

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.

OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS



NOTES FROM MR. JOHLL

Dear Roosevelt Families,

Welcome to a new school year and this first edition of our parent newsletter for 2024-2025. Our monthly newsletter is a collaborative effort between the Roosevelt staff and our Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO). I want to publicly thank our PTO board member, Kim Davis, for her work as the main editor, and to my secretary, Jordan Coleman, for her assistance in putting together this monthly newsletter. Also, a thank you to our staff for contributing information to share with families.



It has been a wonderful beginning of another year of learning with our students. This is the start of our twentieth year at Roosevelt! I have been impressed with the learning experiences that our teachers have designed and implemented, and the active engagement of our students with those lessons. The students have been **respectful, responsible, and resourceful** in their learning! We truly have a superb teaching staff that works with our wonderful group of students!

NEW STAFF | This year we have a number of new staff that we want to welcome to our Roosevelt team. They are:

- Hannah Dirks – Language Arts (House 6-1)
- Khalea Neal – Math (House 6-1)
- Liz Wiskus – Special Education (House 6-1)
- Emily Chapman – Language Arts (House 6-3)
- Sarah Gaudaen – Math (House 7-3)
- Amy Nelson – Science (House 8-2)
- Billy Lange – Science (House 8-3)

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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

- Nancy Osterhaus – Special Education
- Brittney Lee – Classroom Nurse
- Mo Dietzel – Records Secretary
- Tim Perlewitz – Paraprofessional
- Brett Althaus – Paraprofessional
- Briana Kruser – Paraprofessional
- Casie Welter - Paraprofessional

Please join me in welcoming them to Roosevelt!

FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHTS | Thank you to all the parents and guardians that attended the sessions. We hope you enjoyed meeting your child's teachers and the staff who work with them daily. Our objective was to familiarize you with the culture/practices in each house and the school, as well as the curriculum taught at each grade level. We hope that you now have a better understanding of the content areas as well as the available programs and resources at Roosevelt. Should you have any questions regarding the information presented, please reach out to the office or your child's homebase teacher.



PARENT SQUARE AND CANVAS | We will continue to utilize Parent Square as the primary online tool for communicating information with families. We ask that parents and guardians check their email addresses and phone numbers on Infinite Campus for accuracy. Depending on your preference settings in Parent Square, both are potentially utilized to send messages home.



Communication with families regarding student homework and class tasks that need to be accomplished will be primarily done through the learning platform, Canvas. Information for using both platforms was shared at our Family Information Nights. Also, look for a message on utilizing Infinite Campus and Canvas from our Technology Coach coming next week via Parent Square. You can also keep up with events at school by following our school website, our school Facebook page, or one of many Instagram pages that our staff use to show what is happening at school.



iREADY DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENTS | As you may have seen in a Parent Square message, this month our students took a diagnostic assessment to help us in meeting the individual learning needs of all students—the iReady Diagnostic Assessment. The iReady is taken three times a year in the areas of math and reading. This online screener and program allows us to determine your child's strengths and areas for growth, it personalizes student learning, and it allows us to monitor progress. It also allows us to meet your child(ren) where they are at and provides us with data to inform future instruction. Our next round of diagnostic screening will be done in January. Look for more information coming home via Parent Square.

PTO FUNDRAISER | In late September through mid-October, our school will once again be conducting our annual school fundraiser in partnership with our PTO. We will continue to work with Pinnacle Fundraising, as we have since the opening of our school in 2005. We will be selling magazine subscriptions, various frozen food items, and holiday themed items. Look for more information coming home at the end of this month.

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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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ATHLETICS | It has been great to see so many students participating in our fall after-school athletic programs. I have seen many wonderful learning opportunities happening during seventh and eighth grade volleyball, cross country, and football practice after school. The same is true for our sixth-grade track program. I am thankful for the dedication and work of our coaches.

MARCHING BAND | Congratulations to the marching band students who performed in the Labor Day Parade downtown. It was a new route for the parade, but the same great sound and look!

Thank you for allowing us to partner with you in the education of your child(ren) here at Roosevelt. I wish each of you a wonderful September and fall season!

Sincerely,



Mr. Johll - Principal

NURSES NOTES

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.

- 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.

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.

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CONTACTS

Main Office: 552-5000

Principal: Mr. Jeff Johl

Business Manager/Principal's
Secretary: Mrs. Jordan Coleman

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. Mo Dietzel

DCSD Anonymous Tip Line: 552-3075

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- 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.**

COUNSELORS CORNER

Submitted by: Casie Kaiser, Counselor

What can your School Counselor do for you?

Middle school can be challenging for many students. It's tougher academically than elementary school, with more work and higher expectations. It can be challenging socially, students in middle school face more social pressure and often worry about their ability to fit in and make friends. Students often experience secondhand experiences through their friends that may be new to them that they have to process through. Middle school is also the time where social media platforms are their primary source of communication with their peers, which isn't always a positive experience.

Middle school can also be challenging for parents/guardians, your students school counselor is here to help! Our primary role is to help remove any barriers that are preventing your student from learning. A school counselor should be spending the majority of their time directly with students helping them with these barriers, that may be through individual or small group counseling. To best serve your student, school counselors will also be collaborating with your students' teachers and team of staff members dedicated to your student. School counselors will also support your student in the following ways, teaching developmental and preventative lessons, high school planning, transitions to the next grade, McKinney-Vento services, 504 plans, crisis services, community resources and referrals, collaboration with our school-based youth counselors, coordinate and communicate with families, facilitates peer mediations and building and supporting a positive school climate.

Families and students will find helpful resources on your school counselors Canvas page. Please become an observer of your student's canvas courses so you can also access all the resources we have to offer at ERMS. For students this is the easiest way to connect with your school counselor, you can make an appointment, request any supplies you need, coping tools and resources, what to do if you have a crisis after school and brain health supports. Parents and guardians, there are also resources for you! Under the parent tab you will find, student announcements, helpful links on raising a teenager, social media, vaping, sexting, brain health and how to communicate with your tween/teen. Please connect with your grade level counselor with any questions.

Casie Kaiser, 6th grade: cakaiser@dbqschools.org
Amy Glennon, 7th grade: aglennon@dbqschools.org
Kerry Elliott, 8th grade: kelliott@dbqschools.org

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

Ms. Montana

dmontana@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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PTO

WE NEED YOU! Are you passionate about making a difference in our school community? Our ERMS PTO is here to enhance our students' educational experience. Join us to help shape a brighter future for our students. Your involvement makes all the difference!

WHAT IS THE PTO

PTO stands for Parent-Teacher Organization. Our PTO is a group of dedicated parents/guardians, teachers and staff working together to support and enrich our students' lives. Our members are united by a common goal: **to provide a nurturing and dynamic learning environment.**

WHAT WE DO

FUNDRAISING | Our creative fundraising initiatives help provide essential resources and technology that benefit our school community.

ORGANIZING & HOSTING EVENTS | From school dances to Spirit Nights, we create memorable experiences for students and families.

ENHANCING/SUPPORTING SCHOOL PROGRAMS | We are able to fully or partially fund activities that enrich the learning experience inside the classroom and in after-school activities like LEAP. We help fill the gaps that are not funded through standard means.

COMMUNITY BUILDING | We foster a strong connection among parents, teachers, and students through volunteer opportunities and social events.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

JOIN US | Attend our monthly meetings and become an active participant in our initiatives.

VOLUNTEER | Help out at events, assist with fundraising activities, chair a committee—we could go on and on! Needless to say, we have many volunteer opportunities, large and small, for you. Every little bit helps!

DONATE | Contribute financially or with food and drink donations to support our school events and projects.

STAY CONNECTED



@ermstodbq



@PTOERMS

Make sure to follow us on social media for updates, event details, and more. If you have questions or want to sign up for our emails, contact us at ERMSPTO@yahoo.com

ERMS PTO

Hello Roosevelt Families,

This is my second and final year as PTO president so I want to introduce myself to new families and say hello again to our returning families. My name is Brenda Nank and I have one student here at Roosevelt and one in high school at Hempstead. I look forward to meeting many of you throughout the year and welcome you to a new school year!

WHO IS THE PTO | You are the PTO! Did you know, all parents and guardians of our students are automatically members of our PTO? All are welcome to join us at our PTO meetings. We hold our meetings on the first Thursday of the month in the school library. We would love to have your input! Annual PTO dues are \$10 per family and can be paid using Infinite Campus under "My Accounts" and then "Optional Payments"—or by sending a check, made payable to the Roosevelt PTO, to our main office. Dues are under optional payments but benefit our students tremendously. The PTO use the funds to purchase technology and supplies, to help fund LEAP activities, to host student dances

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PTO BOARD

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

2024-25 OFFICERS

President:

Brenda Nank
brendanank@yahoo.com

Vice-President:

Open Position

Treasurer:

Tammy Rausch
trausch2@yahoo.com

Secretary:

Angela Pickel

2024-25 COMMITTEES

Sports/Activity Booster:

Mark Lawler
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Dance Committee:

Open Position

Hospitality:

Open Position

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Spirit Nights:

Open Position

Spirit Wear:

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Yearbook:

Alex Schiavoni
aschiavoni@dbqschools.org
Stacey Sigwarth
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NEXT PTO MEETING

Our next meeting is October 3rd 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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and much more! Dues are required if you want to hold a cabinet position or have voting rights at PTO meetings. Voting members decide how we help the school throughout the year and serve the staff and students—your vote matters!

HELP US FILL OUR OPEN POSITIONS | We currently have openings in the below areas. If you are interested in serving as a cabinet member or chair, please contact me as soon as possible to get started!

**Vice President
Hospitality**

**Dance Committee
Spirit Nights Chair**

SPIRIT NIGHT | A great way to make dinner plans and help support Roosevelt's PTO is by joining our monthly "School Spirit Fundraising Nights." **Our next Spirit Night is on Wednesday, October 16th at the Jersey Mike's located at 4855 Asbury Road, Suite 1. They have generously offered to donate 50% of the fundraiser sales back to our PTO to benefit our school!** So mark your calendar and tell your friends and family. See below for details.

PTO MEETINGS | Join us at our next meeting on **Thursday, October, 3rd** in the school library. Make sure to mark your calendar with all of our meetings:

**October 3, 2024
November 7, 2024
December 5, 2024
January 2, 2025**

**February 6, 2025
March 6, 2025
April 3, 2025
May 1, 2025**

Let's make this another great year at Roosevelt!

Brenda Nank,
PTO President



**ROOSEVELT PTO SPIRIT NIGHT
JERSEY MIKE'S
FUNDRAISER**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 4-9 PM
→ **ONLY AT 4855 ASBURY RD., SUITE 1** ←

Good goes beyond the sub! Visit our store and **MENTION ROOSEVELT SPIRIT NIGHT** or order on our app using promo code **ERPTO50** on October 16th and we'll happily **donate 50% of your sale** in support of Eleanor Roosevelt PTO. Enjoy some great subs and help Jersey Mike's support this worthy cause!

Valid 10/16/24 at 4855 Asbury Rd Suite 1, Dubuque, IA • (563) 207-8749.
Valid on our app with promo code ERPTO50 or mention this fundraiser when ordering in store.

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SEPTEMBER 2024

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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 using the Infinite Campus website or app under “My Accounts”.

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>