

OUR MISSION

The mission of Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School is to develop respectful, responsible learners through a rigorous curriculum in a caring, diverse community.



ELEANOR ROOSEVELT REPORT

MIDDLE SCHOOL

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OUR NEWSLETTER

The Roosevelt Report is sponsored by the ERMS PTO and the ERMS Staff. In future issues we hope to bring you important information about events and activities at ERMS.

OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS



NOTES FROM MR. JOHLL

Dear Roosevelt Families,

Welcome to a new school year and this first edition of the parent newsletter for 2022-2023. Our monthly newsletter is a collaborative effort between the Roosevelt staff and our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). I want to publicly thank our PTO board member, Kim Davis, for her work as the main editor, and to my secretary, Angela Pickel, for her assistance in putting together this monthly newsletter. Also, a thank you to our staff for contributing information to share with families.

It has been a wonderful start to the school year. It really has! As I walk around the building, I have been impressed with the wonderful learning experiences that our teachers have designed and implemented with our students. It has been great to see the cooperative and collaborative way our students are working together on these lessons. It is evident to me that learning is happening every day. We truly have a superb teaching staff that works with wonderful students!

NEW STAFF | This year we welcome some new staff to our Roosevelt team. They are:

- Jill Duggan, House 6-2 Math
- Madeline Tomecek, House 6-3 Special Education
- Kathryn Nelson, House 7-2 Special Education
- Anthony Adams, House 8-1 Special Education
- Heidi Stevenson, House 8-2 Special Education
- Angie Dunne, House 8-3 Special Education
- Roger Tyler, General Music, and Sixth Grade Choir
- Kiersten Schumacher, Student Needs Facilitator
- Jon Kolker, Paraprofessional
- Melissa Brimeyer, Paraprofessional
- Sasha Williams, Paraprofessional
- Emily Schromen, Paraprofessional

Please join me in welcoming them to Roosevelt!

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FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

ERMS Houses each have their own Instagram accounts. On a computer type in the following website and add the house user name after the "/" without the "@" symbol. Go to:

Instagram.com/_____

OR

via the free Instagram app, create an account if you don't already have one, then search for the user name listed below. Make sure to include the "@" symbol.

THEN

Make sure to click "FOLLOW" on each of the pages.

HOUSE INSTAGRAM USER NAMES

HOUSE 6-1

@erms6.1

HOUSE 6-2

@erms6_2

HOUSE 6-3

@ermshouse6_3

HOUSE 7-1

@erms.71

HOUSE 7-2

@7.2raptors

HOUSE 7-3

@ermshouse73

HOUSE 8-1

@mskresshistory
@msyagerscience
@mrscummingsmath
@mspociask_ela

HOUSE 8-2

@erms_82
@Mrs_Norby

HOUSE 8-3

@erms_house_8.3

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iREADY DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENTS | As you may have seen in a ParentSquare message, this year we are using a different diagnostic assessment to help us in meeting the individual learning needs of all students—the iReady Diagnostic Assessment. This replaces Map Testing at all three grade levels. The iReady is done three times a year in math and language arts class. This online screener and program allows us to determine your child's strengths and areas for growth, it personalizes student learning, and it allows us to monitor progress. It also allows us to meet your child(ren) where they are at and provides us with data to inform future instruction. Our next round of diagnostic screening will be done in January. Look for more information coming home via ParentSquare.

PARENTSQUARE AND CANVAS | We will continue to utilize ParentSquare as the primary online tool for communicating information with families. With ParentSquare, school communications are done in a secure way through email, text, and with the mobile app. We ask that parents and guardians check their email addresses and/or phone numbers on Infinite Campus for accuracy. Depending on your preference settings in ParentSquare, both are potentially utilized to send messages home. Communication with families regarding student homework and class tasks that need to be accomplished will be primarily done through the learning platform, Canvas. Directions for monitoring work in Canvas were sent home via a ParentSquare message last week. You can also keep up with events at school by following our school website, our school Facebook page, or one of many Instagram pages that our staff use to show what is happening at school.

PTO FUNDRAISER | In late September through mid-October, our school will once again be conducting our annual school fundraiser in partnership with our Parent Teacher Organization. We will continue to work with Pinnacle Fundraising, as we have since the opening of our school in 2005. We will be selling magazine subscriptions, various frozen food items, and holiday themed items. Look for more information coming home at the end of this month.

NEW CLASS START TIME | Our opening bell, when students enter the building has remained the same at 7:30 a.m. However, we have a new start time for our first class of the day. Our morning homebase this year starts at 7:36 a.m., instead of 7:38 am as in the past. With the use of back packs and the limited use of lockers, we found last year that we could start our Raptor Time community building activities a couple minutes earlier this year. For our students walking and for families that bring their child(ren) to school, please keep this new start time in mind when coming here in the morning. We recommend all students arrive by the entry bell time. Thanks.

ATHLETICS | It has been great to see so many students participating in our fall after-school athletic programs. I have seen many wonderful learning opportunities happening during seventh and eighth grade volleyball, cross country, and football practices after school. I am excited that our sixth-grade track program starts this week with their first practice. I am thankful for the dedication and work of our coaches. It has also been great to see the sportsmanship displayed by our student athletes in all sports.

MARCHING BAND | Congratulations to the marching band students who performed in the Labor Day Parade downtown this week. They looked and sounded great!

Please do not hesitate to call, email, or stop by my office if you want to talk about anything. We want to continually partner with you in the education of your child(ren) here at Roosevelt. I wish each of you a wonderful September and fall season!

Sincerely,



Mr. Johll - Principal

ADDITIONAL ERMS INSTAGRAM USER NAMES

@ermslibrary
@mrsglennonerms
@msmontanaerms
@msputchio
@ermsartcastaneda
@ermsbands
@feldermanwellness
@lucaswellness1002
@erms.orch
@erms.fame

MEDICAL APPOINTMENT TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to **medical** appointments is available through RTA transportation bus and funded by United Way Dubuque.

For more information please contact Roosevelt School Nurse:

Katie Vogt
PH: 563-552-5016
FAX: 552-5001

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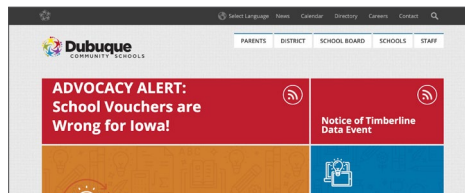
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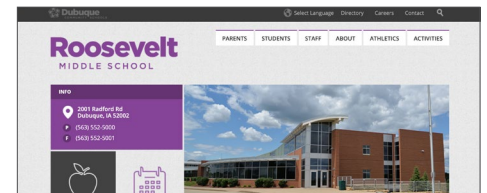
STAYING CONNECTED

Please remember to check in with us throughout the year to stay up-to-date on important news and events. Click on the image to visit each page. Make sure to bookmark/like our pages.

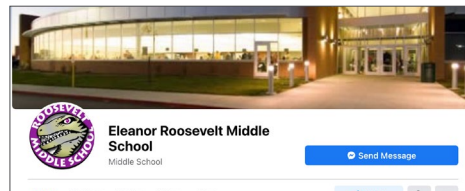
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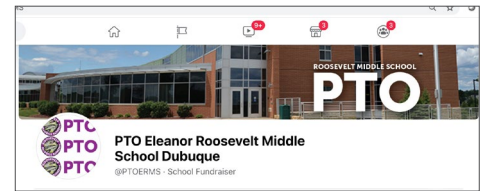
ERMS Website



ERMS on FB



PTO on FB



ERMS ATTENDANCE PROCEDURE

If your child(ren) will be out for an extended period of time for a non-illness reason such as a family trip, we ask that you please provide notification to the office a minimum of one week in advance of the first day of absence. There are three options for communicating this with the main office

- 1. You can send a note with your child, OR**
- 2. you can call the attendance line at 563-552-5012, OR**
- 3. you can send an email to ermsattendance@dbqschools.org**

Please include the student name, the dates of the absence and the reason. The student will then receive a letter from the Main Office to be reviewed by each of their teachers so that they are informed of the dates.

Best procedure for your convenience: ERMS Attendance procedure for picking up your student for an appointment during school hours.

- Send a note with your student in the morning.
- The note should include: Student's name, pick-up time, reason for leaving early, and parent's signature.
- The student should bring that note to the main office first thing in the morning. He or she will be given a pass out of class in exchange for the note.
- Then your student will meet you at the east door by the flag pole. And he or she can come out when you pull up to the curb.

Option 2: If you know in advance that your child will miss school you can send an email to ermsattendance@dbqschools.org. Please include your child's name, pick-up time and reason for leaving early.

If you need to pick up your student due to a last minute situation, call the attendance line at 552-5012. If we received the information through a phone call, then you have to meet your student in the building. When picking up your student, you will need to enter the building through the door by the flag pole. Then check in with the secretary at the window. **Please notify us as early in the day as possible so that we can better serve you.**

CONTACTS

Main Office: 552-5000

Principal: Mr. Jeff Johl

Business Manager/Principal's
Secretary: Mrs. Angela Pickel

Activities Office: 552-5010

Assistant Principal/Athletic
Director: Mr. Mark Lawler

Assistant Principal's Secretary/
Activities: Mrs. Tiffany Amico

Attendance Office: 552-5012

Assistant Principal: Mrs. Bobbie
Jones

Attendance/Assistant Principal's
Secretary: Mrs. Amanda Herrig

Health Office: 552-5016

Nurse: Mrs. Katie Vogt
Health Para: Mrs. Dana Sullivan

Guidance Office: 552-5013

Grade 6: Mrs. Kerry Elliott
Grade 7: Mrs. Casie Kaiser
Grade 8: Mrs. Amy Glennon

Records/Counselors Secretary:
Mrs. Polly Fleming

DCSD Anonymous Tip Line: 552-3075

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Submitted by: Mrs. Elliott (6th), Mrs. Kaiser (7th) and Mrs. Glennon (8th)

Welcome Back!!! We are super EXCITED to start the 2022-2023 school year! Each counselor is assigned to a grade at ERMS and will follow the students all 3 years. Mrs. Elliott has 6th grade, Mrs. Kaiser has 7th grade and Mrs. Glennon has 8th grade. Your student will continue to have access to a Counseling Canvas, which will include resources and lessons.

This year the social emotional learning (SEL) during raptor time will be our new 7 Mindsets curriculum, this will be taught by their house teachers. During this time your student will continue to learn common language that is used throughout our building, how it feels to be regulated and unregulated, their triggers, coping skills and any other SEL identified as needed.

Please feel free to contact your student's counselor with any questions or concerns.

MUSIC: CHOIR

Submitted by: Cameron Touns

Opus is an honor choir opportunity for students in grades 5th–9th, sponsored by the Iowa Choral Directors Association. Four choirs of 180 voices will be chosen for this event. The following students are working twice weekly after school with Mrs. Touns to prepare their audition materials. We wish them success!

Samuel Haug
Haley Mills
Tayler Soppe

Gavin Bries
Isla Steckel
Ashley Nank (Mrs. Slade at NISOM)

Caydence Heim
Christiana Alkhoury

Cantate is a select, small ensemble for 6th–8th graders who have completed a formal audition and are currently enrolled in Choir. This is an advanced ensemble seeking to supplement their vocal studies starting in September, this ensemble rehearses Monday and Thursdays at 7:00 a.m. Singers will perform during the Winter concert and carol at Kennedy. Ensemble members include:

Christiana Alkhoury, 7
Caydence Heim, 7
Lucy Moore, 8
Isla Steckel, 8

Hayley Bartlett, 6
Callina Manning, 8
Ashley Nank, 8
Kiara Verhagen, 7

Audrey Farrey, 6
Haley Mills, 8
Tayler Soppe, 8
Salma Zahran, 6



COMING SOON: PUMPKIN SALE

GARDEN CLUB

The Roosevelt Garden Club will be hosting a Pumpkin Sale in October! So remember to watch for announcements at Raptor Time or Parent Square for the date and time! Happy Carving!!!!

FROM THE ACTIVITIES OFFICE

Submitted by: Mark Lawler

We are very excited to be off and running with fall sports competitions! We've had great participation, great weather, and a lot of fun! In early October, we will have sign-up for wrestling and girls' basketball. All 7th and 8th graders need a physical on file in the Activities Office. Once 6th grade track is over, the next sport will be basketball in March.

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ACTIVITIES OFFICE CONTACTS

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the following staff in the Activities Office:

Mr. Lawler

mlawler@dbqschools.org

Mrs. Amico

tamico@dbqschools.org

Mrs. Schumacher

kschumacher@dbqschools.org

PHYSICAL PACKET

Visit the page below to download the complete packet. It is the first link on the page titled: Athletic Participation Required Forms (PDF)

<https://roosevelt.dbqschools.org/athletics/forms-and-documents/>

LEAP INFORMATION

Visit the LEAP page to view upcoming events. Students will either be given a permission form to take home or can pick one up from the Activities Office.

<https://roosevelt.dbqschools.org/activities/leap/>

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We have already had informational meetings about other activities like Battle of the Books, Student Council and FIRST Tech Challenge (7th/8th grade). FIRST LEGO League (6th grade) will hold its meeting on Friday, September 16th. We will also soon begin 8th Period Activity Clubs as well as some LEAP activities that are after school from 2:30–4:00 p.m. Additional information on the after school LEAP activities will arrive in a ParentSquare message.

Our experience and research show that students who are involved in school activities are engaged and connected to school and their learning and grades reflect that. Families, please feel free to keep track of our announcements that tell students what activities are coming up so you can encourage your child(ren) to be involved. You can find the daily announcements on the Roosevelt website homepage on the megaphone icon.

If you have questions about activities, please contact the Activities Office at 563-552-5010 or e-mail Mrs. Amico at tamico@dbqschools.org or Mr. Lawler at mlawler@dbqschools.org.

WELLNESS CLASS

Submitted by: *Robyn Lucas*



“If every 8 year old in the world is taught meditation, we will eliminate violence from the world within one generation.”
- Dalai Lama


Dear Parents,

Our school is honored to be a part of your child’s educational journey. We pride ourselves on finding new ways to support, challenge, and encourage our students each year. This year our school is honored to bring the practices of Yoga and Mindfulness into our classrooms. Your student is invited to participate in monthly Yoga and Mindfulness practices led by a staff member who is a certified Challenge to Change Kid’s Yoga Teachers. The program prides itself on having reliable professionals with a passion for working with children and a proven curriculum. The Mindfulness curriculum delivered during these lessons was created by founder and former educator, Molly Schreiber and designed to increase social emotional skills in children. The Mindfulness Practices include, but are not limited to, deep breathing exercises, yoga poses and games, brain breaks, sensory tools and experiences, and guided relaxation practices.

These practices are proven to assist in the regulation of emotions, aid in focus and attention, improve self-awareness, mitigate the effects of bullying, increase self-confidence, and create a calm learning space. Yoga and Mindfulness practices promote self-connection and regulation and are not affiliated with any religious beliefs. Yoga is a multifaceted practice that has many layers, such as deep breathing, physical poses, relaxation tools, and sensory experiences.

If you have any questions regarding Yoga and Mindfulness in the Classroom please feel free to contact your building principal or Challenge to Change Inc. If you would like to know more about Yoga and Mindfulness please connect with Challenge to Change Inc. at <http://challengetochangeinc.com/> or MollyMSchreiber@gmail.com.

Thank you for sharing your students with us!



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PTO BOARD

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Jodi Heimke, Staff Rep.

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2022-23 COMMITTEE POSITIONS

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Dance Committee:

Hayley Taylor

Hospitality:

Hayley Taylor (Back to School)
Stephanie Wolter (Back to School
and Conference Meals)
Tina Long

Newsletter & Social Media:

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Spirit Nights:

Brittany Becker
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Stephanie Wolter

Yearbook:

Alex Schiavoni
aschiavoni@dbqschools.org
Stacey Sigwarth
ssigwarth@dbqschools.org

NEXT PTO MEETING

All are welcome to attend on **Tuesday, October 4, 2022** from 6:30–7:30 p.m. in the school library or via Microsoft Teams. To receive the login info, message us on Facebook or email us at: ERMSPTO@outlook.com

ERMS PTO

Roosevelt Families,

First I'd like to introduce myself; I am Hayley Taylor, ERMS PTO President and parent of an 8th grade student. This is my third year being involved with the PTO, and first year as President. I am looking forward to serving our school and students this year. With your help, we can make great things happen!

Are you looking for a simple and rewarding way to become more involved with your student's educational future? The PTO is a great way to help support your student's school and to get to know other parents and staff at Roosevelt. The purpose of the PTO is to enrich the learning experience for both the students and faculty, provide support for programs in need and help facilitate extracurricular activities.

JOIN THE PTO | Annual dues are \$10 and can be paid using the Dubuque Community School District online payment portal—you will find the PTO payment option on the same page you use to make meal deposits—or by sending a check, made payable to the Roosevelt PTO, to our main office. Dues are required to be a voting member. Voting members help decide how we help the school throughout the year and serve the staff and students. From planning school events to distributing new equipment and supplies, your vote matters!

GETTING INVOLVED | If you are considering joining us for a meeting or have questions, please reach out to one of the current members, message our Facebook page or email me for more information. If you would like to be more involved with the PTO, or are just looking to volunteer for activities such as selling spirit wear at conferences or donating food for staff conference meals, please email me at ERMSPTO@outlook.com. We have many opportunities to volunteer—large and small. As they say, many hands make light work!

HELP US FILL OUR OPEN POSITIONS | We currently have chair openings in the below areas. If you are interested in serving as a chair, please contact me as soon as possible to get started!

Hospitality (1 position)
Dance Committee (1 position)
Spirit Wear (1 position)

PTO MEETINGS | Our first PTO meeting of the year was held on Wednesday, September 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. We will also have the option to join in on the meeting via Microsoft Teams. To receive the link, please message our Facebook page or email us at ERMSPTO@outlook.com. Make sure to mark your calendar with the rest of our meetings this year:

October 4, 2022
November 1, 2022
December 6, 2022

January 3, 2023
February 7, 2023
March 7, 2023
April 4, 2023
May 2, 2023

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK | If you have not liked our Facebook page, **PTO Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School Dubuque**, please do so. We are regularly adding information about volunteer opportunities and other PTO sponsored events. It's a great way to stay connected!

SPIRIT NIGHT | Another way to support Roosevelt is to join in on our monthly Spirit Night Fundraisers! Watch our Facebook page for upcoming announcements!

Let's make this another great year at Roosevelt!

Thank you,

Hayley Taylor, *PTO President*



ELEANOR ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 XC Pictures 2:30	2	3
4	5 NO SCHOOL	6 VB 7P vs 7B 4pm VB 8P vs 8B 4pm	7 VB 7B vs 7S 4pm VB 8B vs 8S 4pm 8FB @ Home	8 Cross Country @ DSC 4:15pm VB 7P vs 7S 4pm VB 8P vs 8S 4pm 7FB @ Home	9 VB 7P vs Mazz Blue 4pm VB 7S @ Wash 4pm VB 8P @ Mazz Blue 4pm VB 8S vs. Wash 4pm	10
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ELEANOR ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL OCTOBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 XC @ Bellevue 4:15 VB 7P vs WD Black 4pm VB 7S @ WD Red 4pm VB 8P @ WD Black 4pm VB 8S vs WD Red 4pm	3	4 XC @ Manchester 4pm FB 8P @ Jefferson 4:15 6 th Grade Track Meet @ Senior HS 5:15	5 VB 7B vs Mazz Gold 4pm VB 8B @ Mazz Gold 4pm Picture Retake Day	6 VB 7P vs Wash White 4pm VB 8P @ Wash White 4pm Fall Dance 6:30pm	7 NO SCHOOL	8
9	10	11 FB 8P vs WD Black 4:15pm	12	13 FB 7S vs WD Black 4:15pm	14	15
16	17	18 Activities Grade Check	19	20	21	22
23 Girls' Basketball begins	24	25	26	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29
30 Wrestling Begins	31					

DISTRICT INFORMATION

SAFE ZONE

This school is free of harassment, bullying and discrimination. The Anti-Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination Assurance Statement and School Board Polycys #1001/#1005 is available at The Forum, 2300 Chaney Road, Dubuque, Iowa 52001. Questions can be directed to 552-3000.

LUNCH MENU HOTLINE

Call the lunch menu hotline for the DCSD menu of the day at 552-3250. NSF CHECKS (NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS) There is a \$20.00 charge for all NSF checks per DCSD guidelines.

ABSENCE PROCEDURES

When a student is absent from school, the parent or guardian should call the Attendance Office (563-552-5012) before 9:00 a.m. Please be sure to give your name, student name and reason for the absence. If you prefer send us an email to ERMSAttendance@dbqschools.org.

PAY STUDENT FEES ONLINE

Parents, can pay student fees and deposit breakfast/lunch money into your child's meal account by going to the Dubuque Community School District website at: dbqschools.org Select Student Fees from the drop down box OR Select Student Meals from the District front web page.

WEATHER HOTLINE

The Dubuque Community School District has a "Weather Hotline." When school may be closed due to inclement weather, individuals may call 552-3035 for school district updates. In addition, YOU CAN NOW press "1" for athletic contest changes and press "2" for fine arts activity changes. You can also sign up for Iowa School Alerts at: <https://schoolalerts.iowa.gov>.

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