Dear APS Community,

The Adrian Schools Education Foundation hosted the Outstanding Alumni and Teacher/Mentor Awards Program last night. During this outstanding program the following individuals were recognized:

The Outstanding Alumni Award winners were:
The Royal Coachmen — rock-and-roll band: Rick Coscarelli, class of 1965, Adrian, Doug Hickman, class of 1966, Bellaire, John (Rick) Betz, class of 1966, Belleville, Jeff Worman, class of 1966, Whitehall, Bob Cantu, class of 1966, Del Valle, Texas
David Loop, class of 1962, Adrian
Laura Erpelding Cox, class of 1982, Livonia

The Outstanding Teacher/Mentor Award winners were:
Mari Alvarez, Lincoln Elementary School
Jason Lucius, Adrian High School
Tanya Smith, Adrian High School

Walk to School Day is coming up for Alexander and Lincoln Schools. Both school will meet at 1Mosaic Church (parking lot at the corner of Scott St. & Maple) on **Friday, October 11** (Rain date, October 18) at 7:45AM, gather and greet. Staff, parents, and students will start the Walk to School at 8AM.

The **Homecoming Parade takes place today at 1pm** and will leave the high school and circle down Riverside to Springbrook Ave to Maple to Main Street to Maumee and back to Mckenzie. If you get a chance come out and see our student groups, clubs, and teams.

Adrian Football Team plays Pinckney tonight at 7:00pm at Maple Stadium.

Adrian Public Schools kicked off Hispanic Heritage Month starting September 15th (Costa Rica, Mexico, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Chile's Independence Day Sept 15 – 18th) with a flag raising at Adrian City Hall and Adrian High School. The Hispanic Heritage Book Quack Quack Quinceanera was read at the Adrian District Library by the books Translator Don Cellini. This is a great example of the many diverse groups in Adrian coming together to learn and celebrate our heritage together.

Alexander and Michener Elementary Physical Education teacher Chad Perry was awarded grants to purchase a **climbing wall to enhance his instruction**. Recently students demonstrated the skills needed to engage the core, work as a team, and challenge themselves to reach a goal – all qualities of a solid physical education program. Way to go Mr. Perry for your great instruction.

In light of local and national events that have taken place causing harm to young children, Adrian Public Schools has partnered with the **Lenawee Child Advocacy Center to provide Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe**, a safety prevention curriculum to **all students in kindergarten and first grade.** This program will present research-based, age-appropriate lessons to help children learn the skills to prevent or interrupt cycles of bullying, child abuse-physical, emotional, and sexual. Furthermore, Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe curriculum includes information for children, parents, teachers, and communities to reinforce important safety rules. During the two sessions, each student will learn the following safety rules to help keep them safe on the following topics:

1. It's MY body!
2. Ask an adult if I am safe
3. I have choices
4. Tell someone
5. It's NEVER my fault

Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe is in alignment with Jenna's Law that was first enacted in 2009 in Texas requiring school districts to address sexual abuse by promoting awareness among teachers, students, and parents**. Adrian Public School Teachers will also participate in additional training in November called Darkness to Light's: Stewards of Children focusing on protecting children from sexual abuse.** Permission slips along with more information about this program will be sent home.

On September 17th, Michener 4th and 5th graders spent the afternoon at Adrian College celebrating Constitution Day. They listened to and participated in Q and A with Chief Justice Bridget McCormack, who spoke about Forensic Science and the law including past chases that she had presided over. Students then had a chance to tour the campus.

I hope to see you out and about today and this weekend - GO MAPLES!!!

Bob Behnke

Superintendent