

## 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,

The season of spring is one of my favorites. With its beautiful weather and increasing hours of daylight, it brings with it a sense of renewal, hope and optimism. I’m excited to share with you in this newsletter some events that have happened here at Roosevelt or will be happening with our students this spring that has helped me feel this way. It’s a wonderful time of year!

**MUSIC CONCERTS** | March was “Music in the Schools” month and last month we had many concerts in our district to enjoy! The evening choir, orchestra, and band performances were outstanding in so many ways. We are so proud of our musicians!

**TRACK AND FIELD** | We have several students that are participating in this wonderful spring sport. It is great seeing them outside practicing after school getting ready for our meets. Next Monday, April 17, Roosevelt will host a track meet at Dalzell. I am looking forward to watching our students compete!

**GARDEN CLUB AND GREENHOUSE** | This spring we are improving our greenhouse and garden area. We will be replacing some garden beds, and the district is currently constructing two additional beds for our students to use. We are also going to plant some fruit trees. It is great to see this area being used to teach students about the importance of plant life.

**FINE ARTS MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE** | Many students this spring have had the opportunity to create, build, perform, and publicize our annual FAME musical production. Roosevelt students will be presenting the musical “The Music Man Jr.” this month. The performances will be April 27th–30th in our auditorium. Ticket information can be found at [www.ermsfame.weebly.com](http://www.ermsfame.weebly.com), or by going directly to <http://erms.seatyourself.biz>.

**FOOD DRIVE** | Our student council just wrapped up its March Madness Food Drive for the Dubuque Food Pantry. This is sponsored by our Student Council and has become a spring tradition. Students in each house competed against

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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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other grade-alike houses and as a school. The students had fun and were able to help others in our community. Thank you to all of students and families for your donations!

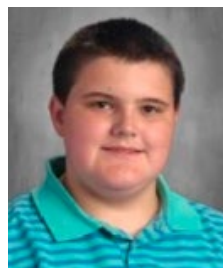
**Student Survey** | On, Monday, April 17, we will be administering a survey to our students that is a requirement of the state of Iowa Department of Education. It is called "The Conditions of Learning" survey, and it's for students in all three grades here at Roosevelt. An informational message was sent by the district with details about the survey. I followed that with a Parent Square message this week. Like the ISASP Tests, this is an important part of our school's "report card" grade from the state. Thank you for promoting the importance of the survey!

Have a great month of April and a happy spring!



Mr. Johll - Principal

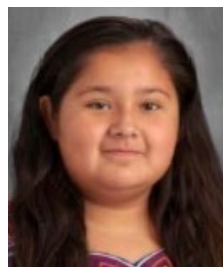
## RAPTOR RAVES: APRIL



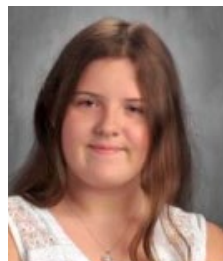
**House 6-1** has chosen **Ashton Hitzler** for our Raptor Rave. Ashton is not only an excellent student but also shows great social skills in and out of the classroom. Ashton gives good examples of the 3 R's, which are being **READY** for classes, **RESPONSIBLE** towards improving himself as a learner and **RESPECTFUL** to others. He enjoys school. Ashton has a bright future and we are happy we have a student like him in House 6-1.



**House 6-2** is excited to announce **Grace Morrow** as our Raptor Rave. Gracie has an outstanding work ethic, and all of her work is done on time and is always high-quality. Gracie is very respectful to not only her friends, but everyone at Roosevelt, including the staff. Gracie is an outstanding partner while working in a group. She often shares her ideas with teammates and the class while working through group projects.



**House 6-3** is honored to announce **Gabriela Perez** as our April House 6-3 Raptor Rave. Gabby has a positive attitude about learning and always comes to class with a growth mindset. She works hard, asks questions, and cares for others. Her kindness radiates to those around her and her smile can warm a room. In class, she truly demonstrates the meaning of a responsible raptor. We are so lucky to have Gabby in our house. Congratulations on a job well done!



**House 7-1** names **Jaden Lindenberg** as our April Raptor Rave! Jaden is kind to students and staff as she smiles and greets others in the hallway. She is responsible for getting her work done and asks questions when they arise. She shows respect when she collaborates with her peers in class and is willing to work with anyone. House 7-1 is lucky to have such a thoughtful and helpful student. Congratulations Jaden!

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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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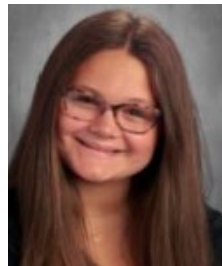
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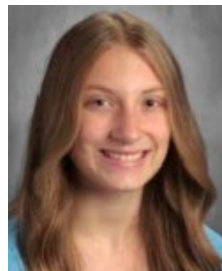
**House 7-2** nominates **Andrew Hohmann** as this month's Raptor Rave. Andrew continuously demonstrates the 3 R's in his interactions with both peers and adults. He is polite and kind to others and will give his best effort to any task that comes his way. Also, Andrew has quite the sense of humor and knows how to think outside the box. We appreciate his positive and easy-going attitude. Even though he is very busy throughout the year with robotics, sports, music, and other extra curriculars, he is dedicated to his education and growth in all subject areas. Thanks for being a great representative of our school, Andrew!



**House 7-3** congratulates **Kayeleigh Noel** on being the House 7-3 Raptor Rave! Kayeleigh consistently strives for excellence. She is dedicated to her learning and enjoys taking on new challenges. Kayeleigh is a role model for her peers. She demonstrates respect towards her classmates and teachers and is willing to stand up for what is right. Kayeleigh is kind and friendly towards everyone!



**House 8-1** proudly name **Mara Deutsch** as our April Raptor Rave. Mara is an outstanding young lady. She embodies the Raptor 3 Rs: she is always RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and READY to learn! Mara is always kind to everyone and she makes sure to include all Raptors. Mara has a kind heart and a sweet disposition. She is always willing to work very hard so she understands her school work. She wants to do well in school and she never hesitates to ask questions. Mara is a friend to all and House 8-1 is so lucky to have her part of our learning family!



**House 8-2** is excited to announce **Jazlynne Peterson** as the April Raptor Rave! Jazlynne is a student that can be relied on to be an honest person who consistently works hard. She completes her work in a timely manner. She is the kind of person who can be relied on to be a productive partner and good friend. 8-2 has enjoyed having Jazlynne as a student this school year. Congratulations Jazlynne and keep up the fantastic work!



**House 8-3** is excited to announce **Jeffrey Oeth** as this month's Raptor Rave! Jeff is a hard worker and is conscientious about his grades. His work ethic is outstanding as well as his collaboration with peers. Jeff enjoys participating in class. We can rely on him to lead group discussions and model critical thinking. Jeff is not only an active learner in our classrooms, he also participates in sports for Roosevelt and teams outside of Roosevelt. Jeff is kind to his friends, classmates, and the staff here at Roosevelt. Jeff has helped peer tutor students during Raptor Time when asked, as well as volunteering to help other students when not asked. Jeff is a leader in the classroom, with his peers, and in sports. 8-3 is proud to have Jeff 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

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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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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.**

**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

**Reminder to parents of 8th graders,** dental screenings need to be completed before entering 9th grade. The form was mailed home, but a copy can be obtained in the Health Office if needed. Please return to the high school your student will be attending.

**Reminder to parents of 6th graders,** incoming 7th graders will need a TDap and Meningitis vaccine this fall. It is Iowa State law. 7th graders will not be able to attend classes in the fall until this requirement is on file in the health office. <https://hhs.iowa.gov/immtdb/immunization/laws>

**ILLNESS 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.

**If your child is ill, PLEASE keep them home to avoid passing the illness to their class. DCSD requires a student to be free of fever (without Tylenol or Ibuprofen), vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school.**

**If your child begins to feel ill at school, please remind them to visit the nurse. Any student who contacts home for pick up without seeing the nurse will get an unexcused absence. Thanks!**

**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.

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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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**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)

We are in full transition at Roosevelt!!! All 8th grade student's freshman plans should be approved by their parent or guardian to begin high school in the fall of 2023.

ERMS welcomed their incoming 6th grade class on April 11th and 13th, open house was a great turn out! We are sad to see our 8th grade students leave, but excited to start with our new class of 6th graders.

ERMS continues to teach 7 Mindsets during raptor time. Our primary focus has been on the unit, Live to Give.

*The Live to Give Mindset teaches the importance of serving others while maximizing our own potential. It tells us that abundance in life is a cycle; in order to receive love, respect, and financial security, we must first learn to give those things to others. This mindset also teaches us that the greatest gift we can ever give is to find and leverage our unique genius to maximize our positive impact on the world, knowing that good things will be returned to us in kind. In the lessons for this mindset, we guide students to think about the impact they want to make and the legacy they want to leave. - 7 Mindsets Curriculum*

## WE APPRECIATE YOU DAY

Submitted by: ERMS PTO

Beginning this year in February, the PTO has been recognizing ERMS staff each week. Recipients receive a gift card as a gesture of our appreciation for all they do for our students.



February staff we recognized included (from left to right): Ashley Dorman (Paraprofessional), Jay Cottrell (Head Custodian), Bobbie Jo Jones (Assistant Principal), Julie Sear (Eighth Grade Special Education), Maureen Bortscheller (Seventh Grade Social Studies) and Jon Kolker (Paraprofessional).

# FAME

Join the ERMS FAME production of The Music Man Jr. at the end of this month., Tickets are for sale now so mark your calendar and order your tickets today:  
<http://erms.seatyourself.biz>

FINE ARTS MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE  
presents

MEREDITH WILLSON'S  
**THE MUSIC MAN JR.**



ELEANOR ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL  
Dale Lass Auditorium

**April 27th – April 30th**  
Thursday – Saturday @ 7pm,  
Sunday @ 2pm

Tickets are \$12 - more information at <https://ermsfame.weebly.com/>  
Follow us on Instagram @ erms.fame

BOOK, MUSIC AND LYRICS BY  
**MEREDITH WILLSON**  
STORY BY  
**MEREDITH WILLSON AND FRANKLIN LACEY**

STAGE DIRECTOR  
Lisa Lenstra-Norman

MUSIC DIRECTOR  
Cameron Scholtes

PIT DIRECTOR  
Roger Tyler

STUDENT DIRECTOR  
Bella Martin

CHOREOGRAPHER  
Lisa Lenstra-Norman

Meredith Willson's The Music Man JR. is presented through special arrangement with, and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY (212) 541-4684 [mfishows.com](http://mfishows.com)

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## PTO BOARD

Jeff Johl, School Principal  
Bobbie Jones, Asst. Principal  
Mark Lawler, Asst. Principal  
Jodi Heimke, Staff Rep.

## 2022-23 OFFICERS

### President:

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### Treasurer:

Tammy Rausch  
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### Secretary:

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## 2022-23 COMMITTEE POSITIONS

### Sports/Activity Booster:

Mark Lawler  
mlawler@dbqschools.org

### Dance Committee:

Hayley Taylor

### Hospitality:

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

### Newsletter & Social Media:

Kimberly Davis  
kim@maderastudios.com

### Spirit Nights:

Brittany Becker  
bbecker@dbq.edu  
Stephanie Wolter

### Yearbook:

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

## NEXT PTO MEETING

All are welcome to attend on **Tuesday, May 2, 2023** 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](mailto:ERMSPTO@outlook.com)

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# ERMS PTO

Roosevelt Families,

Our last PTO meeting for this school year is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 2nd at 6:30 p.m.** in the Roosevelt Library. We invite you to join us either in person or virtually. A Teams link will be available by request the week of our meeting.

**SPIRIT NIGHT** | Our next Spirit Night will be Thursday, April 27th from 5–8 p.m. at Chick-fil-a in Dubuque. Chick-fil-a will donate 20% of profits from that time period back to Roosevelt PTO to benefit our school. Dine in or carry out and show your support! Make sure to mention Roosevelt PTO when you place your order!

**JOIN US** | As the school year is coming to an end, volunteer opportunities for the next school year are opening up. Please reach out to any PTO member to find out how you can help make the 2023-2024 school year another great one!

**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, [ermsto@outlook.com](mailto:ermsto@outlook.com). We are regularly sending out emails with volunteer and donation opportunities.

Hayley Taylor, PTO President



**Chick-fil-A**

**ELEANOR ROOSEVELT  
MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO  
Spirit Night**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023  
5:00 – 8:00 PM**

Support our school by eating out at Chick-fil-A at 3500 Dodge Street in Dubuque during the above date and time—make sure to **MENTION** Spirit Night—and **Chick-fil-A will donate 20% of profits back to Roosevelt PTO to benefit our school!**

**HOW IT WORKS**

1. Before you order, **MENTION** you are there for **Roosevelt Spirit Night**
2. Order **Dine-in** or **Carry Out**
3. Make sure to invite your friends and family!





# ELEANOR ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL

## MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Boys Track @ Wahlert 4:30pm Girls Track @ Hempstead 4:30 Band Concert 6:30	5	6
7	8 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Football begins 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball begins	9 Renaissance Breakfast Orchestra Concert 6:30	10	11 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Football and Volleyball Pictures	12	13 Boys and Girls Track @ Senior gam
14	15	16	17	18 Choir Concert 6:30pm	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day Parade	30	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>