

ADS B2S 2010

BACK TO SCHOOL CONFERENCE

8.27-8.28

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Classroom Orientations
- New Parent Orientations
- Special Area Orientations
- Meet the Board
- Meet the Founders
- Instructional Workshops for Parents on ADS strategies

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Welcome, New and Returning Families

Welcome new and returning ADS families! ADS received a Recognized rating from the Texas Education Agency for the third year in a row. We are so excited to start our sixth year and happy you are here to be a part of it.

Each year the administration takes parent, staff and student feedback and use it to help make ADS a more effective and responsive community. As a result of such feedback, we are kicking off the first annual Back to School Conference. This is an opportunity to learn more about ADS and what to expect this school year.

Since ADS is a charter school, families come here by choice. We are all united by that choice. Our hope is that



while learning more about the school, families take the opportunity to meet other families, join the PTO, learn about ways to participate, and speak

with teachers, staff, and administrators about any questions you may have.

The mission of Austin Discovery School is to provide a creative learning environment open to all students and their families. We provide an individualized, hands-on curriculum that develops confident, environmentally & socially aware, critical thinkers.

Our core values are: Respect, Responsibility, Creativity and Continuous Learning. Guided by these values, we move forward each year reflecting on the past, with an eye towards the future and holding the vision steady in our sight.

How the Conference Works:

The purpose of the Back to School Conference is to allow parents (old and new to ADS) to access information and strategies to deepen the parent/school relationship and foster collaboration between parents and school staff.

Everyone should attend a classroom orientation (p2). Special areas also offer program orientations. We would like parents to attend these special area orientations to learn more about these fabulous programs offered

at ADS. In addition to orientations, we are offering sessions to learn more about instructional practices, the vision, history and philosophy of ADS as well as ways to participate. We encourage all families to attend.

Sign-in sheets will be used to obtain data, so please sign in to sessions attended. If you cannot attend, all session handouts will be posted online a week after the conference and will be available in paper format in the lobby.

You can use the planning sheet and map on pages 5 and 6 to help you plan the sessions you would like to attend. A suggestion box as well as paperwork, additional information and required forms are available in the front lobby.

This is the first year ADS, the PTO, and Board members are collaborating on such an event. We appreciate and will read all feedback you give. You can also give suggestions online at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/S7KR8YP>

Classroom Orientations:

Please go to a classroom orientation. Each classroom offers two identical sessions. To accommodate families with multiple children, the times are staggered. Classroom teachers will present classroom and grade-level expectations/procedures. All classrooms have sign up sheet for September Teacher/Parent conferences in the hall by their door.

All classroom orientations are held in the class listed. Maps are available in the front office. Handouts and presentations will be posted on the website a week after the conference.

Kindergarten:

Kindergarten: Your Child's Classroom (Bldg 1)

Saturday 28th at 9:30 and 10:30

1st/2nd Grades:

1st/2nd Grade: Your Child's Classrooms (Bldg 3):

Saturday 28th at 10:30 and 11:30

3rd/4th Grades:

3rd/4th Grade: Your Child's Classrooms (Bldg 2):

Saturday 28th at 11:30 and 12:30

5th/6th Grades:

5th/6th Grade: Your Child's Classrooms (Bldg 4):

Saturday 28th at 12:30 and 1:30

Be sure and sign up for Parent/Student conference in September! We are providing them earlier this year. The first conference is intended to build parent/teacher relationships, discuss how to contact each other, and provide teachers the opportunity to gain the parent's insights about their children.

Science:

5-6th Grade Science in Frankie & Jamie Lea's Room (bldg 4):

Friday 27th at 1:15 and 3:00

3-4th Grade Science in Rashid's Room (bldg 4):

Friday 27th at 1:15 and 3:00

Arts & Gardening:

K-6th Gardening with Basia and Rory in Kim & Kelly's Room (Bldg 1)

Friday 27th 1:15 and 3:00

3-6th Grade Art in Art Room with Jenny (bldg 1):

Friday 27th at 1:15 and 3:00

3-6th Grade Music in Music Room with Karl (bldg 1) :

Friday 27th 1:15 and 3:00

K-2 Art, Music, Movement and Gardening with Rory and Heather Ivey in Rory's Room (bldg 3)

Saturday 28th at 9:30 and 10:30

Library:

Tour the library to learn about our new searchable database and ways to help support the growth of this wonderful resource.

Saturday 28th from 11:30-1:30

General Sessions:

You are welcome to come to any session. All sessions are 40 minutes with 10 minutes for Q&A. Handouts for sessions will be posted to the website if you cannot attend a session.

New Parent Orientation: Session is designed for families new to ADS. General overview of program, history, and student handbook will be covered. Ample time for questions and answers.

Presented by Cinnamon Henley in Heather & Amanda's Room (Bldg 1)
Friday 27th at 1:15 and 3:00
Saturday 28th at 1:30

ADS Roles & Goals (2010-2011): Session will inform parents of the roles of administrators, support people, and board members as well as campus goals for 2010-2011.

Presented by Cinnamon Henley in Kelly & Kim's Room (Bldg1)
Saturday 28th at 12:30 and 2:30

Meet the Board: Session to meet some of the Board members at ADS, learn about how to access Board information and general Q&A.

Presented by Cinnamon Henley in Kim & Kelly's Room (Bldg 1)
Saturday 28th at 11:30

Special Programs: Opportunity to learn more about our Title I Reading Intervention Program, Special Education, General Intervention Program, Dyslexia, 504 and Accelerated Instruction.

Presented by Cinnamon Henley in Frankie & Jamie Lea's Room (Bldg 4)
Saturday 28th at 9:30

Meet the Founders: Session with Kelly McRee, Leigh Moss, Kyle Holder and Lisa Lasater, all founding active members of the ADS community. Come hear about the history and making of ADS, the original vision and reflections on that vision 6 years after opening.

Saturday 28th at 12:30 in Heather & Amanda's Room (Bldg 1)

Conscious Discipline 101: Session will introduce the Becky Bailey program of Conscious Discipline (CD) teachers employ in the classroom. CD has applications in parenting and brain based strategies for social and emotional learning.

Presented by Kim Hiles in Frankie & Jamie Lea's Room (Bldg 4)
Saturday 28th at 10:30 and 11:30

Creating Reading & Writing Opportunities at Home:

Session will help parents become aware of and encourage authentic literacy opportunities at home. By giving children opportunities to use these skills for a purpose, they will be encouraged to master them, and enjoy it all the while.

Presented by Kelly McRee in Amber & Emily's Room (Bldg 2)
Saturday 28th at 10:30 and 11:30

Writer's Workshop: Come experience a lesson in writer's workshop as an ADS student does! This session is geared towards adults, writers of all levels welcome.

Presented by Leigh Moss in Babita & Angela's Room (Bldg 2)
Saturday 28th at 10:30 and 2:30

Reader's Workshop: Come experience a lesson in reading workshop as an ADS student does! This session is geared towards adults. Readers of all levels welcome.

Presented by Kelly McRee in Amber & Emily's Room (Bldg 2)
Saturday 28th at 9:30 and 2:30

Math Workshop: Come experience a lesson in math as an ADS student does! This session is geared towards adults, mathematicians of all levels welcome.

Presented by Leigh Moss in Babita & Angela's Room (Bldg 2)
Saturday 28th at 9:30 and 1:30

TRIBES Cooperative Learning at ADS: Come experience the cooperative learning games and techniques used in all classrooms. Presentation and discussion to focus on how TRIBES is integrated into academics, Conscious Discipline, Brain-based Learning, and our partnership with the UT Theatre Arts Education Department.

Presented by Claudia Pepper in Basia's Room (Bldg 4)
Saturday 28th at 9:30 and 1:30

Democratic Project-Based Learning (DPBL):

After the success of a pilot democratic, inclusion (meeting the needs of diverse learners), project-based class (M.A.C.E.), two teachers describe the program, reflect on successes, and outline plans for DPBL at ADS.

Presented by Claudia Pepper and Meghan Guion in Meg & Marcee's Room (Bldg 4)
Saturday 28th at 11:30 and 2:30

Learning Styles: Session will inform parents of the different learning styles, multiple intelligences and ways in which ADS staff differentiates (or alters instruction) based on learning style of your child, as well as our partnership with the UT Theatre Arts Education Department.

Presented by Claudia Pepper in Meg & Marcee's Room (Bldg 4)
Saturday 28th at 10:30

Open Information Sessions:

Several spaces are available for parents to come and get information, sign-up and meet with ADS and PTO representatives. Administrators and PTO representatives will be available in the lobby following the conference on Saturday as well.

Front Lobby– (Building 1)

- Sign up for electronic communication from the school
- Update contact information and pick-up lists (note: if you are part of a carpool, do this!)
- Turn in immunizations and school records
- Sign up for After Care and learn more about the program this year
- Receive a paper copy of the Student Handbook (electronic version available online)
- Sign up for School Supply Coop Option or drop off school supplies (list available online)
- Find out about the Lunch Program option (to start in mid September or early October.)
- Get a school event Calendar (available online)
- Gather handouts from afterschool activities offered at the school.

All administrators will be available in the lobby from 3:30-4:30 to answer any questions and meet with parents.

A suggestion box will be located in the lobby for feedback on conference sessions as well as general feedback and questions you would like to see addressed.

PTO– Tech Lab (Building 4)

- Find out about the PTO and how to become a member
- Learn about and register for the PTO online forum
- Find out about the PTO Committees and how to join
- Meet the PTO officers and ask questions
- Find out about how to volunteer at ADS
- Find out about the ADS Community Events and get a calendar
- And much more.....

Austin Discovery School is happy to have such a successful and supportive Parent Organization. Please come by and see how to become a member and learn about the various community building events they offer.

The PTO's website is adspto.org

You can register for their forum via the website. While the forum is not an official means of school communication, it is a great way to participate in the school community, connect with carpools, and organize to meet classroom needs.

Discussion topics and questions parents have resulting from forum topics will be addressed in the weekly Thursday Folder.

ADS MAP

Rebecca 5-6 Science		Frankie & Jamie Lea 5th/6th	Marcee & Meg 5th/6th
Basia 3-6 Gar- dening			
Tech Lab		Rashid- 3/4 Science	Jason & Amity 5th/.6th

Building 4– 5th and 6th Grades, Science, Gardening and Tech lab

Heather & Amanda– Kinder		Kim & Kelly– Kinder	
Jenny– 3-6 Art		Hiles– Behav- ior Coach	
Rest rooms		Kelly & Claudia– Reading Re- source Lab	
		Deborah– Front Office	
Karl– 3-6 Music		Leigh– Academic Director	
		Cinnamon & Lydie– Bsns Office	

Building 1– Front Office, Art,
Music and Kindergarten

Babita & Angela– 3rd/4th		Amber & Emily– 3rd/4th	
Library– Elizabeth Switek			
		Rest Rooms	
Kate & Karen– 3rd/4th		Patricia & Natalie– 3rd/4th	

Building 2– 3rd and 4th
Grades, Library

Erica & Christie– 1st/2nd		Tina & Jason– 1s/2nd	
Rory– Art & Gardening		Elisha & Lila– 1st.2nd	
Rest Rooms			
Angie & Kate– 1st/2nd		Music & Movement– Heather Ivey	

Building 3– 1st and 2nd, Art&
Gardening, Music & Movement

ADS Conference Planning Guide:

**Make sure to stop by Lobby
and Tech Lab!**

Friday 27th	Bldg 1– Music Room	Bldg 1– Art Room	Bldg 1– Heather & Amanda's Classroom	Bldg 1– Kelly & Kim's Classroom	Bldg 1– Lobby	Bldg 4– Rashid's Classroom	Bldg 4– Frankie & Jamie Lea's Classroom	Bldg 4– Tech Lab		
1:15	Music Program	Art Program	New Parent Orientation	Gardening Program	General info	3rd/4th Science	5th/6th Science	PTO info		
3:00	Music Program	Art Program	New Parent Orientation	Gardening Program	General info	3rd/4th Science	5th/6th Science	PTO info		
Saturday 28th	Bldg 1– Heather & Amanda's Room	Bldg 1– Kim & Kelly's Room	Bldg 2– Babita & Angela's Room	Bldg 2– Kate & Karen and Patricia & Natalie's Rooms	Bldg 2– Li- brary	Bldg 3– Your Child's classroom	Bldg 4– Basia's Room	Bldg 4– Frankie & Jamie .Lea's Room	Bldg 4– Marcee & Meg's Room	Bldg 4– Jason & Amity's Room
9:30	Kinder	Kinder	General Info	Math Workshop	Reader's Workshop	K-2 Art, Music and Gardening	TRIBES	Special Programs		
10:30	Kinder	Kinder	General Info	Writer's Workshop	Read & Write w/ your child	1st/2nd	K-2 Art, Music and Gardening	Conscious Discipline	Learning Styles	
11:30	Meet the Board	Meet the Board	General Info	3rd/4th	3rd/4th	1st/2nd	TOURS	Conscious Discipline	Project Learning	
12:30	Meet the Founders	ADS Roles & Goals	General Info	3rd/4th	3rd/4th	TOURS	TOURS	5th/6th	5th/6th	
1:30	New Parent Orientation	New Parent Orientation	General Info	Math Workshop	Read & Write w/ your child	TRIBES	TRIBES	5th/6th	5th/6th	
2:30	ADS Roles & Goals	ADS Roles & Goals	General Info	Writer's Workshop	Reader's Workshop				Project Learning	
3:30			Admin.							

ADS Back 2 School Conference Feedback Form:

Please take a minute to reflect on sessions you attended and give us your feedback. Drop this form and any other feedback in the suggestion box in the front lobby. We appreciate your participation.

Please indicate how long you have been a parent at ADS:

New Parent Second Year Third Year Fourth Year Fifth Year Sixth Year

Please indicate the sessions you attended:

Kinder Orientation 1st/2nd Orientation 3rd/4th Orientation 5th/6th Orientation
 New Parent Orientation Math Workshop Reading Workshop Writing Workshop
 Conscious Discipline TRIBES Learning Styles Art
 Read/Write w Children Gardening Project-based Music
 K-2 Music, Art/Gardening Special Programs Roles & Goals Library Tour
 Meet the Board Meet the Founders

What additional offerings would you like to see next year:

General Feed back on the organization, communication and structure of the Conference:

Please give us feedback on the content and presentation of the sessions you attended:

Feel free to use the back of the page for additional comments.

