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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,

Happy November! I hope that this newsletter finds you and your family doing well, enjoying the beautiful seasonal fall weather.

TRIMESTER 2 | It's hard to believe that in a few days we will begin the second trimester of the 2022-2023 school year. The first day is Thursday, November 17. Because your child(ren) will have a new specialist class (Art, Health, or Gen. Music), it would be great if you could review their schedule with them on Infinite Campus.

PBIS | Have you heard your child(ren) use the acronym PBIS? If you are new to Roosevelt this year, you may be wondering what that means. PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports. It's an organizational structure that we have implemented with our staff and students that allows us to create a positive learning community. It's not a curriculum, nor is it a lock-step program, but instead it's a structured approach for positively interacting and working with our students. The emphasis of PBIS is built on a school-wide philosophy that our staff will teach, model, and reinforce the positive student behaviors needed to be successful in learning.

My guess is that you might have overheard talk about some of the monthly PBIS activities that we offer to promote and encourage a positive culture at Roosevelt, or maybe you've heard about the three guiding principles for our program. Here at Roosevelt, we strive to promote a culture where students can demonstrate that they are Ready to learn, Responsible for what they do, and Respectful in their actions. These three guiding principles are known as the "3 R's" of our PBIS program. Students who demonstrate the "3 R's" are recognized by our staff members with a Raptor Recognition Ticket. These tickets are not a reward, but instead a recognition shown to the student for their appropriate display of behavior or for following the expectations of the school. Students can then use these tickets for the monthly PBIS events, or other special activities provided by the school or their house teachers. In September we had a "Lunch on the Lawn" day for our students, and in October the PBIS team sponsored a costume day.

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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We continue to use the PBIS approach with our students because it works! PBIS is led here at Roosevelt by a staff leadership team, which in turn is led by two staff coaches, Ms. Schuster-Davis and Ms. Allison. I want to publicly thank both of them and our team for their leadership of this work. It is also important to note that this is a school initiative that our PTO continues to support each year, and I want to publicly say thank you for their help with our events and activities.

BULLYING, HARASSMENT, AND DISCRIMINATION ARE NOT ALLOWED

With this newsletter I want to share information about an electronic reporting option that anyone may use to report a concern. This district form, along with an informational video, can be found on the district website with this link:

https://www.dbqschools.org/parents/say-something/

The online form is available to all students, staff, parents, and community members to use, and it can be submitted anonymously. If a concern is shared electronically, it will be routed directly to me as the school principal. Please know that this form is provided by the district as an additional option to share a report, but we also encourage everyone to also let us know directly at school of any bullying, harassment, or discrimination. We are committed to creating a safe learning environment for all students.



FALL FUNDRAISER | I want to share my sincere appreciation to all students and parents, along with the Roosevelt PTO, for another successful fall fundraiser. On Friday, February 24th, we will celebrate with the students who qualified for the field trip to the Kalahari Waterpark and Amusement Park in Wisconsin Dells! Our distribution of fundraiser products, including frozen food, will be on Tuesday, December 6, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. More information will be coming from the school soon via Parent Square. The money raised from the fundraiser, with the support and advice of the PTO, will be used to support our students in their learning experience here at Roosevelt.

ERMS FACEBOOK | If you have not done so already, please consider following the Roosevelt Facebook page. We share pictures of learning, activities, athletics and much more, along with other important information. Many of our PBIS activities are featured on our Facebook page.



Click **HERE** for our **SCHOOL** page!

Have a great Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Jeff J. Johl

Mr. Johll - Principal

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@msputchio
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@ermsbands
@feldermanwellness
@lucaswellness1002
@erms.orch
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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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RAPTOR RAVES: OCTOBER



House 6-1 nominates **Brayden Hancock** as our November Raptor Rave. Brayden is a great role for the students in house 6-1. He shows respectfulness, responsibility, and readiness every day. His work ethic is something we are all proud of. He is kind to his peers and his teachers. Brayden constantly has a positive attitude at school and is very helpful to his peers. Keep it up!



Westhoff for being chosen as November's Raptor Rave. Lucas has demonstrated the characteristics of an effective learner and one that contributes to making the world a better place. He is trustworthy and dependable. Teachers can rely on him to help them and his peers, to volunteer in large group discussions, and to focus on the good. Lucas makes teaching rewarding for his teachers because of the empathy, growth mindset, and humor he shares in lessons.



House 6-3 congratulates Carter StGermain on being our November Raptor Rave. Look into one of our classrooms and you will consistently see a certain student hard at work. Carter's focused, kind nature, as well as his respectful personality, make him our Raptor Rave. Doing well in school is a priority to Carter, which is proven by his exemplary grades. He puts effort and thought into every task he undertakes. If you are fortunate enough to partner with or work near Carter, you will experience a clever, fun young man. His concentration and desire to produce quality work make him a standout individual. Carter's quiet personality and his positive disposition make friends and peers feel at ease around him. This is a well-deserved honor!



House 7-1 has chosen **Brayan Lopez Santoj** as our Raptor Rave. Brayan loves to learn and always works hard in his classes. Brayan takes responsibility for his learning by always asking for help when there is something he doesn't understand. Brayan is kind and respectful to all of his teachers and classmates. Keep up the great work, Brayan!



House 7-2 nominates **Evelyn Keehner** as November's Raptor Rave. Evelyn is a positive role model for her peers in her consistent demonstration of Roosevelt's 3 Rs. Evelyn is ready to learn, giving her best effort in all she does and asking questions when needed to ensure she's doing so! Evelyn is kind to both peers and adults and is always willing to lend a helping hand. She shows responsibility by being a strong participant in both academic and extracurricular activities. Way to go, Evelyn!



House 7-3 would like to honor **Ellie Berg** as November's Raptor Rave. Ellie continues to use the 3 R's each and every day. Ellie is always READY for class, she is very RESPONSIBLE and always has her assignments completed, and she is very considerate toward other students. She is RESPECTFUL and willing to help her peers and teachers. We appreciate that Ellie leads by example. She is a role model for her peers. Ellie is a pleasure to have in House 7-3.

CONTACTS

Main Office: 552-5000 Principal: Mr. Jeff Johll

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: 552-5012Assistant 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 8-1 is pleased to announce that **Lucy Koelker** is our November Raptor Rave! Lucy is a positive and hardworking student in all of her classes. She brings a great attitude and smile to every class. She's helpful as she is the go-to student for her peers, willing to help whoever needs it. She is inquisitive and enjoys learning, always wanting to do her best. The quality of her work is something that Lucy is proud of, and she recognizes that it is a reflection of her work habits. She is a good example for her peers and 8-1 is so lucky to have Lucy as part of our school family!



House 8-2 is thrilled to announce that **Samuel Wertzberger** has been selected as our November Raptor Rave. Sam is a role model for other students, and he perfectly represents what it means to be a respectful, responsible, and ready Raptor. Sam exemplifies the 3 R's with his academic and athletic success, which he achieves through hard work and perseverance. Additionally, Sam treats everyone with respect and has a positive attitude. Ultimately, Sam stands out as an awesome student and an all-around great person. We are so happy to have Sam Wertzberger as a part of the 8-2 family!



House 8-3 is excited to announce **Hattie Peterson** as this month's Raptor Rave! Hattie is a hard worker and is cognizant of her grades. Her work ethic is outstanding as well as her collaboration with peers. She participates in class discussions and is always prepared for class. Hattie is not only an active learner in our classrooms, but she also participates in Orchestra. Hattie is kind to her friends, classmates, and the staff here at Roosevelt. Hattie always does what she is supposed to do every day without being asked and without getting involved in drama. 8-3 is proud to have Hattie as our Raptor Rave!

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.

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@dbgschools.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-anddocuments/

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/

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.**

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)

It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of 1st trimester!

Second trimester begins on, November 17th. Please review grades in Infinite Campus and Canvas and connect with teachers if your student needs improvement. ERMS does offer homework help on Tuesday's and Thursday's until 3:30p.m. Homework help is supervised by a teacher and is a quiet space for students to complete missing work. If you would like to enroll your student in homework help, please contact your student's counselor. Space is limited!!!

For 7 mindsets this month we will continue to focus on, passion first.

The Passion First Mindset teaches students that they are all unique expressions of human existence. It's vital to find out what our individual strengths and talents are so that we might connect them with our goals and visions for the future. In this mindset, we work with students to understand their unique gifts, their skills and strengths, and how to share them with the world to the maximum extent possible. Not only will they explore their interests, they will begin to identify their core values and what they stand for. The next step is helping them learn how to make their dreams into reality, tapping into both the courage and perseverance needed to overcome any challenges they encounter in pursuit of the lives they desire. - 7 Mindsets Curriculum

ERMS students will also have an extra raptor lesson on, school threats. This lesson was created by the DCSD staff and all DCSD students will receive the same message.

As you are aware, the weather is getting chilly! If you are in need of some winter gear, please stop down at our Dubuque Community Clothing Pantry located at NICC Dubuque Center, 700 Main Street. It is open on Monday's 2:00–4:00 pm. and Wednesday's 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

The Multicultural Family Center also has some great resources for the month of November. Check out their calendar and website at the following link: **Multicultural Family Center (mfcdbq.org)**

6th grade: Kerry Elliott – kelliott@dbqschools.org 7th grade: Casie Kaiser – cakaiser@dbqschools.org 8th grade: Amy Glennon – aglennon@dbqschools.org

THANKSGIVING MEALS

Submitted by: Casie Kaiser, School Counselor

If you or anyone you know needs assistance this holiday season, below are some resources to assist with meals.



FOOD AVAILABILITY: THANKSGIVING WEEK 2022

Turkeys and Meal Bags

Thanksgiving Meal Bags

Week of November 21st

Resources Unite 1900 JFK Rd. Call ahead by Nov. 18th to reserve a bag

Call ahead by Nov. 18th to reserve a bathen pick up at Resources Unite: 563-231-6280

8th Annual Turkey Giveaway

Saturday, November 19, 11am - 2pm NAACP Comiskey Park, 255 E.24thSt. One turkey per family; first come, first served. Please bring ID.

Free Thanksgiving Week Meals

Hot Meal

St. Patrick's Church 1425 Iowa St. Sit-down meal indoors in the church basement. All are welcome.

Weds., Nov. 23, 4:30 - 5:30pm

Hot Breakfast

Thurs., Nov. 24, 7:30am Dubuque Rescue Mission 398 Main St. All are welcome.

Ginter Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal

Thurs., Nov. 24 starting at noon
Joliet Event Center
781 Locust St.
Sit-down meal indoors; meal deliveries for seniors, shut-ins, disabled.
Call 563-583-8535 to arrange delivery.

Breakfast - lunch - dinner

Friday, Nov. 25
Dubuque Rescue Mission
398 Main St.
Hot meals - everyone welcome.

Hot Breakfast

Sat., Nov. 26, 7:30am Dubuque Area Labor Harvest 423 W. Locust St. All are welcome.

Hot Meal

Saturday, Nov. 26, 5:00 - 6:00pm St. Luke's United Methodist Church 1199 Main St.

"Food for the Soul" Sit-down meal indoors with a food pantry. All are welcome.

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FROM THE ACTIVITIES OFFICE

Submitted by: Mark Lawler, Assistant Principal / Activities Director

We are in full swing for Wrestling and Girls' Basketball. In December we will have 7th and 8th graders sign up for Dance or Boys' Basketball. If there are students who need physicals to be done before then, please make arrangements now so they are ready to go when practice begins right after winter break.

After school LEAP activities are also just beginning for students in all grades. When new activities are available, I will send an e-mail to students with a link to sign up. It will have information about dates, location, and the activity title and description. All activities are 2:30 – 4:00 p.m., and students should be picked up at the main entrance at 4:00 p.m. In addition to student e-mails, the activity information will also be available in the daily announcements (available on the school website on the megaphone icon) as well as the LEAP link on the school website in the Parents tab. Students should not sign up for an activity until they have confirmed with their parents/guardians that it will work.

As always, if you have any questions about activities, please call the Activities Office at 563-552-5010 or e-mail tamico@dbqschools.org.

MUSIC NOTES

Submitted by: Natalie Delcorps, Orchestra Director



Congratulations to **Ruah Kim** from house 7-1! Ruah has been selected perform at the Iowa Junior Honors Orchestra Festival on November 18th, 2022 in Ames, Iowa! She plays viola in the 7th and 8th grade orchestra, chamber orchestra and is a member of the chamber quintet.

Iowa Junior Honors Orchestra Festival began in 1992 to give younger students an all-state level experience. The Festival is sponsored by the Iowa String Teacher's Association.

It is a one-day event, held in the same complex and at the same time as the Iowa All-State Music Festival and the Iowa Music Educators Association state convention. There are two orchestras of equal ability in the festival, each with about 90 participants.

The groups are composed mainly of 8th and 9th graders, with a few advanced 7th graders.

ERMS PTO

Roosevelt Families.

I want to extend a heartfelt **Thank You!** to each Roosevelt family that has supported the Roosevelt PTO and staff throughout this last month. The donations for conference meals were greatly appreciated, and our first Asbury Eagles Club Burger Night fundraiser was not only a great success but a fun evening had by all. I want to **personally applaud our student volunteers from the evening**; I received MANY compliments on how well the students did, how personable and polite they were and how hard they worked. The compliments remind me why I am so proud of the community we have at ERMS!

SCHOOL DANCE | Our next school dance will be on **Friday, December 2, 2022 from 2:30–4:30 p.m.** at Roosevelt! Tickets will be on sale Thursday, December 1st and Friday, December 2nd during the lunch periods at school.

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Hayley Taylor

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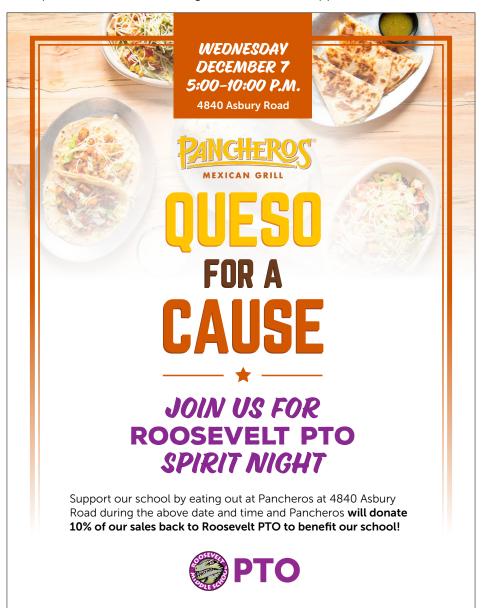
Alex Schiavoni aschiavoni@dbqschools.org Stacey Sigwarth ssigwarth@dbqschools.org

NEXT PTO MEETING

All are welcome to attend on **Tuesday, November 15, 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

Tickets are \$5 and MUST be purchased during that time—tickets will NOT be sold at the door. Please remind your student to have the ID with them when they purchase their ticket, as well as when they arrive at the dance. An email will be sent in the near future to sign up for our volunteer opportunities for this event!

SPIRIT NIGHT | Our next Spirit Night will be on **Wednesday**, **December 7th** from 5:00-10:00 p.m. at Pancheros in Dubuque. 10% of all sales during that time will be donated to the Roosevelt PTO! Take the evening off from cooking and stop in or order online for a great meal and to support our school!



STAY CONNECTED | Remember 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, **ermspto@outlook.com**. We are regularly sending out emails with volunteer and donation opportunities.

Our November PTO meeting has been rescheduled—we will now meet on Tuesday, November 15th 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. Our last meeting of 2022 will be Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the Roosevelt Library.

Hayley Taylor, PTO President

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				7GBB vs Mazz 8PGBB @ Mazz	2 Wrestling @ Drexler School Dance 2:30-4:30	3 First Tech Challenge NEIBA Honor Band
4	5 8SGBB @ Drexler Black	7GBB @ Drexler PTO Meeting 6:30	7 8PGBB vs Jefferson	7GBB vs Drexler Red Band Concert 7pm	9	10
11	12	13 Wrestling @ Home 7GBB @ Mazz 8SGBB @ Drexler	14	15 8SGBB vs 8 Purple	16	17
18	19 Wrestling @ Mazz 8SGBB vs Jefferson	7GBB vs Drexler Black Activities Grade Check	21 8PGBB vs Wash	22	NO SCHOOL	24
25	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31

DISTRICT INFORMATION

SAFE ZONE

This school is free of harassment, bullying and discrimination. The Anti-Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination Assurance Statement and School Board Policys #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.