

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.

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NOTES FROM MR. JOHLL

Dear Roosevelt Families,

As we approach the start of the second half of the school year, I hope that this newsletter finds you and your family doing well.

Inclement winter weather is certainly here, and with it, we had our first ever virtual day of instruction this week. Overall, I think it went well. Teachers shared that student participation numbers with their work on Canvas were strong, and that many of them utilized "office hours" through Microsoft Teams to virtually get assistance and support with their work.

I-READY | If you are looking for a way to further support your child(ren) in the areas of math and language arts, we invite you to connect with their iReady lessons that they do online. The iReady lessons serve as a great resource for students looking to fill gaps in their learning or to accelerate their understanding of grade level content. Working on them each week will help their teachers figure out what to teach and how to better support them—while also helping them focus their learning on exactly what they need.

We encourage you to make a plan with your student for how they will spend their time at home working on these learning lessons. As you make the plan, please utilize any guidance you've received from your child's teachers on what they should work on. Together you can become familiar with the different parts of the student dashboard, and you can review progress with your child using the 'My Progress' page. At Roosevelt we do recommend that students complete one (1) lesson in math and one (1) lesson in reading each week.

Encourage your child(ren) to take each lesson and quiz question seriously. Emphasize "thinking before clicking" because just clicking through will not be a productive use of their time nor will it accurately reflect what they actually know. Remind them of the importance of carefully reading passages in their

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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: JANUARY



House 6-2 proudly nominates **Greta Herr** as this month's Raptor Rave. Greta is a person of integrity and a role model here at Roosevelt Middle School. Greta is ready to start class on time with all her materials. She shows respect to others by working quietly and keeping her hands to herself. Greta helps others to learn by sharing her ideas and solution strategies. Greta is responsible by staying on task and finishes all her work on time. She goes above and beyond by tackling extra learning opportunities. We at Roosevelt are fortunate to have Greta as one of our outstanding citizens. Congratulations, Greta!



House 6-3 nominates **Avery Schnier** as our January Raptor Rave! Avery continuously comes to school with a growth mindset! She is a joy to have in class and goes out of her way to show kindness to her classmates. Avery continues to challenge herself to meet her goals both inside and out of the classroom. She strives to be the best version of herself and to be a positive light and leader for those around her! As a house, we are very thankful to have such a kind friend among us! Keep up the great work, Avery!



House 7-1 recognizes **Hannah Kueter** as our January Raptor Rave. Hannah is an extremely organized young lady who takes pride in her work. Hannah takes the feedback that she is given to improve her work. Hannah consistently meets the house expectations with excellence. We are happy to have Hannah in our house; she is a glowing representative of house 7-1 students.



House 7-2 proudly recognizes **Elijah Hoover** as our Raptor Rave for the month of January 2024! Elijah demonstrates Roosevelt's 3 R's of Respect, Responsibility, and Readiness on a daily basis. Friendly, personable, and dedicated are attributes that define Elijah's character. Elijah's commitment to classwork consistently exceeds expectations, and his creativity is evident through writing and projects! Congratulations, Elijah!



House 7-3 would like to honor **Kylie Shireman** as January's Raptor Rave. Kylie leads by example in everything she does. She is organized, focused, and pushes herself to participate in class. Kylie takes responsibility to complete her work when she is absent and is ready to learn every day. She is a leader in Raptor Time Circles when she shares her positive mindset with her peers. 7-3 appreciates Kylie's kind and gentle spirit. We are grateful to have Kylie in House 7-3!



House 8-1 chooses **Lilyana Davis** to represent all of our Raptor Raves in our House! Lilyana is hardworking, has a great work ethic, and is an advocate for her own learning. She asks questions so she can fully understand her learning. Lilyana is kind to others and brings joy throughout the day! She wants to learn all she can and cares about her grades. Always putting her best effort into everything she does! We are so happy that Lilyana is part of the 8-1 Family!

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CONTACTS

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Business Manager/Principal's
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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: JANUARY



House 8-2 names **Lila Seipp** as this month's Raptor Rave. She embodies the qualities of a responsible, ready, and respectful student at Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School. Her commitment to responsibility is evident in her consistent and diligent approach to academic tasks. Lila takes ownership of her assignments, ensuring they are completed with thoroughness and attention to detail. She demonstrates readiness by actively participating in class discussions and eagerly taking on challenges, displaying a keen enthusiasm for learning. Furthermore, Lila is recognized for her respectful demeanor, treating both peers and educators with kindness and consideration. Her ability to collaborate harmoniously with others enhances the overall positive atmosphere within the school community. Lila Seipp's exemplary conduct and dedication to her academic journey make her a standout student, contributing to the positive and respectful environment fostered at Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School.



House 8-3 is pleased to announce **Alexys Hirsch** as our January Raptor Rave! She is extremely consistent in her respectfulness, sense of responsibility, and readiness to approach any task that comes her way. Alexys is also a curious learner who gives her best in everything she does. These are just a few of the characteristics that make her a great role model for her peers. Congratulations and thanks for everything you do to make 8-3 a great place to be, Alexys!

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.

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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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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

- 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.



MUSIC: ORCHESTRA

Submitted by: Natalie Delcorps, Orchestra Director

On December 13th, both the Tyler and Delcorps quintet had a performance at the new Hills and Dales location across from Dairy Queen. Students involved in the Tyler quintet are Ava Osterhaus, Evelyn Keehner, Quinlan Schumacher, Charlie Spahn and Willa Foust. The Delcorps quintet members are Lola Siegert, Shannon Friesen, Calvin Stinemates, Nolan Risma and Henry Ironside.

ACTIVITIES OFFICE

Submitted by: Mark Lawler, Assistant Principal/Activities Director

We are up and running for Dance/Cheer and Boys' Basketball, with games and performances starting this week. FAME is picking up as well, with cast and some crews beginning their work this month. The spelling bee is coming up, FIRST Tech Challenge teams have a couple more competitions, and a few other groups have wrapped up their activities. After school LEAP activities are currently going on—reminder for families that we are putting each activity in the announcements and student email with a form for students to sign up. Daily announcements are available on the school website with the megaphone icon.

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



2024 SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Submitted by: Kent Paca, Special Olympics Coach

The following students participated in snow shoeing at Sherrill on Monday, January 8th: Madilyn Klapatauskas, Ryder Hoffmann, Brysen Imbus, Shawn Hillard, Logan Ellis, Eli Drake, Nathan Drake, Matthew Shaw, Kate Schuster, Neenah Maneman, J.J. Johnson, Natalie Miller, Molly Curry, and Shawnta Brown. Everyone tried their best and each of them received a medal. Super job Raptors! A special thank you to the life skills teachers and para educators for their help.



FINDING 3D SOLUTIONS

Submitted by: Natalie Delcorps, Orchestra Director

This year, Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School received a 3D Printer. Both Robotics teams, Royal Robots and Robo Raptors, have been creating items with the

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machine. Ms. Delcorps, ERMS orchestra director, was talking with Nolan Risma (8-1) about pencil holders on music stands and how the ones she had 3D printed did not work on the school music stands. Nolan offered to create a prototype for the specific stands. Olivia Steckel (7-3) and Amelia Arensdorff (7-2) are also involved in both robotics and orchestra and wanted to help. They helped pick out the color and brought the finished product to the orchestra room. Now, many of our music stands have these fine 3D prints! Thank you to Nolan, Olivia, Amelia and Ms. Sendt for making this possible!



SHARING THE JOY OF THE HOLIDAYS

Submitted by: Jill Duggan, Teacher, 6-2 Mathematics

My hombase in House 6-2 created holiday cards for a local nursing home as a service project for our community. Each student carefully crafted a beautiful sentiment and artwork, including festive glitter! The residents expressed their appreciation to our students for sharing their time and talent.



ERMS PTO

Hello Roosevelt Families,

Midwest winter weather has finally arrived! We find ourselves looking for games and activities to do with our middle school kiddos. Please share your ideas with us, so we can pass them to other Roosevelt families. You know these winters can be long and harsh, sometimes new games can have a positive impact with your family. Is there an event that you would like us to consider hosting as a way for kids to get together? Let us know!

SPIRIT NIGHT | A great way to make easier dinner plans and help support Roosevelt's PTO is by attending our monthly "School Spirit Fundraising Nights." This month, our fundraiser will be held at Jersey Mikes. Please see below for more details.

PTO MEETING | Our next PTO meeting is **Thursday, February 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the school library**. Hope to see you there!

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NEXT PTO MEETING

All are welcome to attend on
Thursday, February 1, 2023 from
6:30–7:30 p.m. in the school library.

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If you have any questions or would like to join the PTO please feel free to reach out via email brendanank@yahoo.com or text me 563-543-9335. Please like our FB page for volunteer opportunities, and donation requests.

Roosevelt PTO hopes everyone stays safe and warm as Mother Nature unloads some nasty winter storms.

Brenda Nank, PTO President



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ELEANOR ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7SBB @ Drexler Red 8SBB @ Drexler Red PTO Meeting 6:30	2 NO SCHOOL	3
4	5 7PBB vs Mazz Blue 8PBB @ Mazz Blue	6 Orchestra Concert 7pm	7 7BBB vs 7SBB 8BBB vs 8SBB	8	9	10
11	12 7PBB vs 7SBB 8PBB vs 8SBB	13 7BBB @ Mazz Gold 8BBB vs Mazz Gold	14 7SBB vs Mazz Blue 8SBB @ Mazz Blue	15 Parent/Teacher Conferences	16 7BBB vs Drexler Red 7PBB vs Mazz Gold 8BBB @ Drexler Red 8PBB @ Mazz Gold	17
18	19	20	21 Parent/Teacher Conferences	22 NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Conferences	23 NO SCHOOL DARE Ski & Snowboard Night	24
25	26	27 7BBB @ Drexler Black 7PBB @ Drexler Red 8BBB vs Drexler Black 8PBB vs Drexler Red	28 7SBB @ Mazz Gold 8SBB vs Mazz Gold	29		

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>