

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,

DUBUQUE SCHOOLS BOND REFERENDUM | As we approach the month of November, I would like to share some facts about upcoming bond referendum. The Dubuque Community School District is committed to responsibly and strategically planning facility enhancements in the district that provide outstanding educational experiences for students while providing the greatest efficiency for district operations. As part of this planning 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 referendum includes five primary projects:

- Addition of **air conditioning** (and other HVAC mechanical improvements) to all schools in the district currently without it
- Construction of a **new, modern middle school** on the Washington Middle School site that would replace the more than 100-year-old Washington and Jefferson buildings.
- Construction of a **gymnasium addition** to Eisenhower Elementary School
- Construction of a **baseball and softball facility** with lights, restrooms, and concessions
- **Land acquisition** for a potential future elementary school aligned with geographic population shifts.

What is the tax impact? 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. The rate of \$14.51 per \$1,000 of assessed property value will remain in place. This represents the district's fourth-lowest tax levy rate over the past 15 years. If you would like to learn more, additional information about projects included in the bond, why the district chose to move forward with a bond now, and how it would impact taxpayers, please go to www.dbqschools.org/bond.

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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

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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

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PARENT SQUARE MESSAGES AND CONFERENCES | 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 Parent Square. If you are not receiving email or text information from us via Parent Square, 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. 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 do conferences virtually utilizing Microsoft Teams. **The dates for conferences are Thursday, October 19, Wednesday, October 25, and Thursday, October 26.** On Thursday the 26th, we will set aside time for families that would like to meet in-person at Roosevelt.

FAME MUSICAL | If you have not heard, our FAME (Fine Arts Mentorship Experience) program announced that our school musical for this coming spring will be, "Shrek." I think this is a wonderful selection for our students. I'm confident that this choice will be exciting for them, and for all family members and friends that will want to attend the shows in our auditorium in April 2024. Student should listen for announcements on informational meetings for various cast and support crews! Questions can also be directed to our new program director, Natalie Delcorps, at **ndelcorps@dbqschools.org**.

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WE ARE HIRING | If you are passionate about education, wanting to support and inspire young minds, we would like to talk to you about our open paraprofessional position here at Roosevelt. The hours for this position are from 7:20 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. during the school year.

We also have full-time openings in our cafeteria. The positions help in creating and/or serving healthy lunches for our students. If you are interested, you can learn more about these openings and apply online at:

www.dbqschools.org/careers or call me at 563-552-5000.

PTO MEETING AND MEMBERSHIP | On Thursday, November 2, at 6:30 p.m., the next Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting will be held in our library. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. 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. Johll - Principal

ADDITIONAL ERMS INSTAGRAM USER NAMES

@ermslibrary
@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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RAPTOR RAVES: OCTOBER



House 6-1 nominates **Dane Shireman** as our first Raptor Rave of the year. Dane exemplifies respect and kindness. He helped guide our new student and made sure he felt welcomed and comfortable. He follows class expectations daily and ensures that his peers are following expectations as well. He is always encouraging students to stay on task and be kind. Dane is dedicated to his academics and extracurricular activities, such as track. He has a passion for personal growth and community engagement. He has great values and high expectations for himself!



House 6-2 proudly nominates **Sophia Schultz** as this month's Raptor Rave. Sophia has had a great start to 6th grade. We find her to be respectful because she's kind and helpful to everyone in our house. You can tell she's ready because she often raises her hand to be an active participant in our class discussions. She is responsible when she advocates for herself and seeks out opportunities to improve her understanding of what she's learning in class. Congratulations Sophia!



House 6-3 is honored to recognize **Jacob Corkery** as our October Raptor Rave. He is a leader for his peers in following the 3R's. He comes to school ready to learn daily. Jacob is kind, polite, friendly and respectful towards peers and staff. As a responsible learner, Jacob always asks for help when he needs it and is willing to lend a hand to a peer that needs help. House 6-3 is very lucky to have such a great student, way to go Jacob!



House 7-1 is excited to announce **Annmarie Langidrik** as our October Raptor Rave. Annmarie is a quiet leader in our house and is willing to help her peers, especially students new to our school. Annmarie has helped guide our new students by not only serving as a guide around school but demonstrating the 3R's in all parts of the building. Annmarie is consistently demonstrating the 3R's by completing her assignments, participating in class, and respecting others around her. We know that we can count on Annmarie to be a role model for her classmates. Keep up the great work, Annmarie!



House 7-2 is proud to recognize **Addison Shedek** for the honor of Raptor Rave, October 2023. Addison displays the 3R's on a daily basis in regard to her academics as well as her interactions with peers and staff. Congrats, Addison!



House 7-3 is honored to nominate **Ella Schulte** for our October Raptor Rave. Ella is a person of character who leads by example. She goes above and beyond to help her peers. She has a kind heart, completes quality work on time, and participates in her classes. Ella gets along well with everyone and embodies the positive character that we look for at Roosevelt. We are proud of Ella's achievements and look forward to a great rest of the 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. Amy Glennon
Grade 7: Mrs. Kerry Elliott
Grade 8: Mrs. Casie Kaiser

Records/Counselors Secretary:
Ms. Jordan Coleman

**DCSD Anonymous Tip Line:
552-3075**

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RAPTOR RAVES: OCTOBER



House 8-1 chooses **Isla Culbertson** to represent all of the Raptor Raves in our 8-1 Family! Isla is friendly, kind to her peers, always utilizes her time well and possesses a positive attitude and overall energy. She cares for others by helping anyone in need. She is excited about learning, never gives up and looks forward to class. She always has a smile on her face and is a joy to teach! She is a great role model for her peers and is a special addition to House 8-1!



House 8-2 is proud to announce that **Andrew Hohmann** is our October Raptor Rave. Andrew is an incredibly hard-working student and is always respectful to teachers and peers. He is responsible for the many roles he plays within the building, he is always ready to participate in class and make the best of each day at school.



House 8-3 is proud to recognize **Christopher (CJ) Peterson** as our House 8-3 Raptor Rave for the month of October. CJ is an incredible young man who has an exceptional desire to learn new things and is always seeking more. He is a fantastic role model for his fellow classmates through his respectfulness, responsibility, and readiness for whatever comes his way. CJ is involved in school activities and truly encompasses what it means to be a Raptor Rave. Congratulations CJ on being the first House 8-3 Raptor Rave of the school year!

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

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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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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

Submitted by: Mrs. Vogt, RN

HEALTH OFFICE UPDATES:

- 1. We can no longer give cough drops or Tums to students.**
- 2. Written consent has to be obtained before giving Tylenol or Motrin to students. We can no longer call home for verbal consent.**

Reminder, 6th grade students will need a **TDap and Meningitis vaccine** to enter 7th grade next year.

Students will be given an unexcused absence if they text/call a parent to go home without visiting the nurse first.

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.

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

Submitted by: Mr. Lawler, Assistant Principal/Activities Director

We have had a great fall season of sports—cross country and volleyball—and football is about to wind down. I sent an email to all 7th and 8th graders to sign up for wrestling or girls' basketball, both of which begin on October 30th and end before winter break.

As always, if you have any questions, please call us in the Activities Office at 563-552-5010 or email tamico@dbqschools.org or mlawler@dbqschools.org.



Remember to download and create a free account on the Bound Sports app so you can stay up-to-date with ERMS athletics. Get the app: **Android > Apple >**

WE'RE HAVING A BOOK FAIR!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Submitted by: Anne Williams, Teacher Librarian

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Roosevelt Middle School. Students can shop the book fair during the school day with their Language Arts classes from October 19-October 25, and you can shop online through November 5. We accept checks, cash, credit/debit cards and the Scholastic E-Wallet. Information about E-Wallets can be found on our book fair homepage.

Check out our ERMS Scholastic Book Fair online >

DID YOU KNOW that you can purchase an E-Wallet for your student's classroom teachers, and they can buy books for their classrooms?

MUSIC: ORCHESTRA

Submitted by: Natalie Delcorps, Orchestra Director



On October 5th, the ERMS 7th and 8th grade orchestra participated in Symphony Day with Ginny Luke and members from the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra. The four schools represented were Thomas Jefferson Middle School, George Washington Middle School, and Mazzuchelli Catholic Middle School. Ginny Luke, a Dubuque native, was the guest artist rocking on her electric violin. Luke soloed while the orchestra played "Crazy Train" and "Thriller". The students had a blast!



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A special thank you goes to: Hana Velde, Karah Spahn, Jayme Ironside, Timarie Friesen and Kayle Risma. These parents helped transport instruments and chaperoned our students!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Submitted by: Mr. Paca, ERMS Special Olympics Coach



The Eleanor Roosevelt Special Olympics team competed in the bowling tournament at Cherry Lanes in Dubuque on October 5th. Congratulations to the following students who attended the event: Seymere Abrams, Shawnta Brown, Brandon Bush, Molly Curry, Eli Drake, Nathan Drake, Logan Ellis, Shawn Hillard, Ryder Hoffman, Brysen Imbus, Joshua Johnson, Lincoln Keith, Madilyn Klapatauskas, Neenah Manneman, Natalie Miller, Kate Schuster, Matthew Shaw, and Tanner Youtzy.

Everyone had a great time and came home with a medal. A special thank you to all of the paras and educators from the Life Skills team.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Submitted by: Wendy Winger, House 6-2 Science Teacher



Roosevelt's new student council was elected at the end of September. The student council is responsible for representing the entire student body and participates in activities such as school dances, fun nights, food drives, Veteran's day, kindness grams, and other school and community building. Members are...

6th graders: Ellie Blok, Wes Bobis, Brooklyn Goerd, Otis Haynes, Kendall Hill, Avery Mueller, Angel Parra, Gavin Reimer, Miranda Roth, and Morgan Scott.

7th graders: Kartik Chugh, Nora Denlinger, Zenner Ellerbeck, Liam McDonald, Maggie Michel, Mack Peterson, Jakobe Scott, and Alex Wiese.

8th graders: Berkley Hicks, Maxwell Jones, Ruah Kim, Emma Lindenberg, Jaden Lindenberg, Alen Osmicevic, Kiara Verhagen, and Salma Zahran.

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PTO BOARD

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

2023-24 OFFICERS

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Secretary:

Open Position

2023-24 COMMITTEE POSITIONS

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Dance Committee:

Open Position

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Newsletter & Social Media:

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Spirit Nights:

Open Position

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NEXT PTO MEETING

All are welcome to attend on
Thursday, November 2, 2023
from 6:30–7:30 p.m. in the school
library.

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ERMS PTO

Hello Roosevelt Families,

The first school dance of the school year was held on Thursday, October 5th. The students enjoyed the getting together with their friends. We appreciated all the help from our wonderful Roosevelt Families who volunteered to make the evening a success. We really couldn't do it without you all!

SPIRIT NIGHT | A great way to help support Roosevelt's PTO is by stopping by our monthly fundraising "Spirit Nights." September was held at Pizza Ranch. It was great to see our 7th grade students volunteering at the event. A big thanks to Nolan, Zenner, Jackson, and Alissa!

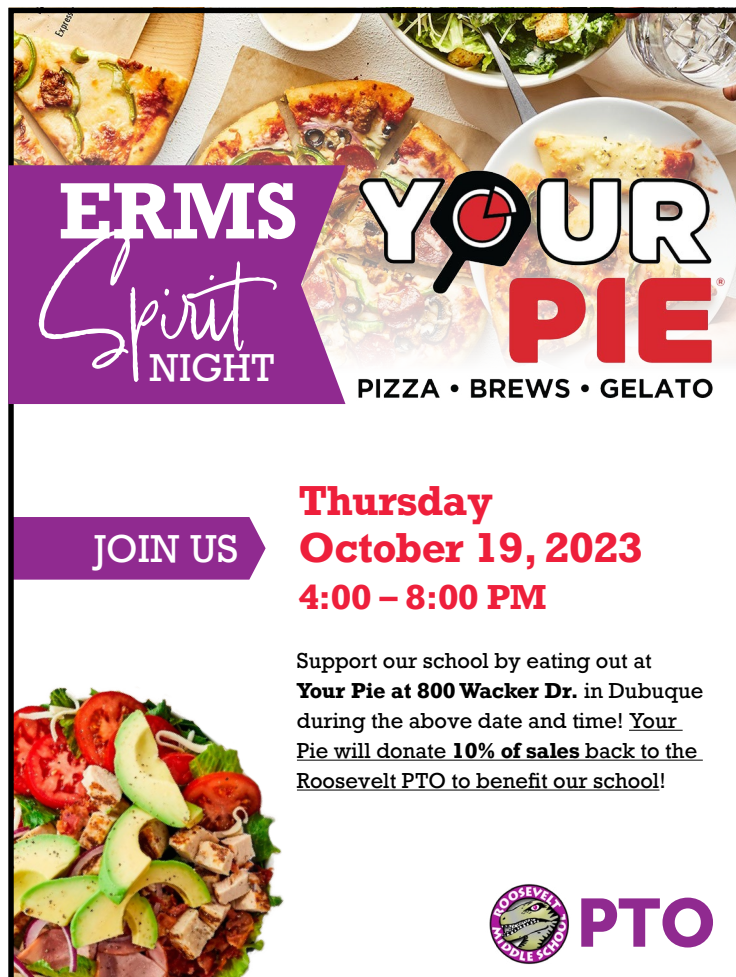
This month's Spirit Night is at **Your Pie at 800 Wacker Drive on Thursday, October 19th from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.** A portion of sales during that time will be donated back to Roosevelt's PTO to support our school. Please see below for additional details.

Parent/Teacher conferences are this month. The PTO provides drinks and snacks for staff working conferences. If you are interested in donating please sign up at:

<https://tinyurl.com/2023ERMSFallConf>

PTO MEETING | Our next PTO meeting will be on Thursday, November 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

Brenda Nank, PTO President




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Spirit
NIGHT

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PIE
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JOIN US

Thursday
October 19, 2023
4:00 – 8:00 PM

Support our school by eating out at **Your Pie at 800 Wacker Dr.** in Dubuque during the above date and time! Your Pie will donate 10% of sales back to the Roosevelt PTO to benefit our school!





ELEANOR ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			8 th Grade Fieldtrip	8 th Grade Fieldtrip		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			7PGBB vs 7SGBB 8GBB vs Jefferson	Wrestling @ Drexler	7PGBB vs Drexler Red 8GBB @ Drexler Red	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	7SGBB @ Wash	Wrestling @ Home Orchestra Concert	7PGBB vs Mazz 8GBB @ Mazz GBB Pictures	First Trimester Ends 7SGBB @ Drexler Black Wrestling @ Jeff	Music Day!	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	7PGBB @ Wash 7SGBB vs Mazz 8GBB vs Wash	Wrestling @ Wash	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	
26	27	28	29	30		
	7PGBB @ Drexler Black 8GBB vs Drexler Black	Wrestling @ Drexler		7SGBB @ Drexler Red 8GBB vs Jefferson		
					All Basketball Games and Wrestling Meets begin at 4pm	

DISTRICT INFORMATION

SAFE ZONE

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