NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

One just needs to take a walk outside to see that autumn is in the air! This is such a wonderful time of year, and yet it seems that the brisk days of fall lead us right into the busy holiday season. We have already been busy at Adler these last few months and the AFA once again has had such fabulous parent support allowing us to provide a variety of wonderful events. We’ve already finished the Entertainment Book sale and our ever popular Sally Foster wrapping paper & gifts sale - thanks to all that helped and participated!

Lunch Bunch is now in full swing - the kids love the additional lunch option (and the parents do too)! We had our first concert of the year - and with it, the AFA Ice Cream Social. It was definitely “cozy” - perhaps a bit too much, but a wonderful showcase of our children that is always so special.

Conferences have come and gone and we hope you were able to enjoy some goodies that our busy AFA Hospitality volunteers provided. The teachers were treated to a lovely conference dinner - again provided by our great Staff Appreciation volunteers. It definitely makes the staff’s long days and evenings more palatable - actually delicious! With conferences comes the Fall Book Fair - always a favorite for the kids - we hope you had a chance to stop by and maybe get a start on your holiday shopping.

Market Day is back and it’s pie time - such wonderful choices and the added bonus of being able to donate to the local food pantry - such a great program especially during these tough times! The Playground Committee has been working hard on a plan for our playground and has lots of exciting ideas to share.

Halloween parties, Spirit Wear, a fabulous new Adler cookbook...as you can see, we have been very busy! I just wanted to thank everyone who has worked so hard on all these events and projects - it just couldn’t happen without such great support! Thank you!! And if you are interested in joining these busy Adler parents - we have lots of opportunities coming up! If you’re interested, please contact me (pattiprey@yahoo.com) - we’d love to have you!

Patti Prey

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK SALE

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Entertainment Book sale! To date, we have sold over 120 books and we are still going! We had a few families that sold multiple books and we really thank you for your help! We still have a few books left, so let us know if you would like to buy any more. They make great gifts, too!

Michelle Kuchler and Peggy Kubalanza
PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Attention all Adler families! We have been very busy working towards reaching our goal for a new playground. We are extremely excited about the positive feedback that we received from the playground survey. Thank you to all who participated. We will be discussing the survey results, our recommended playground vendor and fundraising at the November 3rd AFA meeting. In addition, we will be sending a note via backpack mail to kick off fundraising by the beginning of November. If anyone has any questions or is interested in getting involved please call Julie Rochester or Liam Gallup.

Julie Rochester and Liam Gallup

ADLER COOKBOOKS

If you haven't ordered your copy of the Adler cookbook, it isn’t too late to preorder! Please get your preorder form in as soon as possible so that we can be sure to order enough copies for everyone. Preorder forms can be found on the school website. The cookbooks are $10 each and they are selling fast! The cookbook is filled with so many wonderful recipes! Don’t forget that they will make great gifts! The cookbooks will be delivered to you in December.

Jori Gebert and Kathy Olson

MARKET DAY

Thanks to everyone that ordered Market Day and helped with the pick-up, especially all the little helpers. We had 54 orders in October, one more than September!

Market Day is pleased to offer November Bonus Days this month with thirteen high quality desserts. These desserts are great tasting and the more desserts you order the more profit our school receives. We will be donating to two local food pantries for the holidays: if you want to donate your desserts simply leave them with us the day of pick-up and we will deliver them to the food pantries. Please visit www.marketday.com to see the entire selection of Market Day foods at a great value!

We will be sending out next month's order forms in backpack mail on November 3rd. The last day to order is November 13th. Order on-line at www.marketday.com with account 4339 and pick-up November 18th from 3:15-4:30p.m. at Adler Park gym. Any questions please contact Susan Donovan or Teresa Gram.

Susan Donovan and Teresa Gram
PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The annual Pancake Breakfast is on Saturday, December 6th. If there are any dads that are interested in helping out, please email your name and phone number to Tom Vickers at tvickers@vaneklaw.com.

Tom Vickers

FAMILY READING NIGHT

Family Reading Night is a statewide event celebrated annually in November where families are encouraged to spend quality time reading together. On Wednesday Nov. 19th 6:30 - 7:30 pm, your whole family is invited to the Adler Learning Center to enjoy a special evening of books, stories, and reading fun. Children may wear comfy clothes or pajamas and bring a pillow and/or favorite stuffed animal. They can bring their own books, or choose one from the library to read as well as listen to a special selection read by Gwen Bruno. Children must be accompanied by a parent at this family event. Snacks will be provided and a Cook Memorial Library representative will be on hand to register children for their first library card. Please RSVP by Monday Nov. 17th using the form located on the Adler web site or by email to Jackie Stickney or Patti Prey. This year’s theme is "Go for the Gold" because reading together is a winner!

Jackie Stickney and Patti Prey

SALLY FOSTER UPDATE

A big thank you to everyone that participated in our Sally Foster fundraiser this year! We had a very successful sale!!!

We wanted to remind you that our pick-up is on Wednesday, November 12th from 3:15 to 5:15 pm.

Did you miss the sale? Do you need to order more? It is not too late to order online!! Adler will still receive 50% on all online sales through June!!! Just use school account # 757006 when you place your order.

Any questions, please contact us!

Michelle Kuchler and Peggy Kubalanza

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to all of the parents who contributed desserts for the Hospitality Committee and pasta dishes/salads for the Teacher’s Dinner during conferences. Your help does not go unnoticed and your cooking talents are very much appreciated! Thank you!

Bernie Baumstark (Hospitality)
Sue Holstrom and Nicole Spaulding (Staff Appreciation)
LOOKING TO GET MORE INVOLVED IN THE AFA?

We need YOU!!! We have an EASY way for you to get more involved in the AFA!! The fundraising committee is looking for a few additional volunteers to help with our fundraisers. This committee is a great way to meet some new people and it is not a big time commitment at all. You could focus on just one fundraiser, or help with a few - it's up to you!

Also, we are looking to expand our Spirit Wear committee as well! We are already conducting our main fall “sale,” but we could use a couple more people to help with future sales in the winter or spring!

Please contact Michelle Kuchler if you would like to help out or if you have any questions! 

Michelle Kuchler

SOMA! OTU! KUA! (Read! Dream! Grow!)

The Scholastic Book Fair Safari was a great success, thanks to so many parent volunteers, Adler staff members, and shoppers--from kindergarteners to grandparents! Beyond purchasing books for themselves, Adler families generously donated nearly 100 new books to our teachers' classroom libraries, as well as giving more than $70 to our “One for Books” collection, allowing us to put more books into the hands of our students. Also, Mrs. Bruno added more than 65 new books to our learning center. She made many of her selections based on students' wish lists and interests, so if you are looking for a new book you'll like, chances are it is now in Adler’s Learning Center.

During each classroom preview, we asked the students to guess (or estimate) the number of books that Adler has in its Learning Center collection. The 15 lucky students who made the closest guess in their class won a $5 gift certificate to use at the fair. Most of the guesses hovered between 1,000 and 3,000, but they ranged from 32 books to 2 million books! In case you were wondering, the actual number of books in our collection is 14,546. We loved the interest and imagination that this contest sparked in the students!

So, thank you, all of you, who shopped or helped in any big or small way to make the fall book fair a week that fulfilled its safari theme of reading, dreaming, and growing! See you at the next fair, to be held during the next set of parent/teacher conferences at the end of January 2009.

Carol Dikelsky and Sarah Lutz

JUST A REMINDER

There are always extra copies of AFA information and school forms in the office and in the kiosk in the Adler foyer. You can find Market day forms, lunch menus, copies of the AFA Family Ties newsletter, transportation forms, cookbook order forms, etc.

Kim Beadle
**SCRIPS ARE BACK!!**

Adler families told us that they enjoyed this convenient program, so we are bringing it back!!

Just in time for your holiday shopping, we will be conducting a *Scrips* sale! What is it, you ask? Basically, a *Scrips* program is a gift card emporium where you are able to purchase multiple gift cards through one order form. You write the AFA a check, and a few days later, you will be able to pick up all your cards at Adler! How easy!! Adler will earn a percentage back from each *Scrip* that we sell.

Currently, the *Scrips* vendor has hundreds of retailers from restaurants, grocery stores, department stores, specialty retailers and entertainment options. Think about your gift list – how many different gift cards could you use???

We will be sending out more information before Thanksgiving, so that you can order your *Scrips* in early December!

Michelle Kuchler and Peggy Kubalanza

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**ELECTION COMMITTEE FORMING**

We are looking for volunteers to be a part of the AFA Election Committee. This group helps to find potential candidates for the AFA Officer positions. The following positions will need to be filled for the 2009-2010 school year: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and Secretary. All positions are usually two-year terms (although not mandatory) and all can be shared roles. If you are interested in being on this committee, or would like to be considered for an AFA Officer position, please contact me or any other AFA Officer.

Patti Prey

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**REMINDERS**

**November 3:** AFA Pizza Day  
**November 3:** AFA Meeting 7:00pm  
**November 10:** AFA Sandwich Day  
**November 11:** NO SCHOOL  
**November 12:** Sally Foster Pick-up  
**November 13:** Market Day orders due  
**November 17:** AFA Sub Day  
**November 18:** Market Day pick-up  
**November 19:** Family Reading Night  
**November 21:** 1:30 Early Release (1-5) - PM Kindergartners attend in AM - no AM Kindergarten  
**November 24:** Board Meeting  
**November 26, 27, 28:** NO SCHOOL  
**December 6:** Pancake Breakfast
Editor - Nicole Spaulding
Family Ties. 133K likes. Watch full episodes of Family Ties at http://www.cbs.com/classics/family_ties/. They both turn 71 today. What is your favorite memory of Family Ties? Family Ties. 14 May 2018. On this day in 1989, we said goodbye to the Keatons for the last time. Re-watch every unique episode! amazon.com. Family Ties: The Complete Series. Family Ties is an American situation comedy. It starred Meredith Baxter-Birney, Michael Gross, Michael J. Fox, Justine Bateman, Tina Yothers, and Brian Bonsall. It aired from September 22, 1982 until May 14, 1989. Set in suburban Columbus, Ohio, during the Reagan administration, Steven and Elyse Keaton (Michael Gross and Meredith Baxter-Birney) are baby boomers, liberals and former hippies, raising their three children: ambitious, would-be millionaire entrepreneur Alex (Michael J. Fox); fashion