

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.

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NOTES FROM MR. JOHLL

Dear Roosevelt Families,

A couple years ago I came across a website that I found interesting and useful, and I would like to share it again with our families. It's from the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the focus is on helping parents or guardians create a "Family Media Plan." The site acknowledges that when used appropriately, different forms of electronic media used through cell phones, gaming devices, televisions etc., can be beneficial to daily family life. However, when it is not used in a suitable way, it can interfere greatly with family interactions, exercise, and most importantly, sleep. With middle school students, we have found that some students sleep patterns are affected by time spent on their cell phones, Play Station, or Xbox. We know from research that students need at least eight hours of sleep each night. I found the media plan on this website easy to use and navigate. It focused on many areas including screen-free time, choosing media, safety, media manners, and digital citizenship. If you are interested, the website is <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/media/>

Another great web resource for you to consider comes from the American Psychological Association and it focuses specifically on the area of online safety. As a parent, it's essential to guide your child on safe social media use. Here you will find some research-based recommendations to help protect your child while maximizing the benefits of social media. Click on this link for more information. Keeping teens safe on social media: What parents should know to protect their kids ([apa.org](https://www.apa.org))

Student Survey | On, Thursday, April 18, we will be administering a survey to our students that is a requirement of the state of Iowa Department of Education. It is called "The Conditions of Learning" survey, and it's for students in all three grades here at Roosevelt. An informational message was sent by the district with details about the survey. I followed that with a Parent Square message also.

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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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Like the ISASP Tests, this is an important part of our school's "report card" grade from the state. Thank you for promoting the importance of the survey!

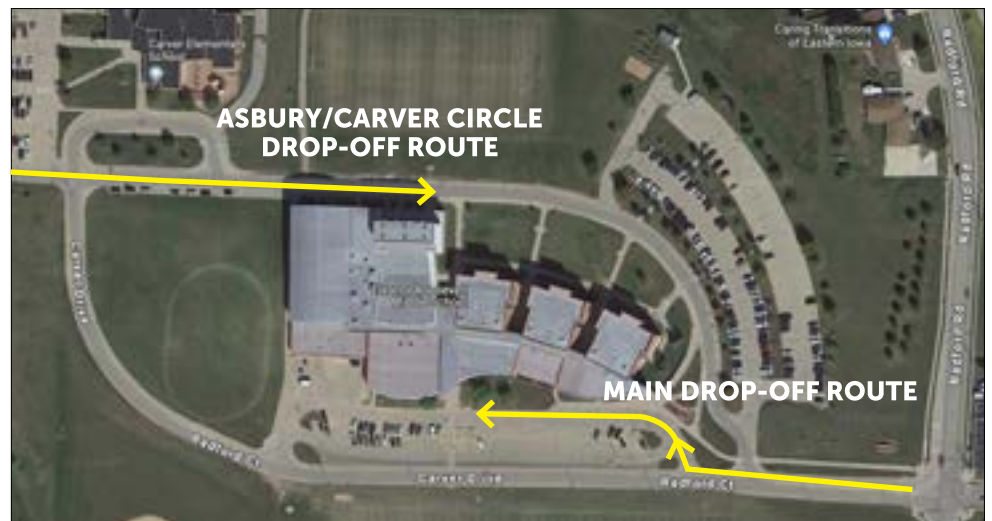
TRACK AND FIELD | We have several students that are participating in this wonderful spring sport. It is great seeing them outside practicing after school getting ready for our meets. On Wednesday, April 24th, Roosevelt will host a track meet at Dalzell Field starting at 5:00 p.m. I am looking forward to watching our students compete!

iREADY DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENTS | Students will take the third and final round of this diagnostic on May 1st and May 7th. The first day for reading, and the next date for math. The information from this helps us in meeting the individual learning needs of all students, and this spring it will allow us to monitor progress over the course of the school year. Look for more information coming home via Parent Square.

FINE ARTS MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE | I am pleased that our students have had the opportunity to create, build, perform, and publicize our annual FAME musical production this year. This spring our students will be presenting the musical "Shrek Jr." The performances will be April 25th–28th in our auditorium. Information regarding ticket sales can be found online at:

<http://erms.seatyoursself.biz>

DROPPING OFF YOUR CHILD(REN) | We need your help with using our two designated drop off areas (one near Carver and one from our main entrance off Radford Road) for those students who are receiving a ride to school from family. Our front parking lot in the morning has been experiencing some congestion, so we ask that families traveling from the Asbury area use the Carver Circle drop off area. Thank you for your help with this.



Have a great month of April and a happy spring!

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: APRIL



House 6-1 nominates **Khael Tejada** as our April Raptor Rave. He is the definition of responsible, respectful and ready. Khael sets a very high standard for his peers and is a great role model for our house. His dedication to academic excellence is matched with his willingness to support others. Khael may have a quiet demeanor, but he really shines amongst his peers. He is willing to sit next to or work with any student and does it in a kind, respectful manner. He strives to do well on his work, asking for help and completing his assignments on time. His peers acknowledge that he is overall a great human. We are so proud to have Khael in house 6-1!



House 6-2 recognizes **Gracie Chmelar** as worthy of a Raptor Rave. Gracie is a frequent contributor to class discussions and Raptor Time. Her empathy for others and her willingness to share her ideas make her a valuable resource in class. She knows how to work hard and get her work done on time and completed with high quality. She is also very fun to be around. She really likes teaching dance moves to others and discussing Taylor Swift's latest lyrics. Congratulations Gracie!



House 6-3 is delighted to nominate **Grayson Healey** as our April Raptor Rave! He is the epitome of the 3 R's Roosevelt Raptors represent! Grayson is always Ready for class with a quiet demeanor, smile, and a great work ethic. He has his materials and work completed from the day before. Grayson is also Responsible for his share of the work in group work and helps his peers as necessary in understanding the material. His Respectful personality has also not gone unnoticed as he treats everyone with kindness and respect. He models with ease what it means to be a Raptor, and we are proud to have Grayson in our House!



House 7-1 has chosen **Quinn Tomkins** as our Raptor Rave for April. Quinn is always responsible in getting her work done and participating in class. She is respectful when working with other students and talking to her teachers. Quinn asks great questions and completes her work diligently. We enjoy having you in House 7-1, Quinn! Keep up the great work!



House 7-2 congratulates this month's Raptor Rave, **Max Huff**. Max perfectly emulates the 3 Rs. He shows readiness every day by coming to class happy and ready to learn. Max is engaged in class discussions and helps those around him. Additionally, Max is always respectful to staff and students. He accepts both feedback and directions extremely well. Max is responsible by turning in his assignments on time and asking for help when needed. For all these reasons and more, Max is our raptor rave!

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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: APRIL



House 7-3 would like to honor **Joah Breitbach** as our Raptor Rave. Joah is a dedicated and motivated student who always strives to do his best. He is an excellent participator in class and shares many insightful ideas with others. Joah is an outstanding student not only in his academics, but also his overall character. Joah is kind, respectful, helpful and inclusive to others in class. He also makes an excellent team member when it comes to group work. We are so grateful to have Joah in 7-3 this year!



House 8-1 chooses **Mallory Blum** as our Raptor Rave for April. Mallory has consistently come to class every day with a positive attitude and a smile on her face. She works hard in each class and her work always reflects the absolute best she can do. Mallory sets a stellar example on being kind to everyone. She is always willing to be part of any group and enjoys helping others as well. Mallory is respectful to her teachers, school staff, and her peers. We are so lucky that Mallory is in House 8-1 this year. It simply would not be the same without her!



House 8-2 is thrilled to have **Emerson Rowley** as our April Raptor Rave. Emerson is such a great person and student. She is driven to do her best and understands the importance of her education, this was completely evident in her 8th grade work. Emerson is also a quiet leader; she models respect and responsibility at all times. She works well with everyone and just has a calming, patient presence. Emerson will do great things in her future and House 8-2 has enjoyed our time with her.



House 8-3 is excited to announce **Hadley Peat** as our April Raptor Rave. Hadley Peat is an outstanding student. She exemplifies the Roosevelt 3 R's (respectful, responsible, and ready) every day at school. Along with this, she is very involved with many activities at Roosevelt and in her community such as band, the musical, and Tri-State Symphony. She is always prepared for class and an active participant to not only help herself learn, but to help her peers around her. The kindness and respect she displays with her classmates is amazing to see day in and day out. As the year has gone on, these attributes have only continued to grow.

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**

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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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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

Submitted by: Mrs. Vogt, RN

Parents of 6th graders, please remember to submit your updated vaccinations before the start of next school year. Per Iowa law, all students need to have a Tdap and Meningitis vaccine to enter 7th grade. Students without these vaccines at the start of the year will be excluded from school. Please call the Health Office with any questions.

Parents of 8th graders, you should have received a form in the mail regarding dental screenings. All incoming 9th graders should have a dental screening on file at their high school. Please send completed forms to the incoming **high school** health office.

- 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.**

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.

FROM THE ACTIVITIES OFFICE

Submitted by: Mark Lawler, Assistant Principal/Activities Director

We have had a fun year of students participating in activities before, during, and after the school day. Thank you to all of our families who helped support students through drop-offs and pick-ups, attending games/concerts/events, communicating with coaches and directors, chaperoning dances, and many other ways!

One of our last big events of the year is the FAME musical **Shrek, Jr.** April 25-28th. Tickets can be purchased online—we hope to see you there! ORDER YOUR TICKETS NOW AT: <http://erms.seatyourself.biz>

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.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Submitted by: Mr. Paca, Roosevelt Middle School Special Olympics Coach

The following students from Roosevelt participated in the basketball skills event on Thursday March 28th at Hempstead : Nathan Drake, Ryder Hoffman, Brandon Bush, Symere Abrams, Matt Shaw, Shawn Hillard, Natalie Miller, Kate Schuster, Brysen Imbus, Madilyn Klapatauskas, Molly Curry, Neenah Manaman, J.J. Johnson, Eli Drake, Lincoln Keith, and Tanner Youtzy. A great job was done by all of the students and special thanks to all of the paras and teachers for all the help.

PTO WAY DAY: MARCH

Congrats to our We Appreciate You (WAY) Day winners. Thanks for all you do!



David Tharp



Cameron Scholtes



Victoria Laufenberg



Renee Jedlicka



Kathleen Feltes



Jessica Wiest

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NEXT PTO MEETING

All are welcome to attend on
Thursday, May 9, 2024 from
6:30–7:30 p.m. in the school library.

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ERMS PTO

Hello Roosevelt Families,

It's hard to believe the end of the year is nearing, with that comes Staff Appreciation Week. We would love if you can help us show our ERMS staff some love! We're asking for snack and drink donations. Anything you can help with is greatly appreciated! Please use the following link to sign up today:

<https://tinyurl.com/ERMS2024StaffAppreciation>

SPIRIT WEAR | The final spirit wear store of this school year is open now. Use the link to check out the shop:

<https://tinyurl.com/ERMS2024SpringShop>



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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.


ERMS
Spirit
NIGHT

YOUR
PIE
PIZZA • BREWS • GELATO

JOIN US

Wednesday
April 24, 2024
5:00 – 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!

 **PTO**

PTO MEETING | Our next PTO meeting, and final meeting of the school year, is **Thursday, May 9th 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

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ELEANOR ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL

MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Band Concert 7pm	3	4
5	6 Girls Track Meet @ Hempstead HS 4:30pm Boys Track Meet @ Wahlert HS 4:30pm	7 Renaissance Breakfast 6:30am	8	9	10	11 Boys and Girls Track Meet @ Senior HS gam
12	13 6 th Grade Football and Volleyball begin	14 Choir Concert 7pm	15 6 th Grade Football and Volleyball Pictures 2:30pm	16	17	18
19	20 Honors Music Concert 7pm	21 Orchestra Concert 7pm	22	23	24 MUSIC DAY!	25
26	27 Memorial Day NO SCHOOL	28	29	30	31 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	

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>