adams Advantage

The Adams Community

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Room Assignments

EARLY CHILDHOOD	THIRD GRADE	BAND	OT / PT
Danielle Rezac a.m115	Courtney Sedlacek141	Megan Manning-Kechely177	Holli Longe130
Morgan Barmore p.m 115	Courteney Yax142		Susan Van Brocklin130
Janene Harris115	Amy Hamilton 143	VOCAL MUSIC	
	Jenny Williamson144	lan Carnes175	INTERVENTION
KINDERGARTEN	Tyson Burr145		Tracy Ostrander140
Kaitlyn Oliveros101	Shelly Mitchell146	MEDIA	
Danielle Cathey102		Darcy Grabenstein131	ELL
Beth Jagadich103	FOURTH GRADE		Noelle Aden110
Maggie Logan104	Rebecca Olmsted 153	ART	Tracey Rittscher110
Nina Fischer111	Madison Hartwig154	Brenda Barnett150	Avery Fink113
	Penny Ford155		Rachel Kunz113
FIRST GRADE	Julie Kirchhoff156	P.E.	
Kristy Voigt112	Kim Flodman157	Jason Glines 170	PSYCHOLOGIST
Megan Ziemann114	Bradyn Holdsworth 158		Kelly Thieman131C
Ellie Nelson116		COMPUTER	
Cassie Krueger117	FIFTH GRADE	Mary Abebe152	COUNSELOR
Stacy Steffensmeier122	Sydney Lewicki164		Nicole Biles121
	Brielle O'Donnell165	RESOURCE	
SECOND GRADE	Heather Eigsti166	Madeline France 123	SOCIAL WORKER
Jenna Sunderman132	Mat May167	Maddie Hooper159/160	Delaney Bartling163
Michelle Eckman133	Becky Boyle168	Madison Schleicher 159/160	
Keri Keller134		Heylee Shields 123	GIFTED
Amber Novotny136	STRINGS		Jennifer Will163
Connie Hammond-Scheer 137	Cari-Lynn Wenstrand177	SPEECH	
		Morgan Burmeister130A	

Intent of Student Handbook

This handbook is intended to be used by students, families, and staff as a guide to the rules, and general information about Adams Elementary School. Each student is responsible for becoming familiar with the handbook and knowing the information contained within it. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to use this handbook as a resource and to assist their child in following the rules contained in this handbook.

Although information found in this handbook contains detailed and specific information on a variety of topics, the handbook is not intended to cover every situation and circumstance that may arise during any school day, or school year. This handbook does not create a "contract." The administration reserves the right to make decisions and rule revisions at any time to implement the educational program and to assure the well being of all students. The administration will be responsible for interpreting the rules contained in the handbook. Should the situation or circumstance arise that is not specifically covered in this handbook, the administration will make a decision based upon all applicable school district policies, and state and federal statutes and regulations.



Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	2	PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.	4	7	8	9 Color Run
10	11	12	13	14	Field Trip: 5th Grade to Arbor Day Farms	16
17	18	19	Field Day	Last Day of School 21 Sth Grade Recognition	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Important Dates

Tuesday, May 5th PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 9th Color Run

Friday, May 15th Field Trip: 5th Grade to Arbor Day Farms

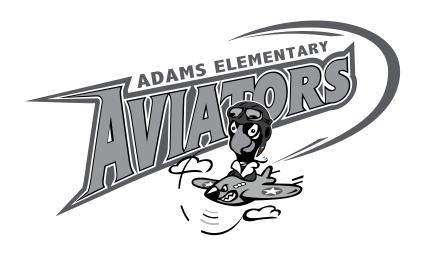
Wednesday, May 20th Field Day

Thursday, May 21st

- Last Day of School
- 5th Grade Recognition

2025 - 2026 Adams Elementary School Staff

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