

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 bring the 2023-2024 school year to a close, I want to share a few points of information...

PARENT SQUARE MESSAGE | As a school we follow the principles of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) emphasizing instructional strategies that promote positive interactions and behavior. Students this year have embraced our guiding principles that we call the **3 R's**—being **READY** to learn, **RESPECTFUL**, and **RESPONSIBLE**. Last week I sent a message to many families celebrating the remarkable behavior and positive contributions of their children to the learning that occurs in our building. EIGHTY-SEVEN percent of our students this year have had zero or only one office referral the entire school year. That is a remarkable number and very much above PBIS research that aims for eighty percent. By following our guiding principles, we have been able to create a supportive and caring learning environment here at Roosevelt. We are thankful for the partnership with our families, and for your encouragement and reinforcement of expectations at home. With your help, we aim to continue creating our positive learning atmosphere where every student can be successful.

GARDEN CLUB SALE | The Eleanor Roosevelt Garden Club will be hosting a plant sale Saturday, May 18, at 10:00 a.m. The sale will be held at the Roosevelt Greenhouse which sits at the end of the east parking lot near the football field. Veggie, flower and herb plants will be sold. There are many varieties, all suited to our northern growing conditions. The plants are organically grown from seed by our students. Our club is self-sufficient, and funds from our sales are used for the purchase of gardening supplies. Please come visit and see the tremendous plants that our students have helped grow!

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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

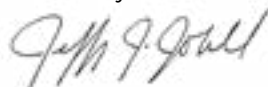
@Mrs_Norby

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JUST FIVE BOOKS | Research shows many children, not just struggling readers, 'unlearn' some of what they accomplished in the area of reading during the school year. For some, it is the result of not having consistent reading practice during the busy summer months. Did you know that new research has shown that reading just five books during the summer may keep your child(ren) from regressing? We know that it's often hard to keep up a reading routine in a season packed with other activities, but encouraging them to read every day, even for a small amount of time, will help them increase their abilities over the summer! I encourage you to help your child(ren) select books that match their interests and abilities, and then set up a time for them to read each day. Be sure to check out the summer reading program offered at the Carnegie Stout Library at this link... **Summer Reading - PCarnegie-Stout Public Library (carnegiestout.org)** I am also including a link to a website from the National Education Association that you might find helpful. **Get Serious About Summer Reading | NEA**

TRACK, FAME, and MUSIC | Congratulations to track coaches and athletes on a successful season. It was fun to watch the students improving and growing in this spring sport. The season concludes tomorrow, Saturday, May 11, with the running of the Washington Relays. Congratulations also to our music students for their wonderful making of music this school year. The month of May brings us three music concerts. Last week we had a remarkable performance from our band students. Next week we will have a choir concert on Tuesday, May 14. We will have our orchestra concert on Tuesday, May 21. Also, congratulations are in order for all the students, staff, parents, and community members that played a role in our production of the musical, "Shrek Jr." Thank you for all your efforts to create such a fun and enjoyable musical. The singing, the acting, the pit orchestra music, and the work of the crews was truly something special to watch! With our music concerts and the FAME production, it always wonderful seeing the large crowds present for each show supporting our students! As we close another school year, I want to wish your family a relaxing and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,



Mr. Johll - Principal

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SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF!



LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP!

➔ **NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 8TH**
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@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: MAY



House 6-1 has chosen **Lauren Wernimont** as our Raptor Rave for the month of May! Lauren is such a wonderful classmate and role model. Her fun, upbeat, hard-working attitude is such a joy to observe. She really cares about her work, classmates, and teachers. You can tell she is always doing what she thinks is right and does it right the first time with care. Lauren accepts feedback very well and uses it to make her work even more effective and meaningful. Keep up the good work, Lauren! We are so proud of you!



House 6-2 is happy to announce **Terina Joash** as our May Raptor Rave. Terina is a dedicated, hard-working student. Terina strives to complete work and to ask for help when needed. Terina uses her time wisely in class and focuses on working to the best of her ability. Her great work ethic and attention to detail this year has produced tremendous growth in the areas of math and language arts. Terina has a positive attitude and is friends to many here at Roosevelt. Keep up the great work, Terina!



House 6-3 is proud to recognize **Stella Kuhle** for our final Raptor Rave this year. Stella has consistently shown respect and responsibility to her peers and adults throughout the entire year. Stella, you have been an absolute pleasure to have in our classes and we are honored to have the opportunity to highlight your efforts and talents through this award. Your hard work and kindness have not gone unnoticed. You are a model student and a quiet leader. Keep up the great work, Stella. You have much to be proud of.



House 7-1 would like to honor **Fuad Sabanagic** as our Raptor Rave. Fuad is a student who is excited to learn and always willing to help others. We can count on Fuad to ask questions and further class discussion through his insightful comments. Fuad is also a student we can depend on to help others. Fuad shows excitement for school activities and models how to be a respectful and responsible 7th grader to his peers. Keep up the great work, Fuad!



House 7-2 proudly recognizes **Willa Foust** as our Raptor Rave for the month of May! On a consistent basis, Willa demonstrates Roosevelt's "3 R's" of Respect, Readiness, and Responsibility. Willa's positive attitude is contagious, and her dedication to academics is prevalent. Congrats, Willa!



House 7-3 selects **Margaret Michel** as our Raptor Rave for May. Maggie comes to class every day ready to learn with a positive attitude. Maggie sets a great example by being kind to everyone. She is always willing to be part of any group, enjoys helping others, and is respectful. We are so lucky to have Maggie in 7-3 this year!

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CONTACTS

Main Office: 552-5000

Principal: Mr. Jeff Johl

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
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Health Para: Mrs. Dana Sullivan

Guidance Office: 552-5013

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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: MAY



House 8-1 unanimously chooses **Ember Stierman** as our May Raptor Rave. Ember is new to Roosevelt this year. She has quickly established herself as a kind, hardworking, respectful Raptor! She always enters the room with a smile on her face and eager to learn. Her work ethic and study habits are outstanding. Ember takes her time in doing work to ensure success and when she doesn't understand she asks clarifying questions and is a great advocate for her own learning. She is respectful to her teachers, friends, and other classmates. She is a leader during group work. Ember cares about doing the best she can and achieving at her highest potential. Ember is always the first one to offer her help to others and to make sure that everyone is having a good day. We are so lucky to have Ember in House 8-1! It just wouldn't have been the same without her!



House 8-2 is thrilled to announce that **Josiah Reising** has been selected as our May Raptor Rave. Josiah represents what it means to be a Respectful, Responsible, and Ready Raptor. He demonstrates readiness by actively participating in class discussions. He shows responsibility by taking ownership of his assignments, ensuring they are completed on time with attention to detail. Josiah is recognized for his respectful demeanor, treating both peers and educators with kindness. We are so happy to have Josiah as part of the 8-2 family!



House 8-3 is excited to announce **Kaylin Ott** as this month's Raptor Rave! Kaylin starts her day with a smile and a good morning to all her teachers. She is respectful every day to staff and her peers. She collaborates with everyone, shares her thoughts in a respectful manner, and raises her hand to contribute during classroom discussions. Kaylin is responsible, by completing assignments on time and uses her class time wisely. Kaylin has her materials every day and she has a positive attitude. Kaylin's character is outstanding, and she fits right in with her peers, no matter the situation. Kaylin can work with any student and is a critical thinker, which enhances not just her learning, but also the learning of other students that she is working with collaboratively. Kaylin is involved in one extracurricular activity after school which is band. Moreover, Kaylin is an avid reader of novels. She continues to be a role model in this building for other students as she represents the 3 R's. Respectful, Responsible, and Ready are all words that describe Kaylin Ott. 8-3 is so very proud of Kaylin and we are proud to have Kaylin 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

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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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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

Submitted by: Mrs. Vogt, RN

ATTENTION 6TH GRADE PARENTS: All incoming 7th grade students need a TDap and Meningitis vaccine before the start of next school year. Please send in a copy of the vaccine, a religious exemption, or a medical exemption to the Health Office before the start of school in the fall. Students without proof of vaccine or an exemption will be excluded from school until that is received.

Reminder, students must be evaluated by the Health Office before going home ill. The absence is unexcused if a student calls or texts a guardian for pick up.

FROM THE ACTIVITIES OFFICE

Submitted by: Mark Lawler, Assistant Principal/Activities Director

Congratulations to all of the cast and crews for FAME, as Shrek, Jr. was hit! I know I'm a believer! Thanks to the directors for the tremendous amount of time they put in for the show to be a success, and thanks to the families for your support and the many parent volunteers we had.

The track season ends on May 11th with the long-standing Washington Relays, a wonderful track tradition in Dubuque! Our 6th graders will begin football and volleyball on May 13th after school, our final sports season of the school year. We have a couple LEAP activities going as well.

We wish our 8th graders well as they move on to high school, and remember to get involved; it really helps make connections to your school and build important lifelong skills.

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REMINDER: 7th and 8th graders need physicals to participate in sports. If your child is planning to participate in a fall sport (cross country, football, or volleyball), they start on the first day of school. This would be a good time to schedule a physical if you will need one before then. Physical forms are available at school or on the Roosevelt website under the Athletics tab. Pages 1 and 2 are for families to complete, and page 3 is for the medical provider to complete. The completed forms need to be turned into the Activities Office at Roosevelt before the student-athlete can participate.

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**.



GARDEN CLUB: PLANT SALE

Submitted by: Sharon Rockwell Dalton, 7th and 8th Grade Special Education, Garden Club Facilitator

The Garden Club will host their annual flower and veggie sales this month. Friday, May 10th will be the flower sale, open only to students, with many varieties available... just in time to get that special person a flower for Mother's Day. The following week, the garden club will open up vegetable sales to staff on Friday, May 17th with a community sale the following day, Saturday, May 18th from 10-12 p.m.

All proceeds will go to expenses to support the garden club in their events and activities, supplies, seeds, and community outreach!



HEALTH CLASS SPECIAL GUESTS

Submitted by: Mrs. Kelly Neumann, Health Teacher

Many volunteers passed through the doors of Neumann's health class this year. Many 6th, 7th and 8th graders had the honor of hearing from local experts. We would like to thank Vicki and Laurie with the VNA, Officer Hoerner with the Dubuque Police Department, and Amelia with Hillcrest Family Services.

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS PLAY BALL!

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

The softball and baseball Special Olympics event were held at the Miracle Park in Dubuque on Thursday, April 25th. The following students were involved in the different events: Madilyn Klapatauskas, Ryder Hoffman, Brysen Imbus, Shawn Hillard, Logan Ellis, Eli Drake, Nathan Drake, Matthew Shaw, Lincoln Keith, Kate Schuster, Neenah Maneman, J.J. Johnson, Seymere Abrams, Natalie Miller, and Molly Curry. All of the Olympians did a great job!

A special thank you to the para educators and teachers from life skills program for all their help.



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Submitted by: Mrs. Anne Williams, Teacher Librarian

The District Battle of the Books took place on Friday, April 26. Teams from Mazzucchelli, Washington, Jefferson, and Roosevelt competed.

1st The sixth grade Roosevelt team comprised of Lauren Demmer, Harper Francois, Kaylee Ward, Lauren Roach and Faye White took first place.

1st The seventh-grade team members, Colin Lawler, Addison Shedek, Will Davis, Liam MacDonald, and Leighton Fitzpatrick also won first place.

2nd Eighth graders Carly Stowe, Kiara Verhagen, and Tillie Carroll took their team into overtime and finished in second place.

Congratulations to all the teams!

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NEXT PTO MEETING

Our next meeting is August 8th at 6:00 p.m. Please follow us on Facebook (see link below) to stay up-to-date with new info and events.

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PTO WAY DAY: APRIL

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



Joseph Carter



Sally Haug



Alyssa Norby



Scott Steepleton



Alexandra Schiavoni



Angela Pickel



Christopher Burns



Margaret Clancy

Not Pictured: Jeleighsa Hamilton
and Ashley Ellis

ERMS PTO

Hello Roosevelt Families,

We're wrapping up our Staff Appreciation Week and want to thank all the families who dropped off snacks and beverages. They were appreciated and enjoyed by the staff.

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 Pancheros on May 22nd. Please see the flyer at right for more details. Our final PTO Spirit meal will be on Jun 3rd at Freddy's

Our Final PTO meeting was held on May 9th. I want to thank all the committee members for helping make this year a success. Our next meeting will be in August. If you feel you need to reach out over the summer with questions please contact me at brendanank@yahoo.com or text me **563-543-9335**. Please like our FB page to stay up-to-date on all things PTO.

Brenda Nank, PTO President



**WEDNESDAY,
MAY 22
4:00-CLOSE
4840 Asbury Road**

**JOIN US FOR
ROOSEVELT PTO
SPIRIT NIGHT**

PANCHEROS
MEXICAN GRILL

QUESO FOR A CAUSE

Support our school by eating out at Pancheros at 4840 Asbury Road during the above date and time and Pancheros will donate 10% of our sales, from 4:00 p.m. to close, back to Roosevelt PTO to benefit our school!





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>