

## OUR MISSION

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



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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.

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## NOTES FROM MR. JOHLL

Dear Roosevelt Families,

**7 MINDSETS** | This year during Raptor Time, our homebase period to start the school day, we are using a new program called '7 Mindsets'. It is a program used nationally, and is based on a vast three-year research effort that began with a simple question: *What do the world's happiest and most successful people have in common?* To find the answer, researchers reviewed the most extensive and important studies on personal achievement, and they followed that by interviewing over 400 leading experts.

What the research revealed is that the answer wasn't related to gender, ethnicity, or where a person lived in the world. It didn't matter if their families were rich, middle class, or impoverished. It wasn't even connected to how far someone advanced in school or the skills acquired along the way. In fact, it turns out that the game-changing commonalities of happiness and success are based on how the world's most successful people think.

Yes, that's right, how they think—their mindset! So, what emerged was a set of seven mental habits that are foundational to living an enriched life. The '7 Mindsets' help build happiness, intentionality, and success. The program is written in simple, powerful language to teach and activate success strategies for everyone to live life to the fullest potential. The mindsets in the program are: **Everything Is Possible, Passion First, We Are Connected, 100% Accountable, Attitude of Gratitude, Live to Give, Time Is Now.** It has been exciting watching this new program being taught, and the wonderful discussions that have followed with our students.

**PARENTSQUARE** | In the September issue of the PTO Parent Newsletter, I briefly wrote about a communication tool that we utilize often to share information with families called ParentSquare. If you are not receiving email or text information from us via ParentSquare, please check Infinite Campus to make sure your email address and phone number are entered correctly. **If you need help setting up your account, please give us a call at 563-552-5003 for assistance. We want ALL families to receive these important messages.**

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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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**CONFERENCES** | One of the messages I sent home this week was regarding the dates and process for signing up for Parent-Teacher-Student conferences. For this fall, after receiving feedback last year from families and staff, we have decided to primarily do conferences virtually utilizing Microsoft Teams.

The dates for conferences are:

**Thursday, October 20**

**Wednesday, October 26**

**Thursday, October 27**

On Thursday the 27th, we will set aside time for families that would like to meet in-person.

**FAME** | If you have not heard already, our FAME (Fine Arts Mentorship Experience) program announced that our school musical for this coming spring will be, "The Music Man." I think this is a wonderful selection for our students, especially with the musical having such a strong connection to our state. As you know, the composer, Meredith Wilson, lived in Mason City and it was the inspiration for this classic! I'm confident that this choice will be exciting for our students, and to all family members and friends that will want to attend the shows in our auditorium in April 2023. Student should listen for announcements on informational meetings for various cast and support crews!

**PTO MEETING** | On **Tuesday, November 8, at 6:30 p.m.**, the next Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting will be held in the Library. All parents are welcome. If you have not joined the PTO and you are interested in doing so, you can send a check for ten dollars, made payable to the Roosevelt PTO to our main office. You may also want to consider following the PTO Facebook page for more information.

It is my sincere hope that you can find time to enjoy this wonderful fall weather. Have a great October!

Sincerely,



Mr. Johl - Principal

## RAPTOR RAVES: OCTOBER



**House 6-1** has chosen **Ava Bennett** as this month's Raptor Rave because she has shows wonderful traits that represent the 3R's everyday. Ava does such a great job bringing positive energy and attitude to House 6-1. She provides terrific insight to the classroom dynamic, as well as a friendly smile with a fun sense of humor. Ava's kind and hard-working personality has allowed her to be a leader and role model for all the students in our house. Ava walks into each classroom with a fun story to tell, which always seems to lead to an entertaining class discussion. Ava exemplifies the 3 R's each day. Keep up the good work, Ava!



**House 6-2** teachers would like to congratulate **Eleanor Goldstein** for being chosen as October's Raptor Rave. Eleanor has demonstrated a positive attitude, a growth mindset, and perseverance in the first month of her 6th grade career. She is eager to help teachers and peers, to volunteer in large group discussions, to ask for help when she needs it, and to focus on the good. Eleanor makes teaching and learning fun because of the insights, positivity, and humor she shares in lessons.

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## 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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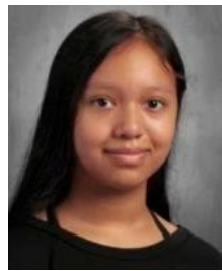
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# RAPTOR RAVES: OCTOBER



**House 6-3** nominates **Adelyn** and **Kailyn Peat** as our Raptor Rave. Both are extremely kind and considerate toward their peers, and their social interactions are very mature. While in class, both girls have been showing a solid understanding of the concepts covered. Adelyn's quiet form of leadership is a model for other students, while Kailyn's verbal skills help others to learn. No matter the situation, both are always smiling and showing a great attitude toward anything they encounter. We are very fortunate to have them in our house.



**House 7-1** selects **Isabella Perez** at the October Raptor Rave. Bella is kind and thoughtful to all staff and students. She arrives to class prepared and participates with excellence. Bella is organized and is consistently one of the first students ready for class. She makes an effort to focus on the positive things that are happening in class. We are very proud of Bella and appreciate the positive example she sets for the rest of the house 7-1 students. Way to go Bella!



**House 7-2** nominates **Nolan Risma** as October's Raptor Rave. Nolan consistently demonstrates Roosevelt's 3 R's in all he does. He gives his best effort in his work and is sure to meet deadlines. Nolan is kind to both peers and adults, and is inclusive to classmates. Nolan also shows responsibility through extracurricular activities by being involved in orchestra, cross country, and FIRST Tech Challenge. Way to go, Nolan!



**House 7-3** is proud to announce **Chase Kunnert** as our October Raptor Rave. Chase is an inquisitive and enthusiastic learner. He is always looking for ways to further his understanding. Chase displays the 3 R's in everything he does. He comes to school every day with a smile on his face ready to take on whatever is handed to him. He perseveres when things get tough and is willing to help his peers when they need assistance. Chase is responsible about getting his work completed and bringing what he needs to class to be ready to learn. Congratulations, Chase! You deserve it!



**House 8-1** is proud to name **Natalie Leitzen** as our October Raptor Rave. She is a delight to teach. She is kind to everyone and always has time to help others out. She is an excellent student, always going above and beyond for her work. She participates in class and is a strong advocate for her own learning. When Natalie is in the room, her teachers know that she will be actively engaged in the activity. Natalie also dedicates her time to the cross country team for Roosevelt. She's blazing trails both in the classroom and on the running course! We are lucky to have Natalie as part of the 8-1 Family this year!

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## 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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## RAPTOR RAVES: OCTOBER



**House 8-2** is excited to share that **Maisey Duehr** is our October Raptor Rave. Maisey brings joy to our house with her positive attitude, willingness to help, and constant smile. Maisey is kind, patient, hard-working, respectful, and responsible. She always gives her best, works well with her peers, participates constantly and is a great role model. House 8-2 also appreciates her work as one of our Student Council Representatives. Your teachers congratulate you on a job well done, Maisey. We are so glad to have you in our house!

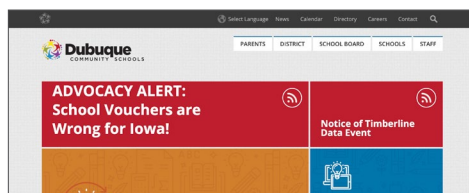


**House 8-3** is excited to announce the selection of **Isla Steckel** for this month's Raptor Rave. Isla is every teacher's dream, always with a smile and a greeting. Academically, she is motivated and focused. Personally, she is polite, kind, and fun. Teachers and kids alike find her very enjoyable and trustworthy. We are so pleased she is ours! Well done, Isla!

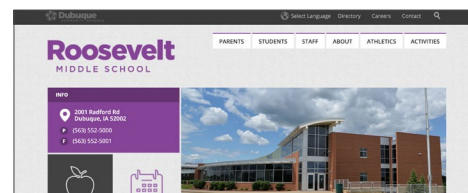
## STAYING CONNECTED

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.

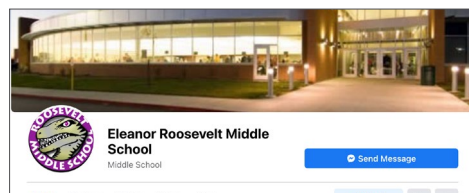
### DCSD Website



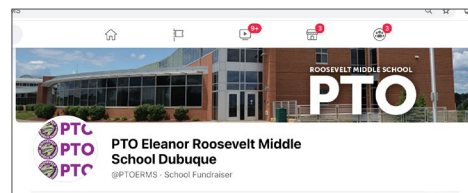
### ERMS Website



### 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](mailto: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.**

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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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**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](mailto: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.**

## NURSES NOTES

### SPECIAL REMINDER:

**If you are ill, you must see the nurse before going home. Please do not call/text/email parent for pickup without going to the nurse's office first. Failure to do so will result in an unexcused absence. We want to keep you safe and healthy this school year.**

**REMINDERS:** Students with a temperature of 100.4 F or higher should stay home until fever free for 24 hours without any fever-reducing medication.

**Students with ANY high-risk COVID-19 symptom or TWO OR MORE low-risk COVID-19 symptoms should also stay home.**

**High risk:** New cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell.

**Low risk:** Fever or chills, headache, muscle or body aches, fatigue, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.

**Students who are symptomatic and waiting on COVID-19 test results SHOULD NOT come to school until they receive the results of the test.**

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

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

Fall is here! Students have been accessing the Counseling Canvas and we have been hearing positive feedback from them! Please have them show you a few things on there.

As you already know, ERMS is implementing the SEL curriculum, 7 Mindsets. We've completed unit 1, Everything is Possible and part of Unit 2, Passion First. October is anti-bullying month, and every student will participate in a lesson created by the district during raptor time.

Once again, this school year we will be providing necessities through our open closet. Open Closet is funded through the Dubuque Community School District

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and offers a variety of needs to our families. Some needs include clothing, hygiene items, school supplies and dry foods. Your student can show you a short video from their counselor's Canvas page. A new service provided by DCSD is our open closet food pantry. If you would like to use the DSCS food pantry, please contact your student's counselor.

Counselors have been working on ERMS student needs assessment. All students will take the assessment to help counselors develop small groups and individual sessions.

**How does your student get in touch with their Counselor?**

Students can make an appointment with their counselor through their counselors Microsoft form located on their Canvas or they can email their counselor. Please know if you as parents and guardians have any questions or concerns, you can email us as well!

- 6th grade: Kerry Elliott – [kelliott@dbqschools.org](mailto:kelliott@dbqschools.org)**
- 7th grade: Casie Kaiser – [cakaiser@dbqschools.org](mailto:cakaiser@dbqschools.org)**
- 8th grade: Amy Glennon – [aglennon@dbqschools.org](mailto:aglennon@dbqschools.org)**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR: BOOK FAIR**

*Submitted by: Mrs. Anne Williams, Teacher/Librarian*

The Roosevelt Library will host a Scholastic Book Fair in the ERMS library during the school day from October 19th to October 26th. Students may visit during their school library time. The book fair will also be open until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 27th. Check out the following link to the Scholastic website for more information: **Book Fair Homepage**



If you would rather not send cash with your student, check out this link on the Scholastic E-Wallet: **Parent How it Works**

*Thank you for supporting the Roosevelt Library!*

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## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

*Submitted by: Mr. Paca, Roosevelt Special Olympics Coach*

The following students participated in Special Olympics bowling at Cherry Lanes on September 29th: Xay LuGrain, Abigail DeMoss, Evan Oberman, Symere Abrams, Kate Schuster, Molly Curry, Brody Connolly, Neenah Maneman, Bradlyn Hantelmann, Josh Johnson, Natalie Miller, Nathan Drake and Landon Blaser. Everyone did a great job with all the students receiving a blue ribbon. A special thanks to Kevin Nolen, Cindy Schadler, Missy Meier, Kathy Hayward, Kim Veach, Mel Brimeyer, Shawna Auderer, and Emily Schromen for all your help.

## MUSIC: 7TH AND 8TH GRADE BAND

*Submitted by: Mr. Norman*

The 7th and 8th grade band has had a great start to the school year! Their school year actually began the first week in August with band camp, where students started rehearsing (and memorizing!) their music and practicing marching. They also showed off the skills that they learned during band camp for the parents at the end of the week. It's so amazing to hear and see everything come together!

Once school started, they continued to practice, not only during their band time but also during 8th period, to perfect their marching skills. Their hard work has paid off because they looked great and sounded wonderful during the Labor Day parade!

Now that the parade is over, they have been rehearsing new music and preparing for their next concert, which will be in December. In addition to learning from Mr. Norman, the seventh-grade students have also been learning a lot from their eighth-grade peers. This month the jazz band has also begun rehearsing twice a week before school. The students have been working hard this fall already, along with having some fun along the way. Band students and parents are looking forward to the annual band bonfire coming up later in October! They get to chill together at the Norman homestead, eating, playing, chatting... and eating some more! It's been a great start to the year and I can't wait to hear the progress the band makes as they go through the school year.

## ERMS PTO

Roosevelt Families,

All I can begin with is 'Wow'!! I want to take a moment to thank you thus far for all for all of the support our PTO has received. We had our first school dance and fun night of the year on October 6th and the turnout was beyond what I could have imagined. To the staff that volunteered their time and the parents

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## PTO BOARD

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Mark Lawler, Asst. Principal  
Jodi Heimke, Staff Rep.

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### Secretary:

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## 2022-23 COMMITTEE POSITIONS

### Sports/Activity Booster:

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mlawler@dbqschools.org

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Hayley Taylor

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

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kim@maderastudios.com

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bbecker@dbq.edu  
Stephanie Wolter

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

## NEXT PTO MEETING

All are welcome to attend on  
**Tuesday, November 8, 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

that offered up time to sell tickets and chaperone the dance, THANK YOU! It was a wild success and the students had so much fun! We really cannot do this without you!

**SPIRIT NIGHT** | Our first Spirit Night is going to be held on Thursday, November 3rd from 5-8 pm at the Asbury Eagles Club where we will host a Burger Night. The cost for adults is \$11 and children 10 and under are \$6. This includes your choice of a burger, brat or hot dog, as well as fries, salad bar, beans and dessert. Carry out IS available if you wish. We will be pre-selling tickets through the school in the near future, so please watch your email for more information. We will also be looking for some student and adult volunteers to help out throughout the event—more details to follow.



The poster features a large, appetizing burger with sesame seeds on the bun, tomatoes, lettuce, and cheese. The text 'ASBURY EAGLES CLUB' is at the top in a yellow, slanted font. Below it, 'BURGER NIGHT' is written in large, bold, black letters with a white outline. To the left of the burger is a circular logo with an eagle and the letters 'FOE'. At the bottom, the date and time 'THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3 | 5:00-8:00 P.M.' are displayed in a white, bold font. The central text reads 'JOIN US FOR ROOSEVELT PTO SPIRIT NIGHT' in purple, with the address '5900 Saratoga Road, Suite 10, Asbury, IA 52002' below it. A yellow arrow-shaped box contains the pricing: '\$11 ADULTS' and '\$6 CHILDREN 10 and under'. To the right, under 'What's Included:', it lists 'Choice of Burger, Brat or Hotdog with fries, salad bar, beans and dessert.' At the bottom, it states 'A portion of proceeds will go back to our ERMS PTO to support our school. Checks may be made payable to: Asbury Eagles Club' and features the 'ROOSEVELT PTO' logo.

**STAY CONNECTED** | Don't forget to like our Facebook page, **PTO Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School Dubuque**, to stay in the know on all things PTO. Also, make sure to join our email list by sending us a message on Facebook, signing up online or emailing us, [ermstpoto@outlook.com](mailto:ermstpoto@outlook.com). We are regularly sending out emails with volunteer and donation opportunities.

**FILL OUR COMMITTEES** | We still have a few open positions on our PTO Committees and we'd love to give you more information on them. Contact a PTO member, or join us for a meeting to learn more!

Our next PTO meeting is **Tuesday, November 8th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Roosevelt Library. We invite you to join us either in person or virtually. A Microsoft Teams link will be available by request the week of our meeting.

Thank you again for a great start to the year—we are blessed with fantastic families that are stepping up to make this year the best for our students!

Hayley Taylor, *PTO President*





# ELEANOR ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL

## NOVEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 7GBB @ Wash 4pm 8GBB vs Wash 4pm	4	5
6	7 7GBB vs Mazz 4pm 8GBB @ Wash 4pm	8 7GBB @ Drexler 4pm 8GBB @ Jeff 4pm	9 Girls Bball Pictures Wrestling Pictures	10 8GBB vs Drexler 4pm Wrestling @ Drexler 4pm Orchestra Pictures	11	12
13	14 7GBB @ Drexler 4pm 8GBB vs Drexler 4pm	15 Wrestling @ Home 4pm	16 End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester	17	18	19
20	21 7GBB @ Mazz 4pm	22 Wrestling @ Jeff 4pm	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL	26
27	28	29 Activities Grade Check	30			

## DISTRICT INFORMATION

### SAFE ZONE

This school is free of harassment, bullying and discrimination. The Anti-Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination Assurance Statement and School Board Polycs #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](http://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>.