

## 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,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your child(ren) refreshed from an enjoyable spring break. Listed below are a few important pieces of information to share with our families.

**TORNADO DRILL |** As we all know, spring brings with it a greater chance of experiencing a severe weather event, including tornadoes. Each year Roosevelt conducts four practice tornado drills, two in the fall and two in the spring. Please know that the safety of all students is of utmost importance to us, and that is why we practice our severe weather expectations. At the end of February, we completed our third drill, and our final one was completed this week. We are fortunate to have a building that allows us to safely shelter all students and staff on our lower level. To be fully prepared, we always have a weather radio that is set to receive warning announcements for Dubuque County and surrounding counties. Upon the announcement of a tornado watch, everyone in the school is notified. The school then continues to operate in a normal manner, but attention to the weather conditions is intensified. Upon receiving a tornado warning, students and staff immediately move to designated tornado shelters. I am always impressed with how our students participate in a serious and responsible way. I am sure we will have the same experience with our final drill. Your help in promoting the seriousness of these drills is very much appreciated.

**ID AND LANYARD |** Does your child still have her/his school issued student identification (ID) card and lanyard? To provide a safe learning environment for all students at Roosevelt, we do require our students to wear their ID in a visible way at school. This is true for all secondary schools in Dubuque. As we continue with the third trimester of the school year, we are beginning to see an increase in the number of students without an identification card. Please remind your child(ren) that wearing the ID card in a visible way is an important part of our safety plan at Roosevelt. It's also important for checking out library books,

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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 7-2

@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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purchasing school lunches, purchasing tickets for dances or PBIS events, etc. If your child(ren) needs a replacement card, please ask them to come to the main office to purchase a new one. The cost for a new ID card is \$3.00. We also sell lanyard for \$2.00, if one is needed.

**ISASP |** In April we will be administering the annual Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) tests. These are standardized assessments that have been developed by Iowa Testing Programs at the University of Iowa. These REQUIRED tests have been developed specifically for students in our state. They are directly aligned with the Iowa Core standards in reading, math, and science. The information gleaned from these tests provide teachers, students, and parents, with a clear and accurate assessment of learning as it relates to those core standards. Therefore, these tests are very important in helping your child(ren) with their growth in learning here at Roosevelt. Your words of encouragement and your help in promoting the importance of these test is very much needed and appreciated.

Again, this year the Iowa tests will be done completely online. Students will use their school issued laptops to take the tests on our secure server network. Students will take the test in the morning. More information will be coming in a ParentSquare message, but here are the dates for testing:

- Tuesday, April 2 (8th Grade Science)
- Wednesday, April 3 (Reading)
- Wednesday, April 10 (Language and Writing)
- Thursday, April 11 (Math)

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES |** Thank you to everyone that attended our second round of parent-teacher conferences last month. We appreciate you taking the time to learn about what is happening here at school. We know that these conversations will help promote learning success.

**ROOSEVELT FACEBOOK PAGE |** Finally, if you are a user of social media, please consider liking our Roosevelt Middle School Facebook page. You will find pictures from our sports teams, music concerts, and classroom or school activities. We also use this platform to acknowledge the accomplishment of many of our students and share information about our school.

I hope your family has a wonderful spring break!

Sincerely,



Mr. Johll - Principal

## JOIN THE PTO!

We just have a couple more meetings this year so make sure to follow us on **Facebook** to stay up-to-date! We are in need of YOUR help for next year! Board and chair positions will be open and filled before the end of the year for our next school year. Please attend our next meeting to learn more!

- **Support our students**
- **Support the staff**
- **Bring great ideas to life**
- **Lots of opportunities to help—large and small!**



**NEXT MEETING:  
04.04.24**

## 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: MARCH



**House 6-1** is excited to announce **Olivia Leibold** as our Raptor Rave this month! Olivia strives to be respectful, responsible, and ready every day. She has earned the respect of her teachers and classmates. She is friendly and helpful, kind and caring. She works hard and has found a perfect balance between her academics and her social behavior. We are so happy to have Olivia in house 6-1 this year!



**House 6-2**, with immense pride, celebrates **Evelyn Mills** as our March Raptor Rave. Since arriving to our school in January she has consistently demonstrated a remarkable commitment to excellence and a passion for learning. She shows respect to others with compassion and integrity in all of her interactions. She has a radiant personality and a confident composure. Evelyn is responsible as she balances her schoolwork, orchestra, choir, and FAME obligations. She shows up to school each day ready to learn, do her best, and help others. Congratulations Evelyn!



**House 6-3** is incredibly excited and proud to nominate **Claire Baumhover** as our March Raptor Rave! Claire's continuous hard work and dedication to school are witnessed daily by both her teachers and peers. Claire is an outstanding role model, as she is always ready to learn, showing others respect, and consistently going above and beyond, excelling in all she does. Claire's smile lights up the room, and her maturity truly shines daily throughout the entire school. Thank you, Claire, for being an outstanding Raptor Rave in House 6-3!!



**House 7-1** would like to recognize **Sophie Daigle** as our Raptor Rave. Sophie comes to class prepared and is willing to work with all of her classmates. She has a positive attitude and smile that is contagious. She enjoys learning and encourages others to do their best. We are proud to nominate Sophie for Raptor Rave. Congratulations!



**House 7-2** nominates **Alexandra Goldsmith** as our raptor rave. She demonstrates the 3 Rs by always being respectful to both peers and teachers. Additionally, she is responsible by always having her homework done, and catching up on her work when she misses a day. She takes responsibility for her education and is always on top of her work. Lastly, she is ready. Every day she shows up to class excited and engaged in her learning. Keep up the great work Alex!



**House 7-3** would like to honor **Caitlynn Mangers** as our March Raptor Rave. Caitlynn leads by example in everything she does. She is organized, focused, and always participates in class. Caitlynn takes responsibility to complete her work when she is absent and is ready to learn every day. Caitlynn is a leader in class as a self-starter and she's always willing to help her peers. 7-3 appreciates Caitlynn's worth ethic and outgoing spirit. We are grateful to have Caitlynn in House 7-3!

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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: MARCH



**House 8-1** picks **Lauren Cyze** to represent all of our Raptor Raves in the house! Lauren is kind and always prepared for class. She cares about doing well and puts forth her best effort in all of her classes. Lauren is a young lady of high moral character. She sticks up for others when she sees them being mistreated and wants everyone to feel included. She is always responsible, ready and respectful throughout her day. She is a wonderful friend to all and is willing to always lend a helping hand. House 8-1 is so lucky to have Lauren as a member of the 8-1 Family!



**House 8-2** Raptor Rave is **Jack Jorgenson**. Jack is a conscientious student and always strives to do his best. He is a great participator in class and is always open to sharing his insightful ideas with others. Jack is an outstanding student not only in his academics, but also his character. Jack is kind, helpful and inclusive to others in class and makes an excellent team member when it comes to group work. We are so grateful to have Jack in 8-2 this year!



**House 8-3** is excited to announce **Isabella Martin** as this month's Raptor Rave! Bella comes to school each day in a good mood and ready to learn. She is engaged during class and participates in classroom discussions. Bella also asks questions when she needs to, enhancing her learning. She can work with anyone. If we are doing group work, she does an amazing job with whomever she is paired with. Bella never complains and is an asset to her group members. She is naturally curious, which helps her expand her learning. Additionally she is kind to all, and in return, her peers are kind to her. Bella is outgoing and enjoys participating in choir and performing for others—making friends along the way. She loves to read and shares her books with other students, often leading to engaging discussions about the books. Bella is an extraordinary student and person. 8-3 is so very proud of her and we are proud to name her 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](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.

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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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- 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 [ernsattendance@dbqschools.org](mailto:ernsattendance@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

- 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.**

## COUNSELORS CORNER

Submitted by: Casie Kaiser, School Counselor (8th)

March is a month where we truly start seeing how much transition happens in a middle school! We are looking at all of the high school plans and activities for our 8th graders, and we start working with our Elementary schools to transition the 5th graders to 6th grade!

8th grade parents: **If you have not already, please go into your student's four year plan on Infinite Campus, under academic planning and check the box that says you have seen it!!!** Please check your email and/or parent square for directions on how to do this.

DCSD Academic Planning
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Remember, it is a plan, they are not locked into what they have chosen for their 10th–12th grade years, but it is required that we have parents mark that they have looked at it!

Current middle schoolers will get to show their knowledge soon by taking the ISASP. Testing dates are April 3, 10 and 11, 8th graders only will take science on April 2nd. Please be sure to have your students attend school those dates, they will need to make this up if not here!!!

## FROM THE ACTIVITIES OFFICE

*Submitted by: Mark Lawler, Assistant Principal/Activities Director*

The Dance/Cheer and Boys Basketball seasons are complete, and we had multiple people from other schools complement our players and teams on their sportsmanship, which is one of the things we focus on. I was very proud to hear that! The 6th Grade Basketball season concludes today, and the players had a lot of fun. 6th Grade Football and Volleyball are coming up in May. We will make announcements as we get closer.

The FAME cast and crews are in full swing, and the Garden Club is about to start back up after school. At the state competition level, the Science Bowl team placed 4th, and the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Robo Raptors team did really well against tough competition. Track for 7th and 8th graders began yesterday for girls and today for boys, and LEAP after school activities continue. We are proud to offer so many activities so students have a variety of ways to be involved at school.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact us in the Activities Office at **563-552-5004** or email Mrs. Amico or me at **tamico@dbqschools.org** or **mlawler@dbqschools.org**.



## MUSIC: ORCHESTRA

*Submitted by: Natalie Delcorps, Orchestra Director*

The following six students travelled to Cedar Rapids, Iowa for the Kennedy Honors Orchestra Festival on March 2nd: Charlie Spahn (violin), Lola Siegert (violin), Henry Ironside (double bass), Avery Geisler (viola), Noel Kim (violin) and Will Kelley (violin). Congratulations to these fine musicians!

## PTO WAY DAY

Our awesome PTO here at Roosevelt is continuing last years efforts to recognize the work of our staff. They are bringing back the... PTO WAY (We Appreciate You) Day!

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Each week we will “spin a wheel” (from a really cool app) that has staff member names on it. Two names will be randomly selected and they will each receive a \$10 gift card from the PTO as a symbol of appreciation for their dedication and work with our students.

February Winners include:



Amy Palm



Ivy Hayward



Tony Delaney



Wendy Winger

Not pictured: Dana Sullivan and Ken Kircher



## GARDEN CLUB DONATES TO ETHIOPIA

*Submitted by: Garden Club members Hilary T., Taylor H. and Zoey S.*

The Garden Club at Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School decided to buy and send seeds to Homacho village in Ethiopia. Argaw Oremo, a man from Ethiopia, lectured at Roosevelt Middle School about his life. This inspired the garden club, so they sent many types of seeds to the village in Ethiopia. Mr. Oremo requested pepper, carrot, beet, tomato and watermelon seeds. The garden club felt they might also like a few of their favorite veggies and also sent Swiss chard, okra, eggplant, and beans. The seeds were sent with Don Koppes, who works with the program called Friends of Homacho.

Through our visit with Mr. Koppes, here are some things we learned about life in the community in Ethiopia. Most of the schools in Ethiopia have floors that are covered in cow dung and walls made of sticks and mud. Every Friday, two students at the school must bring in their own cow dung and spread it out over the floor. It is then pounded down and smoothed out. The size of a house is half the size of a science classroom at Roosevelt.



Nobody in this village has running water in their house, and they must use outhouses. Friends of Homacho has built wells to bring water closer to the houses so that girls can attend school and not have to walk miles to get water. Mr. Koppes is taking the seeds to Ethiopia this fall.

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## PTO BOARD

Jeff Johl, School Principal  
Bobbie Jones, Asst. Principal  
Mark Lawler, Asst. Principal  
Angela Pickel, Staff Rep.

## 2023-24 OFFICERS

### President:

Brenda Nank  
brendanank@yahoo.com

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### Secretary:

Open Position

## 2023-24 COMMITTEE POSITIONS

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mlawler@dbqschools.org

### Dance Committee:

Krystin Harris

### Hospitality:

Crissy Adams

### Newsletter & Social Media:

Kimberly Davis  
kmdavis@gmail.com

### Spirit Nights:

Open Position

### Yearbook:

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

## NEXT PTO MEETING

All are welcome to attend on  
**Thursday, April 4, 2024** from  
6:30–7:30 p.m. in the school library.

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## ERMS PTO

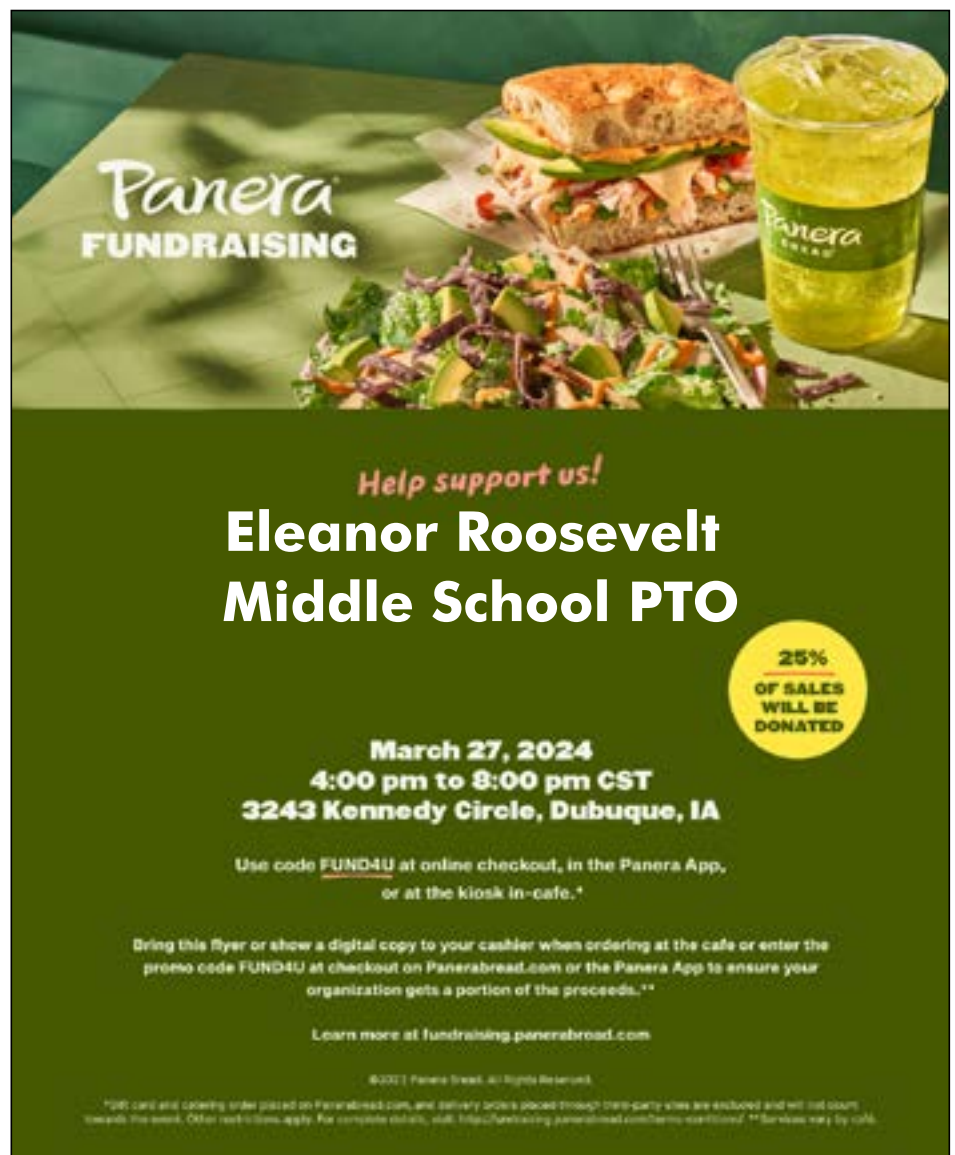
Hello Roosevelt Families,

Our last school dance for this year was held on Friday March 1st. Thank you to the faculty and parent volunteers who helped make this event so much fun.

**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." This month our fundraiser will be held at Panera Bread. Please see the below flyer for more details.

**PTO MEETING** | Our next PTO meeting is **Thursday, April 4th at 6:30 p.m.** 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.

Brenda Nank, PTO President



The flyer features a top section with a photograph of a Panera sandwich, a salad, and a drink on a table. The text on the flyer includes:

- Panera FUNDRAISING** (on the table)
- Help support us!*
- Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School PTO**
- 25% OF SALES WILL BE DONATED** (in a yellow circle)
- March 27, 2024**
- 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm CST**
- 3243 Kennedy Circle, Dubuque, IA**
- Use code **FUND4U** at online checkout, in the Panera App, or at the kiosk in-cafe.\*
- Bring this flyer or show a digital copy to your cashier when ordering at the cafe or enter the promo code FUND4U at checkout on Panerabread.com or the Panera App to ensure your organization gets a portion of the proceeds.\*\*
- Learn more at [fundraising.panerabread.com](http://fundraising.panerabread.com)
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- \*Full card and ordering order placed on Panerabread.com, and delivery orders placed through third-party sites are excluded and will not count towards the event. Offer restrictions apply. For complete details, visit <http://fundraising.panerabread.com/terms-conditions>. \*\*Bread may vary by cafe.





# ELEANOR ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL

## APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 ISASP – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science	3 ISASP - Reading	4 PTO Meeting 6:30pm	5	6
7	8 Boys Track Meet @ Hempstead HS 4:30pm  Girls Track Meet @ Wahlert HS 4:30pm	9 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation 6:30-8:00	10 ISASP – Language and Writing	11 ISASP – Math 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation 6:30-8:00	12 Boys Track Meet @ WDHS 4pm	13
14	15	16	17	18 Boys and Girls Track Meet @ Senior HS 5pm	19 MUSIC DAY!	20
21	22	23 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Fieldtrip to River Museum	24 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Fieldtrip to River Museum	25 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Fieldtrip to River Museum  FAME Musical 7pm	26 Girls Track Meet @ WDHS 4pm  FAME Musical 7pm	27 FAME Musical 7pm
28 FAME Musical 2pm	29	30				

## DISTRICT INFORMATION

### SAFE ZONE

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