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## MEET BOWEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S HEART HERO, ADALEE!



Adalee was born on January 30th, 2010 at 7 pounds 1 ounce. She was born at full term, PERFECT and HEALTHY...or so we thought.

During her newborn evaluation, they heard a slight murmur in her heart. So, they wanted to keep her in the hospital for a couple of days because murmurs usually go away after a couple of days. We waited, and nothing changed. So, they brought in a pediatric cardiologist who discovered that Addy had Tetralogy of Fallot.

After multiple doctor visits to the cardiologist, the doctor said that Addy would have to have open heart surgery. Any parent could just imagine how scared we were having your two month old baby having open heart surgery.

Her surgery lasted eight hours – the longest eight hours of our lives. The surgery was successful! Addy came out a trooper with no problems. Today, Addy is an outgoing, sassy, adventurous, vocal, happy and healthy nine-year-old kid. Addy is able to do anything any other nine-year-old is capable of doing!

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