



John Adams Middle School  
**The Messenger**  
January 2007



## Principal's Corner

The holiday season is past and we are now into the New Year. I have had a time to reflect on what has happened at John Adams since school started and there have been many significant things. Some of these are:

-While our enrollment has increased, currently at 1132, the number of office referrals has decreased.

-Many of our students are taking advantage of the opportunities provided to them.

-John Adams received word that we made appropriate yearly progress for 2006.

-Our mentor/mentee program is engaging students in learning and being more involved at school.

-The staff at John Adams are working hard to meet the needs of your child so they can achieve success.

-There are many others as well.....

A recent article in the [Post Bulletin](#) spoke of the achievement gap that exists in Rochester schools. There is such a gap at John Adams but we are working to address it so all our students

will achieve their fullest potential. If we are to be successful in closing this gap, we need to work together. We will provide opportunities for your child to be successful, and need your assistance in encouraging them to take advantage of these opportunities. You will find a listing of ways your child can access additional help in another section of this newsletter.

I am looking forward to working with you as we strive to meet the educational needs of our students. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 285-8845 or at [rjones@rochester.k12.mn.us](mailto:rjones@rochester.k12.mn.us)

Sincerely,

Richard Jones  
Principal

## **8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Grade** **Registration** **Dates:**

January 16<sup>th</sup> – JM Counselors come to JA 8<sup>th</sup> grade math classrooms  
January 22<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night at John Marshall's Illstrup Auditorium, 6:30 pm  
January 23<sup>rd</sup> – 801 Registration forms due in Math classes  
January 24<sup>th</sup> – 802 Registration forms due in Math classes

## Students of the Month – December

### 601

Alec McGinn  
Alyssa Erickson  
Aaron Grad  
Katelyn Tran  
Celine Durgin  
Alexander Amundson  
Samuel Bellows  
Sarah Owens  
Katrina Bennick

### 602

Coltan Jacobson  
Grace Allen  
My Linh Huynh  
Madeline Maas  
Brianna England  
Reina Oweke  
Alec Zeigler  
Eldina Latic

### 603

Mitchai Tankhamvang  
Kristen Erickson  
Bryton Dahl  
Ainsley Reibow  
Tanner Barlow  
David Keith  
Alicia Karls

### 701

Ayan Aden  
Izabelle Kelly  
Bailey Eve  
Meekaala Reynolds  
Ryan Williamson  
Brian Daniels  
Matt Freiburger

### 702

Nicole Perez-Marquez  
Monica Pech  
Kierstyn Hansen

Logan Upmann  
Mustafa Ahmed  
Jaimen Wilson

**801**

Jessica Sands  
Nicole Miller  
Elizabeth Pankratz  
Vickie Northrup  
Sam May  
Ashley Acevedo

**802**

Duncan Gichimu  
Kristin Poe  
Chris Gutierrez  
Will Hempy  
Senia Lee  
Nickita Woltman  
Kayla Saari

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**Grade 6**

Tarek Abdelqader,  
Ekram Abdullahi,  
Ahmed Ahmed,  
Kourtni Alcock,  
Grace Allen,  
Alexander Amundson,  
Allison Axtell,  
Tanner Barlow,  
Andrew Barnes,  
Samuel Bellows,  
Stacey Bornholdt,  
Alexander Brown,  
James Casazza,  
Alexander Cheng,  
Dylan Cota,  
Nicholas Cox,  
Amarendra Desai,  
Gunner Drossel,  
Celine Durgin,  
Samantha Ellis,  
Alyssa Erickson,  
Kristen Erickson,  
Rebecca Erickson,  
Nathan Evan,  
Alexander Fathie,  
Erik Franklin,

Madelaine Glaeser,  
Christine Gorman,  
Aaron Grad,  
Rezon Hall,  
Nathanial Handahl,  
James Hanly,  
Hannah Harens,  
Anna Hicok,  
Paul Holthaus,  
My-Linh Huynh,  
Isaac Iverson,  
Nathaniel Johnson,  
Jack Kall,  
Lauren Kalwasinski,  
Alicia Karls,  
Dallas Kennedy,  
Jeremiah Khamda,  
Rachinny Khan,  
Shoaib Khan,  
Sunny Lai,  
Seo Young Lee,  
Sarah Leichty,  
Alexis Luedtke,  
Madeline Maas,  
Alec McGinn,  
Melissa McMaster,  
Katerina Melnikova,  
Rayyan Mikati,  
Brandon Movall,  
Thomas Mulvey,  
Alexander Ness,  
Phuong Nhi Nguyen,  
Lane Nicolay,  
Catherine Northrup,  
Kathryn Ollenburg,  
Ashlan Olson,  
Larsen Orchard,  
Mayura Ouk,  
Sarah Owens,  
Brooke Posivio,  
Ethan Pottebaum,  
Lauren Reuland,  
Anna Riester,  
Allison Round,  
Emily Sands,  
Gavin Sandwick,  
Ryan Santee,  
Damien Sara,  
Marissa Schmidt,  
Savannah Seeger,  
Herchran Singh,  
Samantha So,  
Kaelyn St James,  
Allison Stahr,  
Benjamin Stevens,  
Kennedy Stewart,

Hannah Tamminga,  
Kelli Tobin,  
Katelyn Tran,  
Lauren Tubbs,  
Janek Walker,  
Leah Ward,  
Ashley Weyer,  
Kaitlyn Zander,  
Elia Zanella,  
Alec Ziegler

**Grade 7**

Logan Adair,  
Hashina Akther,  
Alyssa Alward,  
Matthew Amert,  
Kyle Andrews,  
Marissa Angus,  
Brianna Axtell,  
Breeann Behne,  
William Belch,  
Noelle Bellows,  
Nealle Blohm,  
Rebecca Boldt,  
Jacob Brewer,  
Matthew Broman,  
Shannon Brown,  
Jared Bruggeman,  
Jordan Bruggeman,  
Leyla Budimlic,  
Marcus Buehler,  
Theresa Bui,  
Megan Byrne,  
Eduardo Cabral,  
Alvin Chanhthee,  
Evan Christianson,  
Heidi  
Christofferson,  
Elyssa Clavell,  
Adrienne Curtis,  
Boris Cvijetinovic,  
Matthew Cyr,  
Elizabeth Daede,  
Alex Dahl,  
Brian Daniels,  
Abigail Devine,  
Lindsey Dufner,  
Michelle Eberhard,  
Hannah Eckerman,  
Kathryn Eckerman,  
Sarah Eckerman,  
Nathan Ekhooff,  
Logain Elnimeiry,  
Katelyn Erickson,  
Bailey Eve,

LeeAnna Fabin,  
Landon Farrell,  
Kayla Fieck,  
Laura Fisher,  
Joshua Frei,  
Zachary Fuenning,  
Alexander Galvan,  
Emily Gross,  
Kelsey Hansen,  
Susan Hansen,  
Miriam Hanson,  
Taryn Hardyman,  
Senita Hars,  
Elizabeth Hazard,  
Laura Herbers,  
Aaron Herman,  
Christian  
Hermansen,  
Ryan Hill,  
Charlene Hoag,  
Dylon Jamison,  
Bryan Johnson,  
Katherine Johnson,  
Spencer Johnson,  
Lennon Jordan,  
Elizabeth  
Jorgenson,  
Jennifer Kall,  
Jacob Kirsch,  
Kei Kojima,  
Kendal Kolb,  
Bryan Kotschevar,  
Nicole Kraushaar,  
Jared Kristo,  
Erik Krueger,  
Justin Kuntz,  
Ryan Lakin,  
Ashley Lambert,  
Zachary Lauinger,  
Amanda League,  
Gyu-Jung Lee,  
Katie Lee,  
Jordan Loague,  
Morgan McBride,  
Taylor McComb,  
Ashley McGowan,  
Andrew Miller,  
Matthew Muroya,  
Jesse Neumann,  
Ngoc-Tram Nguyen,  
Ryan Nicolay,  
Tanner Nimke,  
Cassandra Pappas,  
Jordyn Peterson,  
Hannah Porter,  
Joshua Rackham,  
Philip Remick,

Keaton Riley,  
Barbara Rokke,  
Ashley Sadauskis,  
Emily Sadecki,  
Tony Sadiku,  
Kjirsten Savage,  
Jayden Schuster,  
Alexander Skrukrud,  
Bektu Solomon,  
Lekha Somashekar,  
Kayla Steffl,  
Brock Stevens,  
Alexa Sundeen,  
Nuy Ta,  
Kristina Taraba,  
Julie Thelen,  
Cynthia Turner,  
Jenna Tuseth,  
Logan Upmann,  
Laura Van Vooren,  
Danh Vo,  
Christopher Vrabel,  
Michael Vrabel,  
Leah Walkky,  
Rebecca Watson,  
Sean Wickman,  
Ryan Williamson,  
Rachel Yadlosky

### **Grade 8**

Mohomed Abdullahi,  
Christian  
Abhayaratna,  
Benjamin Anklan,  
Katherine  
Armstrong,  
Sarah Armstrong,  
Alicia Babler,  
Karissa Beilke,  
Katelyn Benavidez,  
Andrew Benner,  
Christopher Bram,  
Michael Braun,  
Kristine Brown,  
Marissa Bruesewitz,  
Caitlyn Burke,  
Christian Cassman,  
Daniel Chihak,  
Jon Comisky,  
Krishan Desai,  
Cole Doblar,  
Nijhum Dutta,  
Mohamed ElSheikh,  
Madeleine Fiksdal,  
Katie Fuoss,  
Conner Garrett,  
Duncan Gichimu,

Bridget Graves,  
Jennifer Grunewald,  
Jacob Guthmiller,  
Sophia Hackman,  
Katherine Haddock,  
Dylan Hardyman,  
Brandon Hasley,  
Molly Hauschild,  
William Hempy,  
Hunter Henke,  
Nicole Henning,  
Lauren Hicok,  
Conner Holthaus,  
Melanie Jensen,  
Tori Kee,  
Katie Klingsporn,  
Senia Lee,  
Kelsey Macken,  
Mahamad Os Mahamad-  
Osman,  
Asmahan Malow,  
Samuel May,  
Ihab Mikati,  
Megan Milbrandt,  
Kayla Miller,  
Nicole Miller,  
Tiffany Mueller,  
Amber Murrell,  
Nishant Nayar,  
Alisha Nelson,  
Eric Nelson,  
Victoria Northrup,  
Vera Novitskaia,  
Apiew Ojulu,  
Rebecca Oldenburg,  
Caitlyn Pahl,  
Elizabeth Pankratz,  
Sydney Parks,  
Andrew Pettengill,  
Ngoc Pham-Trinh,  
Kristin Poe,  
Brooklyn Ponto,  
Brian Reuland,  
Emily Ripley,  
Adam Roerish,  
Jessica Round,  
Snigdha Roy,  
Kayla Saari,  
Jessica Sands,  
Hannah Sandstrom,  
Alexander  
Schroeder,  
Seth Scott,  
Garrett Shok,  
Lindsey Simon,  
Sarah Stevens,  
Megan Swayze,

Kendra Tilley,  
Emilie Tobin,  
Thanh Truong,  
Adwait Walimbe,  
Samuel Watson,  
Stephanie Winter,  
Nickita Woltman,  
Krystina Yang,  
Ryan Yetzer

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Zeinab Abdelhai,  
Shukri Abdulahi,  
Jamal Abukar,  
Amal Aden,  
Blaine Akerson,  
Emily Alexander,  
Tierra Aljets,  
Ian Allen,  
Emily Anderson,  
John Arachtingi,  
Brittany Arthur,  
Almedin Bajramovic,  
Ayvree Baker,  
Haley Bartsch,  
Adam Beilke,  
Katrina Bennick,  
Alora Bessette,  
Aletha Boldon,  
Devan Borene,  
Michael Bosshart,  
Lanaea Bowie,  
Almedina Brkic,  
Jacqueline Buringa,  
Talyr Burt,  
Logan Bush,  
John Butrum,  
Brianna Candler,  
Alissa Carryer,  
Kelly Chantee,  
Jennifer Cheng,  
Emily Clark,  
Vashawn Collins,  
Cassandra Curry,  
Bryton Dahl,  
Allison Day,  
Taylor-Charles  
Dean,

Anthony  
DeLosSantos,  
Michael Demarino,  
Kaila DeRoche,  
Alex Doblal,  
Skylar Doll,  
Ashley Eaton,  
Grant Eckhoff,  
Brianna England,  
Cody Ewing,  
Nasteho Farah,  
Bryce Fenlon,  
Kirsten Fieck,  
Allison Fitschen,  
Bryan Flanagan,  
Kevin Fongnuan,  
Rebekah Frost,  
Stuart Gaskell,  
Patrik Gilley,  
Austin Giordano,  
Diana Gomez,  
Kellie Gossman,  
Jason Grant,  
Shelby Greer,  
Nicole Grinstead,  
Samantha Hafften,  
Max Harrison,  
Ashley Hart,  
Hunter Heightland,  
Elizabeth Heilskov,  
Mitchell Hertel,  
Hayden Herzog,  
Molly Hewitt,  
Ryan Holman,  
Coltan Jacobson,  
Peter Jada,  
Scott Jaycox,  
Jordan Jensen,  
Haley Jochum,  
Ashley Johnson,  
Beda Johnson,  
Braeden Johnson,  
Anna Katusky,  
Maxwell Kazemba,  
David Keith,  
John Kidd,  
Matthew Killinger,  
Claire Kingsley,  
Leah Klompenhower,  
Katherine Knetter,  
Sarah Kohman,  
Benjamin Kriegel,  
Katie Kubat,  
Cody Kunkel,  
Lanse Kyle,  
Tina Lado,

Shelby Lambert,  
Eldina Latic,  
Alexis Leathes,  
Blair Lebeck,  
Isiah Lecea,  
Haley Lenz,  
Isaac Levorson,  
JT Leyba,  
Joseph Loftus,  
Anna Lopatina,  
Alexander Lovett,  
Jorge Loyo,  
James Maha,  
Morgan Malibago,  
Nicholas Marolt,  
William Marquart,  
Alija Mehadzic,  
Erin Meyers,  
Riley Mickelson,  
Austin Moen,  
Ryan Moger,  
Mohamud Mohamed,  
Mitchell Monson,  
Timothy Moore,  
Kelsey Morehouse,  
Stephanie Mueller,  
Adnan Mustic,  
Andrew Nelson,  
Erin OKeefe,  
Victoria Olivarez,  
Perla Olivas,  
Tyler Olsson,  
Majid Omar,  
Brian Omwange,  
Jacob Otto,  
George Ovalle,  
Reina Owecke,  
Nicholas Paulson,  
Devin Pearse,  
Dustin Peskey,  
Haley Peterson,  
Michael Phachanh,  
Kelly Pham,  
Amanda Pirius,  
Brianna Posivio,  
Evan Powell,  
Nicholas Price,  
Dylan Prinzing,  
David Prom,  
Allison Radke,  
Mackenzie  
Rahmenfuehrer,  
Brendan Rasinski,  
Tyler Rasmussen,  
Elizabeth Ratz,  
Zachary Resendiz,  
Ainsley Riebow,

Levi Riness,  
Conner Rippie,  
Mackenzie Roberts,  
Xavier Robinson,  
Austin Rousu,  
Katelyn Rushton,  
Violet Ruvalcaba,  
Barrett Sawyer,  
Courtney Schroeder,  
Allison Schumacher,  
Lane Scott,  
Najma Sharif,  
Nathan Sifferath,  
Mesa Sigrist,  
Sarah Skinner,  
Montana Smith,  
Cole Springer,  
Katherine Staige,  
Mackenzie Stock,  
Cody Strain,  
Mitchai  
Tankhamvang,  
Randy Tankhamvang,  
Jared Tanner,  
Joseph Taylor,  
Elizabeth Tep,  
Brittany Terrell,  
Trevor Terry,  
Chase Tilley,  
Antonija Totic,  
Meggan Tuinstra,  
Cody Twachtmann,  
Chase Urness,  
D'Von Vanderbilt,  
Dominic Vang,  
Nicole Vilaysone,  
Stephanie Vutha,  
Kayla Wallace,  
Alexandra Welsh,  
Kyle Wieseler,  
Brooklyn Williams,  
Samantha Williams,  
Jackson Wilson,  
Keenan Windmueller,  
Zachary Winter,  
Kor Yang,  
Sovanna Yim,  
Hanki Yoo,  
Cecilia Zimmerman

**Grade 7**

Garrett Aakre,  
Damilola Adebayo,  
Ayan Aden,  
Luis Aguilera  
Cendejas,  
Mustafa Ahmed,

Najib Ahmed,  
Kyle Ahrenstorff,  
Riley Amy,  
Jaxon Antolak,  
Tia Arleth,  
Scott Arndt,  
Kori Atkinson,  
Celina Au,  
Bishoy Barsoum,  
Jacob Bell,  
Timothy Benson,  
Kaitlyn Bjorngaard,  
Joseph Boettcher,  
Tanesha Breaker,  
Marandamae Brennan,  
Alladin Budimlic,  
Tara Buss,  
David Calmes,  
Colin Casella,  
Amber Cederholm,  
Michael Cha,  
Nyaduoeth Chan,  
Zaknafien Chase,  
Meola Cheak,  
Ameririta Chhunn,  
Sara Chicos,  
Hannah Church,  
Anna Clark,  
Taylor Crom-Strand,  
Vishvesh Dave,  
William Davis,  
Manuela Debacker,  
Michaela Dexter,  
Emily Dillhunt,  
Hamsitha  
Dontamsetty,  
Derek Eaker,  
Mckenzie Eggert,  
Breanna Englund,  
Zackory Erickson,  
Nicholas  
Fallenstein,  
Kira Ferguson,  
Brittini Fieseler,  
Jordan Finch,  
Caleb Flatten,  
Tyler Foegen,  
Theodore Folkerts,  
Matthew Freiburger,  
Tyler Galde,  
Sophia Goodner,  
Preston Graves,  
Susie Han,  
Kierstyn Hansen,  
Lauren Hart,  
Megan Haynes,  
Nicholas Hengel,

Michelle Henslin,  
Colton Herman,  
Marcus Hickey,  
Jessica Holmes,  
James Howland,  
Guicai Huang,  
Nadia Idiris,  
Ramla Islaw,  
Cassandra Jacobson,  
Joseph Jensen,  
Alyssa Johnson,  
Michael Johnson,  
Michael  
Kalwasinski,  
Kathryn Kazos,  
Izabelle Kelly,  
Hannah Kennedy,  
Alec Keyser,  
Ahmed Khan,  
Emilee Knudsen,  
Eyalorde Koroma,  
Brandon Koster,  
Kenneth Krim,  
Linda Kropmicha,  
Laurence Kuisle,  
Suzi Lado,  
Joseph Laivell,  
Holly Larson,  
Khang Le,  
Payton Lee,  
Rachel Lehman,  
Madison Leverentz,  
Jonathan Machutt,  
Jason Macken,  
Amanda Mayberry,  
Joshua McConnell,  
Alyssa Michal,  
Jessie Miller,  
Nicole Mock,  
Omar Mohamed,  
Amy Moir,  
Yousef Mossaad,  
Jonah Mueller,  
Arnel Mujanovic,  
Emily Na,  
Eli Newberg,  
Joel Newberg,  
Peter Nguyen,  
Steven Odegarden,  
Kala Olevson,  
Christina Onsy,  
Cody Pape,  
Ashley Parker,  
Dana Parkhurst,  
Anna Passe,  
Monica Pech,

Nicole Peloquin,  
Ryan Petersen,  
Zachary Petersen,  
Emily Pihart,  
Jack Plantin,  
Kadri Plott,  
Matthew Potaracke,  
Christyn Price,  
Katherine Ragan,  
Kaushik Ramesh,  
Emily Raveling,  
Kayte Regan,  
Ryan Renaux,  
Meekaala Reynolds,  
Elizabeth Rime,  
Theodore Ringhofer,  
Jake Rogers,  
William Russell,  
Jamie Schacht,  
Caitlin Schiefert,  
Michael Schroeder,  
Quinlynn Schultz,  
Miranda Schumann,  
James Schuster,  
Levi Schweigert,  
Hannah Schwieters,  
Mason Settell,  
Aleck Sim,  
Charles Smith,  
Jordyn Smith,  
Samantha Smith,  
Lauren Sobotta,  
Kali Starkson,  
Logan Stewart,  
Tyler Stokes,  
Chalane Tanner,  
Peakkdy Tham,  
Lucky Thepsombath,  
Aaron Torres,  
Hollind VanEijl,  
Heather VanGuilder,  
Benjamin Wageman,  
Meghan Walter,  
Vincent Welder,  
Rachael Wenzel,  
Jacob Wilder

**Grade 8**

Ashley Acevedo,  
Najmo Ahmed,  
Kathryn Anderson,  
Kassidy Andrist,  
Jennifer Anklan,  
Gabriel Baker,  
Meredith Baker,  
Erin Barlow,

Nathan Bigelow,  
Micah Block,  
Paul Blomgren,  
Alexander Borwege,  
Jacob Bosshart,  
Lacey Brannick,  
Natasha Brockway,  
Andrew Bromberg,  
Cole Bublitz,  
Monique Bush,  
Martin Caride,  
Tyler Chapman,  
Edgar Chavira,  
Isiah Christiansen,  
Brandon Conway,  
Chelsey Crowley,  
Micheal Crowley,  
Vincent Danh,  
Daniel Dearth,  
Trevor Ellingson,  
Cadie Engelking,  
Anthony Erickson,  
Brent Erickson,  
Zachary Ewing,  
Nicole Fabian,  
Chelsee Feuerhelm,  
Thomas Foley,  
Samantha Fuller,  
Allison Gangelhoff,  
Casey Giordano,  
Donald Grad,  
Joel Grimm,  
Faisal Guled,  
Christopher  
Gutierrez,  
Dalton Haas,  
Samantha Hansen,  
Benjamin Harper,  
Alexis Harrison,  
Emily Hayes,  
Brianna Herrick,  
Samantha Hertel,  
Semuel Hong,  
Connor Janisch,  
Rachel Jeske,  
Brittany Jeter,  
Amal Jeylani,  
Anthony Johnson,  
Richard Johnson,  
Brianna Kasey,  
Collin Kelley,  
Megan Kingsley,  
Reed Klompenhower,  
Julia Kranz,  
Keera Krauss,  
Travis Krukow,  
Meghann Kuhlman,

Jennie Laabs,  
Kaitlyn Laugen,  
Nicholas  
Letourneau,  
Darryn Liedl,  
Kelsey Link,  
Wyatt Loague,  
Eric Mackey,  
Patrick McGee,  
Ann McNaughton,  
Kyle Meek-Nelson,  
Evan Mitchell,  
Mohamed Mohamed,  
Patricia Molus,  
Ryan Muehe,  
Tessa Muehe,  
Alex Nelson,  
Alyssa Nelson,  
Mitchell Ness,  
Aljosa Pantovich,  
Ryan Pearson,  
Matthew Pelfrey,  
Amber Plower,  
Jerome Price-  
Grimmage,  
Trisha Radke,  
Jacob Refsland,  
Bryce Regimbal,  
Caitlin Rinnhofer,  
Britney Roberson,  
Thane Robinson,  
Ryan Rushton,  
Sean Samson,  
Wyatt Sander,  
Anthony Schliesman,  
Brianna Schumacker,  
Sanjeev Sekar,  
Abdi Shido,  
Alexandria  
Shumaker,  
Shermarke Siad,  
Sara Spavin,  
Courtney Taylor,  
Jeffrey Thompson,  
Maximillan Topic,  
Haris Velic,  
Justice Ward,  
Mikayla Ward,  
Kelli Wilson,  
Patrick Windish,  
Karolyn Wood,  
Amber Ylvisaker,  
Jaehyun Yoo

## From the reading department.....

Check out the online newsletter **Reading Connection**, a parent resource designed to help all students improve their reading skills, available in both English and Spanish.

**Encourage your student to read.** The teachers at John Adams recommend reading a minimum of 30 minutes per day. Some students need a page goal (20 pages) rather than a time goal. If a student struggles with reading, more than 30 minutes a day of independent reading is recommended.

### Resources:

-John Adams Media Center Website (Look under "Reading lists")  
<http://www.rochester.k12.mn.us/school103/mediacenter>

-Visit the Rochester Public Library.  
[www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org](http://www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org)

-Book Adventure is a free reading motivation program for children in grades K-8. Children create their own book lists from over 6,000 recommended titles. Book Adventure was created by and is sponsored by Sylvan Learning. Parents/guardians can access this site at:  
[www.bookadventure.org](http://www.bookadventure.org)

-Another great web resource that provides "Books of the Week" and

other helps for finding a great book:  
[www.genrefluent.com](http://www.genrefluent.com)

### John Adams Middle School offers many supports for students and parents/guardians:

-Parents and students may use the rSchool web pages to learn what assignments are being assigned in the classroom. Each teacher posts assignments on this Internet site.

-Parents may sign up for Agile, another computer program, which gives them access to their student's grades at any time.

-Students may stay after school Monday through Thursday at the Learning Success Lab. A certified teacher is available to help with homework. The student stays as long as he/she wants to; it's a "drop-in" style of help. Students leave when their ride is there to pick them up. A late bus is available.

-Students may sign up to attend Saturday School on certain Saturday mornings. Again, teachers are there to help the students with their work.  
-Students may get individual help from any teacher, by appointment, before and after school.

-All students may receive individual help during their advisory period. Many special area teachers (reading, ESOL, Spec.

Ed...) are also available for individual tutoring during advisory time.

-Students may be enrolled in a reading class. LA/Linguistics is offered to Middle School students who are 2 or more years below grade level. Reading 8 (a semester class which replaces Spanish) is offered to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who are slightly below grade level. Both classes teach study skills and reading skills. Test scores, parent request, school performance, and teacher recommendation are all taken into consideration as these classes are filled.

-Most importantly, we have competent and caring teachers and support personnel here at JA. Our staff cares about your student and wants the best for him/her.

### Parents/guardians can support their student at home:

-Many parents set up a quiet space and undisturbed time for their child to do homework and/or read at home each night.

-Parents can communicate with the teachers and can also teach their child to seek help when it is needed.

-Parents can read with their child at any age. The newspaper is a great choice in middle school.

## PTSA News



### Wendy's Community Night

The next Wendy's Community Night will be held on January 11th, 2007 from 5:00 pm - 8:00pm at **Wendy's Rochester North Restaurant** located at 5530 E. Frontage Road. Mark your calendar and pass the word. Bring all your family, friends and neighbors. This is a great way to support your PTSA and fund many of the special projects throughout the year.

Thank you,  
Patty Arndt

## MUSIC NOTES

### 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Choral Concerts

The John Adams 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choruses will present their Winter Concerts on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007. The concert will be held in the JA Auditorium beginning at 7:00 with the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus will follow. Any parents wishing to coordinate a gathering celebration following the concert please contact Mr.

Savage. Your students are working on several pieces and I am pleased with their progress. Please come and hear them sing! The public is invited and admission is free. The concert is a required part of your students class work and is a major portion of their quarter grade, please make sure they attend. 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be done by 7:30, you and your student are welcome to stay and hear the 8<sup>th</sup> graders, if seating space is available. 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be done by 8:00. Feel free to come and talk to Mr. Savage after the concert!

#### Dress Code:

Chorus members should wear black pants, slacks, or skirts (no denim, please), a white dress shirt (tie of their choice is optional) and black dress shoes (no athletic shoes, please.) The JA dress code remains in effect. Concert etiquette: Kids are very nervous, be supportive and reduce distractions from the audience. Sit quietly while performers are performing. Enter or leave the auditorium in the break between songs or, even better, wait until the group is done. Please keep food or beverage of any kind outside of the auditorium. Please show your support and appreciation of all the work students have done by applause.

#### Music Advocacy:

Studies show that where schools increase opportunities for the arts for all students, test scores

rise proportionately-- Paul G. Young, Principal of West Elementary School, Lancaster, PA, and President of the National Association of Elementary School Principals 2002-2003

Source: [Principal Magazine](http://www.naesp.org/comm/p1199.html)  
<<http://www.naesp.org/comm/p1199.html>>

Source Date: 2003-01-01

A University of California (Irvine) study showed that after eight months of keyboard lessons, preschoolers showed a 46% boost in their spatial reasoning IQ. - Rauscher, Shaw, Levine, Ky and Wright, "Music and Spatial Task Performance: A Causal Relationship," University of California, Irvine, 1994

Source: [MENC's Benefits of Music Brochure \(Music Education Facts and Figures\)](http://www.menc.org/information/advocate/facts.htm)

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Source Date: 2003-01-02

## John Adams Geography Bee



The John Adams  
Geography Bee

competition was held the week of December 11<sup>th</sup> with all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade social studies students taking part. The competition took place in social studies classrooms and the top 10 scorers advanced to the finals. Zach Peterson, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader, was the John Adams Middle School Champion. Alyssa Nelson finished second with Ben Olson taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place honors. Other contestants included Andy Barnes, Ben Stevens, Vishvesh Dave, Andy Miller, and Alec Keyser. The John Adams PTSA provided prizes for the winners.

## Reminder to all Theatre Lovers!

Auditions for the JA spring musical, "The Music Man" will be the first week after break! Wednesday, Jan. 3 is for singing auditions, Thursday, Jan. 4 is for speaking auditions, and Friday, Jan 5 is for callback auditions. All auditions start right after school and take place in the auditorium. If you have questions, contact Poppy Lear.



## WEATHER-RELATED SCHOOL CLOSINGS

The decision to close schools is not an easy one. Please be assured these decisions are made thoughtfully and with the best interest of our students in mind.

The information provided here will assist you in understanding what will happen in the event that we decide to modify the school day, cancel some bus routes, or close school due to inclement weather conditions.

\*Be sure to check the District website at [www.rochester.k12.mn.us](http://www.rochester.k12.mn.us) for the latest in weather-related school-closing news.

\*Local radio and television stations air school-closing information.

**\*If your child's bus route is cancelled but District schools remain open, attendance is not mandatory.**

**\* You can sign up for the School Notification System and receive school closing or delay announcements on your email, PCS phone, or pager:**

- \* Go to <http://sns.rochester.k12.mn.us>.
- \* Insert your name and email, PCS phone, or pager information.
- \* Create a password.
- \* Select the method of notification; click "Register."
- \* Select "District Closing Information."
- \* Select "Submit Changes."
- \* You can test the system before you exit this page.

## News from Team 601:

Team 601 Math



Stem 2

We will cover the following: Multiplying and dividing integers, Translations, two step equations, Ratios and Data Displays, Proportions and Plots, Percents, Probability.

Everyday Math: Measuring and Drawing angles, Circle Graphs, Coordinate Geometry, Isometric Transformations, Congruent Figures.

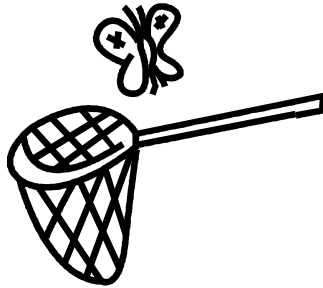
## News from Team 602:

FACS – 6 Team 602  
We have completed our unit on Child Care and Child Development and are now looking at Adolescent Development. Our teens are going through a lot of changes and growth! We hope to make this transition easier for them by discussing some of the challenges they are facing or will face. We are also looking at Peer Relationships, Friendships and ways we take better care of ourselves as we become more independent.

*Coming soon: 1.) Personal Gallery Assignments: Students might want to bring some small things that represent their interests and achievements. Please do not send anything of tremendous value. Sometimes a copy of an item works the best. These need to be small items! 2.) All students will need to bring a button to class. It should be a flat, two or four hole button, any color. If this is not possible, some students may bring more than one to share!*

## News from Team 702:

Team 702 Science



These past few months have been busy for the science students on Team 702. They learned about monarchs and the scientific method, carried out experiments, learned how to use a microscope and then used those skills to observe various types of cells. The culminating activity in the cell unit was to create a 3D cell model. These cells were created in class. Maybe you can picture how busy the classroom was with 30-32 students working on their cells. It was chaotic but a valuable learning experience as well. After we winter break we will go on to learn about cell processes such as osmosis, diffusion and mitosis. Please ask your son or daughter to share with you what they are learning in school. This is a great way for them to review.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 22-Jan. 1 Winter Break  
Jan. 12 Early Release  
Jan. 15 No School  
Jan. 26 No School  
Feb. 9 Late Start  
Feb. 19 No School



## PE News

Winter greetings from the PE Dept. Just a reminder that some PE classes might be heading over to Allendale Park to play Broom ball. Those classes will know ahead of time to make sure they wear gloves, hats, and jackets. Ask your students if they have used the new polar heart rate monitors in their classes yet. They are starting to get implemented in the classes slowly. It will take a while for the kids to get use to putting them on and figuring out how to use them. Tis the season for dance! If you have 6<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, they will be starting dance when we return for break! Have a safe holiday break.

## GATE News

### GATEway Science Fair

Scientific effort + creative ability + project presentation = science fair project. Plan to attend this year's Grade 2 – 6 GATEway Science Fair!! It is scheduled for February 16' 2007 5:00 – 8:00 pm, at the RCTC Heintz Center.

Registration will be through the Winter Community Education brochures.

Registration deadline is January 25<sup>th</sup>. See rules and a printable mail-in registration form at

[www.geocities.com/gateroch](http://www.geocities.com/gateroch)

. Contact: Melissa

Amundsen, 289-3899

([gateroch@yahoo.com](mailto:gateroch@yahoo.com)).

### **IBM donates \$ 1,000 to JA for Lego Programming Equipment !**

Corky Gaskell a JA parent and IBM volunteer for the JA Lego Programming activity has successfully obtained a \$ 1,000 grant for Lego programming kits. The check was presented to Dr. Jones on December 12<sup>th</sup>. It is hoped the money will provide some impetus to continue the popular Lego programming group.

Corky and several other JA parents (Dawn May, Connie Blum and Mike Shock) have put in numerous hours working with JA students on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school.

The culminating event for the group was the middle/high school competition at IBM on Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup>. John Adams had 18 students participate.

Although JA did not place first in any event the students learned a lot about teamwork and problem solving.

### **Upcoming events:**

January 12<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King Jr.

Knowledge Bowl competition at John Adams Middle School 6:30 PM

January 24<sup>th</sup> District Wide Spelling Bee at Edison

Feb. 3 Math Counts Regional Competition at RCTC

Calling all mathematicians! Come join JA students Julie Thelen, Michael Braun, Alex Cheng and Jacob Brower on Thursdays in room 223 from 2:30 to 3:30 for Math Counts. The team will have a JA competition in January then participate in the regional at RCTC on February 3. See Ms. Worisek room 223 for more information. Check out [www.mathcounts.org](http://www.mathcounts.org)

**Future Cities Group is continuing work on its project of designing a city powered by alternative energy sources. They may a field trip to the RPU power plant and Quarry Hill hybrid generator. They**

**have named and built a model of their city. GOOD LUCK AT THE STATE COMPETITION ON SATURDAY JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> !**

Gifted Reading groups are going well. Sixth grade students are now reading *Among the Hidden*. Seventh grade students are debating book censorship. Eighth grade students have completed *The Lord of The Flies*.

**Knowledge Masters** team finished 21 in the state and third among Rochester middle schools in the Middle School competition on Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Participants were 7<sup>th</sup> graders Andy Miller, Josh Rackham, Laura Herbers and Josh Frei. Special thanks go to JA media center specialist Dave Mixdorf for working with them. Their next competition will be in the spring.

### **Spelling Bees are in progress**

John Adams teams are in the process of holding spelling bees to select the school representatives to the district spelling bee.

The District Spelling Bee will be held on January 24<sup>th</sup> at Edison. Students who are interested in practicing for the **Spelling Bee** can do so with the help of an on-line spelling bee called audio paideia <http://www.spellingbee.com/audiopaideia.shtml>

**John Adams to host the Martin Luther King Jr. Knowledge Bowl January 12<sup>th</sup>.**

John Adams will host the annual middle school competition known as the Martin Luther King Jr. Knowledge Bowl on Friday January 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30 in the JA auditorium. Coach Pilar Duque has been working with JA MLK team members for weeks as they prepare to defend their 2006 championship. Good luck to the team and come cheer on the JA Jaguars!

**Would you like to win prizes and acclaim for your writing?**

If you enjoy writing you might want to enter one of these essay competitions. The Rochester District is holding the 2006-07 Martin Luther King Jr.

Essay Contest. The Theme is “Voting Our Values and Valuing Our Vote” How did the Civil Rights movement impact voting empowerment? Entries will be judged on the development of ideas, alignment with the prompt, organization and creative expression of individual opinion. Entries must be submitted by January 5 and attached to an official Student Entry form

[alvaldez@rochester.k12.mn.us](mailto:alvaldez@rochester.k12.mn.us) is a link to access form. Send entries to: Ali Valdez, Edison Building, 615 SW 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Rochester, MN. 55902

Another essay contest is the Dupont Challenge which is available for grades 7 & 8. Students write a 700 – 1,000 word essay discussing a scientific discovery, theory, event or technology application that has captured their interest. The contest provides cash awards and other prizes. See [www.glcomm.com/dupont](http://www.glcomm.com/dupont) for more details and an entry form. If you need help talk with your Science and Language Arts teacher.

**Do you like to play chess?** Look for a middle school chess program to be offered in the next community education

catalog. JA students interested in playing should sign up for this. The club will meet Wednesdays after school starting January 17.

**Students interested in ThinkQuest will meet after winter break.**

ThinkQuest Internet Challenge is a program for middle and high school students that encourages them to use the Internet to create Web based educational tools and materials. Student form teams and under the guidance of an adult mentor develop an educational website. **Adult mentors who are able to do the basics of web site development and design are needed to mentor teams. Contact Mr. Handlon at JA ([chandlon@rochester.k12.mn.us](mailto:chandlon@rochester.k12.mn.us)) if interested.** There will be an informational meeting for students interested in ThinkQuest after the winter break.

**Check out the GATE page on the JA district website for more information and photos of recent events! Go JA Jaguars!**