

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.

OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS



NOTES FROM MR. JOHLL

Dear Roosevelt Families,

Welcome to a new school year and this first edition of our parent newsletter for 2023-2024. 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.

Even with the hot weather it has truly been a wonderful beginning of another year of learning with our students. I have been impressed with the learning experiences that our teachers have designed and implemented, and the active engagement of our students with those lessons. The students have been respectful, responsible, and ready to learn each day! It is evident to me that learning is happening. We truly have a superb teaching staff that works with a wonderful group of students!

NEW STAFF | This year we have several new staff that we want to welcome to our Roosevelt team. They are:

- Kathy Feltes – Language Arts (House 6-1)
- Anna Blatz – Social Studies (House 7-2)
- Anna Muntz – Science (House 7-3)
- Scott Firzlaff – Social Studies (House 7-3)
- Morgan Kruse – Math (House 7-3)
- Sam Schuler – Science (House 8-3)
- Staci Amosson – General Music/Band
- Stacy Kretz – Special Education
- Kelsey Then – Special Education
- Kelly Neumann – Health Teacher

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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 7-2

@7.2raptors

HOUSE 7-3

@ermshouse73

HOUSE 8-1

@mskresshistory

@msyagerscience

@mrscummingsmath

@mspociask_ela

HOUSE 8-2

@erms_82

@Mrs_Norby

- Mandy Pfaff – Special Education Coach
- Jordan Coleman – Records Secretary
- Ashley Ellis – Paraprofessional
- Bridget Pullara – Communication Aide
- Ivy Hayward – Educational Interpreter
- Jeleighsa Hamilton, Communication Aide
- Angela Curtis, Health Liaison

We also have four teachers we want to welcome to our Roosevelt family as long terms subs. They are:

- Sandra Butt – Math (House 7-3)
- Alan Wiseman – Math (House 8-1)
- Amy Cady – Soc. Studies (House 8-2)
- Judy Hannan – Special Education

Please join me in welcoming them to Roosevelt!

We also want to take a moment to remember one of our staff members that we lost last weekend with the death of Kathy Hayward, a long-time paraprofessional substitute in our building, and a full-time staff member this school year. She is also the mother of our assistant principal, Mrs. Jones. Kathy was an important member of the Roosevelt family and will be greatly missed. We continue to extend our sympathy and support to the Hayward and Jones family, along with our students and staff during this difficult time.

SCHOOL ID | As a part of our school safety protocols, we ask that all students wear their school issued identification card in a visible way throughout the day. Please remind your child about the importance of doing this and about having it ready to wear each morning. If your child loses their ID card, a replacement can be purchased for \$3.00 in the main office.

iREADY DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENTS | As you may have seen in a Parent Square message, last week our students took a diagnostic assessment to help us in meeting the individual learning needs of all students—the iReady Diagnostic Assessment. The iReady is done three times a year in the areas of math and reading. This online screener and program allow 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 Parent Square.

PARENTSQUARE AND CANVAS | We will continue to utilize Parent Square as the primary online tool for communicating information with families. We ask that **parents and guardians check their email addresses and phone numbers** on Infinite Campus for accuracy. Depending on your preference settings in Parent Square, 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 Parent Square 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 PTO. 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.

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ADDITIONAL ERMS INSTAGRAM USER NAMES

@ermsslibrary
@mrsglennonerms
@msmontanaerms
@msputchio
@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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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 practice after school. The same is true for our sixth-grade track program. I am thankful for the dedication and work of our coaches.

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

DUBUQUE SCHOOLS BOND REFERENDUM, NOV. 7 | As part of planning efforts to meet the facility and operation needs of the district into the future, a Dubuque Community School District Bond Referendum will be on the November 7th election ballot.

The bond includes adding **air conditioning** to all district schools without it, construction of a **new, modern middle school** to replace the 100-year-old Washington and Jefferson buildings; a **gymnasium addition** at Eisenhower Elementary School; a **baseball and softball facility**; and **land acquisition** for a future elementary school.

Due to a combination of strong financial management and enrollment changes, the inclusion of the debt service levy to fund the bond will not cause the district's overall tax levy rate to change.

Want to learn more about the bond? Visit: www.dbqschools.org/bond

Thank you for allowing us to 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

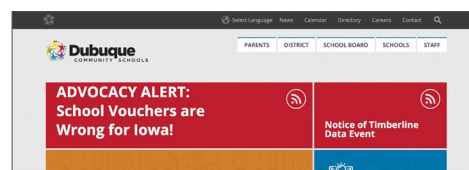


Mr. Johll - Principal

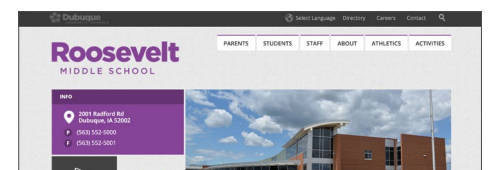
STAYING CONNECTED

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 website or facebook page. Make sure to bookmark/like our pages.

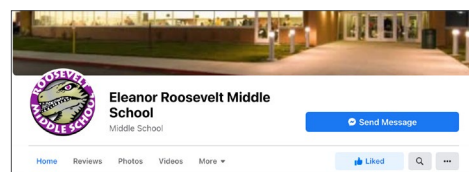
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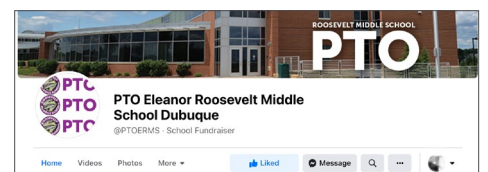
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ERMS FACEBOOK



ERMS PTO FACEBOOK



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:
Ms. Jordan Coleman

DCSD Anonymous Tip Line: 552-3075

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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.**

NURSES NOTES

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.

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

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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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Submitted by: Mrs. Glennon

Welcome Back!!!

We are super EXCITED to start the 2023-2024 school year! Each counselor is assigned to a grade at ERMS and will follow the students all 3 years. Mrs. Glennon has 6th grade, Mrs. Elliott has 7th grade and Mrs. Kaiser has 8th grade. Your student will continue to have access to a Counseling Canvas, which will include resources and lessons. You can also follow this Canvas course.

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

ACTIVITIES OFFICE

Submitted by: Mark Lawler, Assistant Principal / Activities Office

Our fall sports are in full swing, and we have a ton of students out for sports (**cross country, football, volleyball, and 6th grade track**)! We know that when students are involved in activities, they feel like they belong in the school community, they are engaged with peers, and they build successful skills.

We also have announced that students can sign up for other activities like **Battle of the Books (BOTB), FIRST LEGO League (FLL), and FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC)**. In a few weeks I will send an email to 7th and 8th graders with a link to sign up for **wrestling or girls' basketball**. Our **FAME** program will put on the musical Shrek, Jr. at the end of April, and information about cast and crews will be out later in the year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS | Any time we have students sign up for events, we put the information in the announcements so students hear it and students and parents can read it. The announcements can be found on the website with the megaphone icon.

BOUND | We are in transition with how we schedule athletic events. Like our Dubuque high schools and many others across the state, we are starting to use Bound for schedules and rosters. In the meantime, thank you for your patience as we live in two worlds this school year. Here are directions for using Bound:



1. Search your app store for the "Bound Sports" app.
2. Download the app and sign up for a free account.
3. Search for Roosevelt-Dubuque (soon to be Dubuque Roosevelt MS)
4. Select the "teams" tab and pick which team you want to follow.
5. The schedule will appear as the home screen or you can select roster to see our players.

We will be utilizing Bound for all Athletics moving forward so be sure to hit the star icon to follow Roosevelt Athletics!

You can also access our schedule and roster at <https://roosevelt.dbqschools.org> and selecting the Athletics tab and selecting Sports Schedules.


For non-sports related activities, we are continuing to publish events on the school website's Events Calendar.

If you have questions about activities, call the Activities Office at 563-552-5010 or email tamico@dbqschools.org or mlawler@dbqschools.org.

WELLNESS

Submitted by: Robyn Lucas

Students in Wellness class will participate in the Challenge to Change curriculum again this year. Please read the letter from Challenge to Change on the importance of social emotional learning and mindfulness in our classrooms/school.



“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!



3337 Hillcrest Road | Dubuque, Iowa | 52002 | (563) 542-1168
challengetochangeinc.com

COMPUTER TECH HELP

Submitted by: Mrs. Anne Williams, Teacher Librarian

When a student has a problem with their computer, they can come to the Roosevelt Library for tech help. The library staff will do our best to troubleshoot any issues, and if we can’t solve the problem the computer is then sent to our I.T. staff. Students receive a loaner device to use while they are waiting for theirs to be repaired. Students just need to remember to check their emails daily and come and pick up their repaired computer. Students should also check monitor their email if they place a book on hold, as an email will be sent when the book is ready for pick-up.

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PTO BOARD

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Bobbie Jones, Asst. Principal
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Jodi Heimke, Staff Rep.

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Stacey Sigwarth
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NEXT PTO MEETING

All are welcome to attend on **Tuesday, October 3, 2023** from 6:30–7:30 p.m. in the school library. To receive the login info, message us on Facebook or email us at: ERMSPTO@outlook.com

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ERMS PTO

Hello Roosevelt Families,

My name is Brenda Nank and I'm the Roosevelt PTO president for this 2023-2024 school year. I have been an active volunteer at Roosevelt for the past 3 years. I am excited to lead our PTO as we help our kids receive the best education.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR | Our first school dance is on Thursday, October 5th. Tickets will be sold during lunch periods from Tuesday, Oct 3–Thursday, Oct 5.

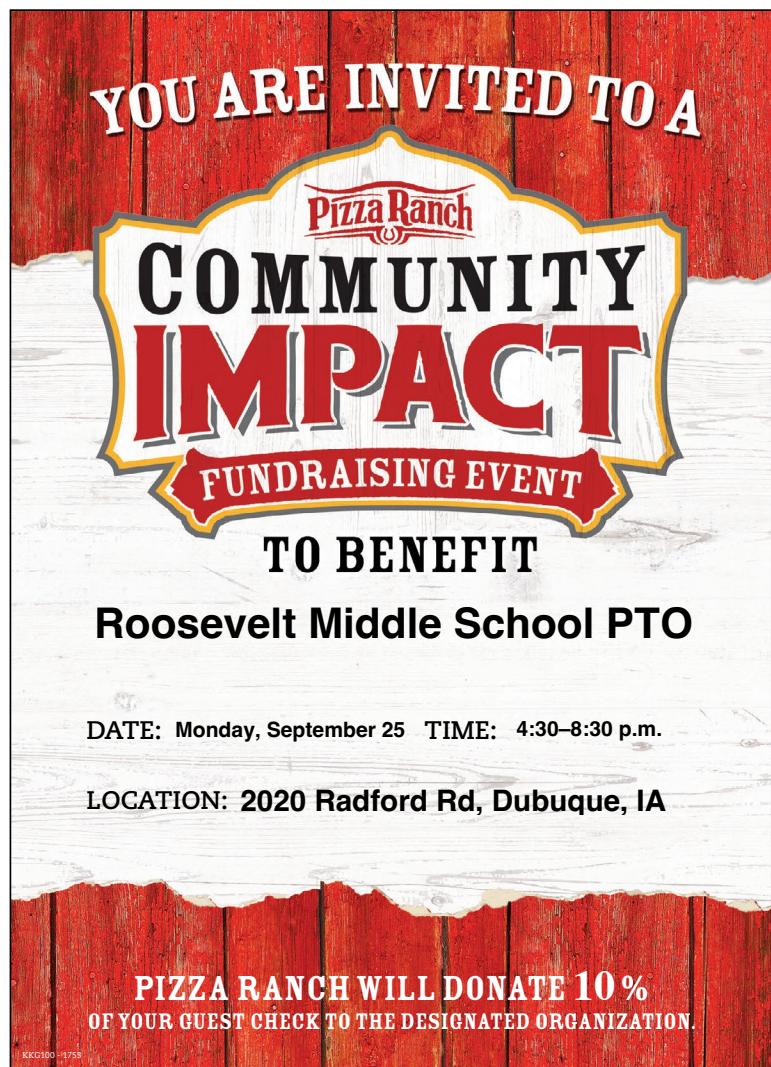
SPIRIT NIGHT | A great way to make easier dinner plans and help support Roosevelt's PTO is by joining our monthly "School Spirit Fundraising Nights." See the below flyer for details.

STAY CONNECTED | Remember to like our Facebook page, **PTO Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School Dubuque**, to stay in the know on all things PTO. If you have any questions or would like to join the PTO email list, send us a message on Facebook, sign up online or email ermspto@outlook.com.

Our next PTO meeting is **Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:30 p.m.** in the Roosevelt Library. We hope to see you there!

Welcome students and families to the 2023-2024 school year!

Brenda Nank, PTO President





ELEANOR ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 7PVB vs WD Black 8PVB @ WD Black	3 8BFB @ Wash 8PFB vs Jeff 7SVB @ WD Red 8SVB vs WD Red XC @ Manchester 6 th Grade Track Meet @ Senior HS PTO Meeting 6:30	4 7BVB vs Mazz Gold 8BVB @ Mazz Gold Picture Retake Day	5 7FB vs Drexler Red 7PVB vs Wash White 7BVB @ WD Black 8PVB @ Wash White 8BVB vs WD Black Fall Dance 6:30-8:30	6 NO SCHOOL	7
8	9	10 8BFB vs 8PFB Fire Drill #2	11	12 7BFB vs 7PFB	13	14
15	16	17 8BFB vs Drexler Black 8PFB @ Drexler Red	18 Tornado Drill #2	19 7BFB vs Drexler Black 7PFB @ Drexler Red	20 Music Day	21
22	23	24	25	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28
29	30 7 th and 8 th Girls Basketball Begins 7 th and 8 th Wrestling Begins	31				FB Games – 4:15pm VB Games – 4:00pm XC Meet – 4:00pm 6 th Grade Track – 5:15pm

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 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>