



Dear Parents or Guardians,

The following are important items to keep in mind as you enjoy your summer vacation:

- ✦ **The first day of school for the 2015/2016 school year at Ada Schools will be August 24th, 2015.**
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- ✦ **The High School office will be closed from June 5^m to August 10th, 2015. Call the Superintendent's office at 419-634-6421 during this time period.**
- ✦ **Please contact the Superintendent's office ASAP if you are moving out of the district this summer, or if have an address or phone number change.**
- ✦ **School fees will be posted in August on the school's website, www.adabulldogs.org/ . Click on High School in the purple tool bar.**

Be prepared to pay school fees when coming for schedule pick up. Checks need to be made out to Ada Schools. If paying with cash, you must have the exact amount. Also, please do not include lunch money with school fees.
- ✦ **Remember the school's dress code when doing your back to school shopping. No short shorts or jeans with holes.**
- ✦ **Every student must obtain a physical before starting any sport practices.**

ALL JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL PICK UP SCHEDULES

Tuesday, August 18th, 2015 at the following times:

7 th and 8 th grade	8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
9 th and 10 th grade	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Office closed noon to 1:00 p.m.	
11 th and 12 th grade	1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Completed Emergency Medical Forms must be turned in at schedule pick-up. If you do not turn the Emergency Medical Form in at schedule pick-up, you WILL NOT receive your schedule. Please complete the form enclosed and bring with you to schedule pick-up. Also, if you have filled out and turned in an Emergency Medical Form to a coach, we will ask you to fill out one for our office. We are sorry for the inconvenience, but we cannot stress the importance enough of having an emergency medical form for your child on the first day of school.

REMINDER: Incoming 7th graders must have a TDAP vaccination prior to the start of the new school year. Proof of vaccination MUST be provided to pick up schedule.

Please plan to attend this year's ***Open House on Thursday evening, August 20th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.***, attending the Open House provides a wonderful opportunity to meet the teaching staff, visit classrooms, and locate lockers. **The high school office and guidance office will be closed on Friday, August 21st, 2015.**

Be safe. See you in August!

Mrs. Robin VanBuskirk

K-12 Principal, Ada Exempted Village School

**ADA EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS
2015-2016 OPENING ACTIVITIES AND OPEN HOUSE**

You are cordially invited to the Ada Exempted Village School annual Open House on **Thursday, August 20, 2015, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm**. The first day of school for students will be **Monday, August 24, 2015**, with a full day planned for Grades 1-12. School will begin each day at 8:35 am for all students. Kindergarten orientation will be held on August 24th & 25th. Kindergarten students will begin school on a staggered start schedule beginning August 24th. Dismissal will be at 3:30 pm for all students, with the exception of town students in grades kindergarten, one, two and three, who will be dismissed at 3:10 pm.

All parents of students *new* to the Ada School District are urged to contact their respective school office if they have not already registered their child(ren): Grades K-6 (419-634-2341) and grades 7-12 (419-634-2746).

Kindergarten students (and first grade students who have not already done so) must have completed their immunization program before the opening day of school. State law requires that no pupil shall be permitted to remain in school for more than 14 days unless he or she has been immunized against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, varicella, hepatitis B, pertussis, tetanus, rubeola, and rubella, or is in the process of being immunized. If a pupil's parent or guardian objects to the immunization for a good cause, including religious convictions, the child is not required to be immunized, but parent or guardian must present a written statement.

State law also requires that all 7th grade students must have a tetanus booster (Tdap or Td) before they attend classes on the first day of school, August 24, 2015.

All immunizations are offered at the Hardin County Department of Health.

BUILDING ADMINISTRATORS

Mrs. Robin VanBuskirk, K-12 Principal

Mr. Dan Lee, Assistant Principal

Mr. Ben Thaxton, Assistant Principal

ELEMENTARY STAFF

Secretary: Alane Collins

Kindergarten: Bridgette Jones, Stacey Klingler, and Kim Smittle

First Grade: Melissa Gossard, Rachel Ludwig, Heather Etgen and Susan Stuart

Second Grade: Cindy Boehm, Christa Preston, Kyleigh Whitsel, Meghan Harmon

Third Grade: Brittany Daniels, Sherri Burnett

Third/Fourth Grade: Julie Butterfield and Julie Stavenger

Fourth Grade: Theresa Salyer and Deone Rieman

Fifth Grade: Chris Sautter, Julie Burris and Bethany Daft

Sixth Grade: Kim Guagenti, Kristie Reichert, and TBA

Art: Kristie Steiner

Physical Education: Jill Laughlin

Title I Reading Intervention: Arlene Allison, Brittany Lee and Debbie Poling

Special Education: Sheila Hughes, Gwen Jochims, Stefani Koontz, Elizabeth Vogt, Cristin St. Laurent

Vocal Music: Abigail Glenn (grade 6) and Tabitha McPeeks (grades 1-5)

Instrumental Music: Tabitha McPeeks (grade 5) and Jonathan Lischak (grade 6)

Technology Lab: Barth Montel

Teacher Aides: Mary Garver, Valerie Hall, Janelle Hoschak, Amy Stover, Rebecca Maris and Jean Stavenger

Elementary Library Aide: Linda Dysert

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STAFF

Secretaries: Andy Pifer and Angie Hall

English 10, 12, and Communications: Melody Veltri

English 9, 11 and 12AP: David Ames

Reading/Language Arts 8 and Yearbook: Anna Yoakam

Reading/Language Arts 7: William Faine

French: Karen Schaffner

Spanish: Sarah Davis

Math: Rachel Temple, Joshua Klein and Jeffrey Hunt

Math 8: Julie Thaxton

Math 7: Shawn Christopher

Science: Dave Lusk and Christina Bowden

Science 7 & 8: Alayne Schrock

Social Studies: Ken Jochims and Kristin Salyer

Social Studies 8 and 7: Michael Styer
Business: Neal Dumbaugh
Technology: Kurt Klingler
Health and Physical Education: Bob Olwin
Physical Education: Jill Laughlin
Vocal Music 7-12: Abigail Glenn
Instrumental Music (Grades 7 through 12): Jonathan Lischak
Art and Ceramics: Gary Wells
Art: Kristie Steiner
Vocational Agriculture: Tony Dyer
Special Education: Tyler Craig, Elizabeth Vogt, Sean Anderson and Sheila Hughes

Also serving the school district

Gifted Education: Suzanne Hardesty
School Psychologist: TBA
Guidance Counselor 9-12: Erinn Prater
Guidance Counselor K-8: Tracy Breidenbach
Media Specialist: Chanda Smith
Athletic Director: Ken Jochims
School Nurse: Marlene Vermillion
Speech and Hearing Therapist: Sherry Miller

WORKBOOKS

Workbooks for 7-12th grade students will be purchased through the school for those classes requiring workbooks. Middle School and High School fees are determined based on grade and if courses scheduled have fees attached. Elementary workbook fees are as follows: Kindergarten \$65.00; First Grade \$47.00; Second Grade \$51; Third Grade \$82.00; Fourth Grade \$62.00; Fifth Grade \$54.00; and Sixth Grade \$52.00. Both the high school and elementary offices will have the complete list of fees. *School fees may be paid during Open House.*

CAFETERIA Cafeteria Manager - Ann Hersey

Cafeteria Staff: Susan Baughman, Pam Evans, Kelly Kloeppe, Amy Sheldon, Angie Wurst and Rebecca Maris.
The cafeteria will be in operation on Monday, August 24, 2015 and every school day thereafter. Lunches will be **\$2.00** for students in *Grades K-5* and **\$2.25** for *Grades 6-12*. Students may pay daily as they go through the cafeteria line *or* have their lunch account debited. *Cafeteria staff will be available at Open House for parents to make a deposit to their child's lunch account.* Students will be advised when their account has a low balance. Ada Schools will be participating in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. Forms will be available during Open House and also sent home with elementary students on the first day of school. Information concerning this program will be available at **Open House on Thursday, August 20, 2015.** *(The USDA is an equal opportunity employer.)*

MAINTENANCE/TRANSPORTATION Maintenance/Transportation Manager – Michael Lenhart

Custodial Staff – Scott Hall, Leland Crouse, Jane Donley, Rod Dysert, Doug Miller, Dave Salyer, and Matthew Waugh
Transportation Staff - Chris Christopher, Jean Conley, Marie Gossman, Eileen Risser, and Sharon Shaw

BUS ROUTES

Transportation to and from school will be provided for children in **Kindergarten** thru **Grade 6** who live in the following areas *within* the Corporation limits:

- A. South of the railroad
- B. North of the railroad and east of SR 235; and
- C. North of SR 81 and west of SR 235
- D. **Grades K-12 south of Lima Avenue**

Transportation to and from school will be provided for children in **Kindergarten** through **Grade 12** who live outside the Corporation limits. Transportation *may* be provided to and/or from a babysitter, on a permanent or long-term basis, for **Grades K-8**.

Students are requested to be ready *approximately ten (10) minutes early on opening day.* Students will be scheduled for busing based on their home address. Any changes in pick-up or drop-off must be requested in writing and approved by the transportation supervisor. Parents are reminded that students will go home their regular way unless a written note is received indicating a change and received prior to 2:00 p.m. during the school year.

Bus drivers and pick-up times are as follows:

Bus 1 – Eileen Risser	Approximate first pickup time	7:15 am
Bus 2 – Sharon Shaw	Approximate first pickup time	7:15 am
Bus 7 – Chris Christopher	First pickup time <i>Apollo</i>	7:20 am
Bus 5 – Marie Gossman	Approximate first pickup time	7:15 am
Bus 8 - Jean Conley	Approximate first pickup time	7:15 am

The bus transporting the Apollo Career Center students will leave from the Vocational Agriculture Building at 7:20 am each morning and will leave Apollo when classes are dismissed in the afternoon and return to Ada. These students must furnish their own transportation to the Ada School each morning. However, they may ride the rural buses home each evening if they wish. Students are to meet in front of the VoAg Building each morning.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF

Parents driving student(s) to and from school, are to drop-off students in the front of the school directly off of State Route 81. Students will enter through the front doors (north side) of the building. Students should not be dropped off before 8:15 am, as doors will be locked prior to this time. We ask for your cooperation in this matter to help keep our students safe.

STAY ALERT ON SCHOOL DELAYS/CLOSINGS

Ada Schools offer text or email alert services in the event of school delays and/or cancellations. To sign-up, visit our website and select "Sign-up for text/email alerts" under the quick link column on the right side. If you have problems or need assistance in signing up, call the school offices for assistance.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Tara Griffith, President; Ron Fleming, Vice President; Thomas Dearth; Michael Elliott and Jennifer Hiester. Christy Beaschler serves as Treasurer for the district, Cami Nichelson as Assistant to the Treasurer, and GiGi Fetter is the Executive Secretary in the Central Office.

The Ada Schools website is adabulldogs.org and we invite parents to visit to find a wealth of information including the following: district calendar listing various school activities, lunch menus as well as your student's lunch account balance (password required), bus request form, and many other informational items.

We look forward to seeing you at our District-wide Open House on Thursday, August 20, 2015, and our students as they arrive on the first day of school, **Monday, August 24th!**

Sincerely,



Dr. Suzanne Darmer
Superintendent of Schools