

## 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,

Here are a few points of information I would like to share with you in this October Newsletter.

**PBIS |** I am excited about the work our staff has been doing with Positive Behavior and Intervention Supports (PBIS) this year. We've introduced some exciting new initiatives. I encourage you to read the article our leadership group wrote for this newsletter. Every day, we strive to help our students embody the **3R's**—being **respectful, responsible, and resourceful**.

### **BULLYING, HARASSMENT, AND DISCRIMINATION ARE NOT ALLOWED |**

I want to inform you about an electronic reporting option available for anyone to report concerns. You can find the district form and an informational video on the district website at <https://www.dbqschools.org/parents/say-something/>. This online form is accessible to all students, staff, parents, and community members, and it can be submitted anonymously. When a concern is reported electronically, it will be routed directly to me, the school principal. While this form is an additional option provided by the district, we also encourage everyone to report any instances of bullying and harassment directly to us at school. We are dedicated to maintaining a safe learning environment for all students.



**RAPTOR TIME |** Monday through Thursday, after second period, we have a class called Raptor Time. This period is dedicated time to work with students to foster a strong and caring community of learners. This year, we are continuing to use a program called '7 Mindsets,'—a program that is implemented at all three middle schools in Dubuque.

The curriculum is based on an extensive three-year research effort that sought to answer a simple question: What do the world's happiest and most successful

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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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people have in common? Researchers reviewed the most significant studies on personal achievement and interviewed over 400 leading experts. They discovered that the key to happiness and success wasn't related to gender, ethnicity, location, socioeconomic status, education level, or skills. Instead, it was all about mindset. From this research, seven mental habits of thinking emerged as a foundation to living an enriched life. The '7 Mindsets' program helps students build happiness, intentionality, and success. It uses simple, powerful language to teach and activate success strategies for everyone to reach their fullest potential. The seven mindsets are:



It has been exciting to see this program in action and the wonderful discussions it has sparked among our students. Speaking of powerful discussions, this year we are using Raptor Time for something we call 'Circle Conversations'. These discussions provide an opportunity for students to share with a staff member and their peers, promoting communication and understanding within the circle. From my observations, students feel heard and valued through this process. Circles help create a sense of community within the house, reinforcing positive relationships between students and teachers. This supportive environment allows the circle to collaboratively tackle challenges and contributes to a more inclusive learning environment for everyone.

Each week, you might want to ask your child about the specific 7 Mindset they are discussing and the weekly challenge that accompanies the lesson. You could also inquire about the topic of their circle discussion.



**PARENT SQUARE** | In the September issue of the PTO Parent Newsletter, I briefly wrote about a communication tool that we utilize often to share information with families called Parent Square. If you are not receiving email or text information from us via Parent Square, please check Infinite Campus to make sure your email address and phone number are entered correctly. If you need help setting up your account, please give us a call at 563-552-5003 for assistance. We want ALL families to receive these important messages.

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES** | This week a message was sent home regarding the dates and process for signing up for Parent-Teacher-Student conferences. For this fall, after receiving feedback last year from families and staff, we have decided to do conferences virtually utilizing Microsoft Teams on the first two days of conferences, and then have in-person conferences the third date. This year conferences will be on Thursday, October 24, Wednesday, October 30, and Thursday, October 31. On Thursday the 31st, we will have in-person conferences at school.

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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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**PTO |** On Thursday, November 7, at 6:00 p.m., the next Parent–Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting will be held in the Library. All parents are welcome. If you have not joined the PTO and you are interested in doing so, you can send a check for ten dollars, made payable to the “Roosevelt PTO” to our main office. You may also want to consider following the PTO Facebook page for more information.

It is my sincere hope that you can find time to enjoy this wonderful fall weather. Have a great October!

Sincerely,



Jeffrey J. Johll, Principal

## NURSES NOTES

*Submitted by: Katie Vogt, RN*

Reminder for 6th grade parents: Students entering the 7th grade are required by law to have Tdap and Meningitis (Menactra) vaccines. A copy of this requirement, as well as exemption certificates, can be found at: [Immunization | Health & Human Services \(iowa.gov\)](http://www.iowa.gov)

### Reminder for all parents:

- As influenza season approaches, the CDC recommends the flu shots for children and adults to decrease the risk and severity of the influenza virus. Please contact your pediatrician for more information on the vaccine and flu shot clinics.
- DCSD policy is to keep students home for 24 hours after vomiting, diarrhea, and/or fever. Please call the health office with any questions or concerns.
- Students must see the nurse before going home for illness. Any absences resulting from students texting/calling home without first seeing the nurse will be unexcused.

## 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.*

**ERMS Attendance procedure for picking up your student for an appointment during school hours... Option 1 (Best procedure for your convenience):** 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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## 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. LaKesha Rea

### Guidance Office: 552-5013

Grade 6: Mrs. Casie Kaiser  
Grade 7: Mrs. Amy Glennon  
Grade 8: Mrs. Kerry Elliott

Records/Counselors Secretary:  
Ms. Mo Dietzel

### DCSD Anonymous Tip Line: 552-3075

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- Then your student will meet you at the east door by the flag pole and 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](mailto: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.**

## ACTIVITIES OFFICE

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

We have had some fantastic growth and success throughout our fall sports season, including cross country, football, volleyball, and 6th grade track. Our first goal is for students to have fun, and we think they did. Thanks to all families for making the trips to pick up from practice and attend their competitions. Students in 7th and 8th grade have signed up for wrestling and girls basketball, which go into December. In December, we will have 7th and 8th graders sign up for dance/cheer and boys basketball, both starting in January. The next sport for 6th graders is basketball in March.

We also have several academic activities gearing up, like Battle of the Books, Science Bowl, FIRST LEGO League, and FIRST Tech Challenge, which will be going on throughout the fall and winter. Our music groups are preparing for their performances and contests coming up.

LEAP activities are after school (2:30-4:00 p.m.) enrichment activities that students of all grades can attend. We will notify students by sending them an email for each activity with a link to sign up. We will not send a ParentSquare message for each one, so families can know what activities are happening by asking students to share when emails are sent and also by checking the daily announcements on the Roosevelt website. Activities are not final but in the past they have included cooking classes, robotics, tennis, board games, crafts, and more. Some activities are one-time events while others are meant to be attended each of the events in the series.

As you can see, there is a lot going on for students. If your child is not involved, we encourage them to talk with teachers about Friday 8th period club time to see if there is a way we can incorporate their interests, or they can speak with someone in the Activities Office. As always, if you have any questions, please contact us at 563-552-5010 or [tamico@dbqschools.org](mailto:tamico@dbqschools.org) or [mlawler@dbqschools.org](mailto:mlawler@dbqschools.org).

## PBIS—IMPORTANT UPDATES

*Submitted by: the PBIS Leadership Team*

Families, PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) is a framework that many schools across the nation and our school district uses to create a positive school environment. PBIS helps the adults at school design a multi-tiered continuum that supports the academic, social, emotional, and behavioral competence of all students. We teach our expectations, recognize students when they meet expectations, provide reteaching and consequences when needed, and use data to analyze our progress. Our expectations are the **3R's** that you probably have heard about. They are:

- **Respectful:** How we interact with one another
- **Responsible:** How we get our work done
- **Resourceful:** What we need to get our work done (Resourceful is new this school year—the third R was previously "Ready")

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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

### Ms. Montana

dmontana@dbqschools.org

## PHYSICAL PACKET

Visit the page below to download the complete packet under "Athletics"

<https://www.dbqschools.org/parents/quick-links/forms/>

## 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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We break those down further and teach students six Essential Academic and Social Behavior Standards, and each of them has more specific skills that we will teach throughout the year. Those behavior standards are:

- I organize and prioritize my work.
- I follow directions and initiate tasks.
- I persevere to get the task done.
- I use responsible decision making to meet expectations.
- I accept feedback from others and respond appropriately.
- I interact with others in kind and respectful ways.

For the first part of the school year, we have focused on respectful interactions, like greeting others, being kind to peers, and treating staff respectfully. When students do that, we try to recognize them with Raptor tickets. Students can use those tickets for small things in the house that teachers allow, Lunch on the Lawn, as well as monthly PBIS events like Chill 'n Chat, BINGO, trivia, dodge ball, movie day, raffles, and others.

We are also teaching students lessons about school safety, how to report if they see or hear anything threatening, how to not use threatening language, and what bullying and harassment is and how to avoid it.

In the past, we have selected one student from each house as a Raptor Rave for following the **3R's** and we shared those in the monthly newsletter. However, we are making a change this year. We are going to have a school-wide recognition assembly in the gym at the end of each trimester, where we will announce Raptor Raves, with families of the students invited to attend. Each house will recognize two students for being Respectful, two for being Responsible, and two for being Resourceful. We will also recognize students who have been leaders on their teams and groups, always demonstrating the **3R's**.

**Additional recognition of students with few referrals will occur at the end of each trimester. Behavior referrals are separated into two categories: major (office managed) and minor (classroom / teacher managed). House teachers will provide an incentive like a field day outside, playing games in the gym, walking to Asbury Park, playing board games in the classroom, etc. Students will be able to participate if they have 0-1 majors and 0-2 minors during the trimesters. Students who have more referrals than that will stay in a classroom and staff will provide reteaching through a restorative circle, as well as time for reflection.**

Another new and fun activity you may hear about is the Birthday Box. On the day of each student's birthday, we will take the Birthday Box to them, wish them a Happy Birthday, and let them choose a gift like a pencil, mini squishy, fidget, etc. We will also get a gift to students who have a birthday on non-school days.

We appreciate your support to encourage students to follow the **3R's**, as they are expectations students will experience at school, home, and other places they go. We also hope you hear about some of the fun things we are doing at school to create a positive, safe environment for students to learn.

## MUSIC: BAND

*Submitted by: Mrs. Staci Amosson, Band Director*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** The first band concert of the year is happening on Tuesday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lass Auditorium at ERMS! The students have been working very hard on their music and they are excited to perform!

All students should wear solid black bottoms and a solid black top. Please wear nice black clothes (no sweatpants or athletic clothing). Students can pair their concert black clothes with purple "accents" if they wish (purple tie, purple headband, purple jewelry, etc.). Please use the following schedule for pre-concert warm ups:

6:10 p.m. - Percussion Ensemble Warm-Up    6:45 p.m. - 6th Grade Band Warm-Up  
6:25 p.m. - 7th & 8th Grade Band Warm-Up    7:00 p.m. - Concert Begins

Contact Mrs. Amosson with any questions at [samosson@dbqschools.org](mailto:samosson@dbqschools.org)



## STUDENT COUNCIL

Submitted by: Wendy Winger, House 6-2 Science Teacher

Below are the students representing each house for student council this year. They are listed alphabetically.

### 6<sup>TH</sup>

#### House 6-1

Kaitlyn Kahler  
Maya Lech  
Mila Metcalf  
Claire Naderman

#### House 6-2

Eleanor Deutsch  
Joe Link  
Kynick Phelan

#### House 6-3

Jack Armstrong  
Halle Hefel  
Olivia Mills

### 7<sup>TH</sup>

#### House 7-1

Ellie Blok  
Angel Parra  
Gavin Reimer

#### House 7-2

Olivia Powers  
Morgan Scott

#### House 7-3

Kendall Hill  
Sophia Maas  
Avionnah Wade

### 8<sup>TH</sup>

#### House 8-1

Zenner Ellerbeck  
Liam McDonald  
Kylie Shireman

#### House 8-2

Nora Denlinger  
Chloe Marcov  
Maggie Michel  
Mack Peterson

#### House 8-3

Kartik Chugh

## VNA VISIT

Submitted by: Kelly Neumann, Health Teacher



Neumann/Wood Health had the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) in to help 6th grade learn about the life-altering effects of tobacco and vaping. Students were able to see a healthy set of lungs versus smokers lungs.

Thank you Vicki Gassman!

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

## 2024-25 OFFICERS

### President:

Brenda Nank  
ERMSPTO@yahoo.com

### Vice-President:

Open Position

### Treasurer:

Tammy Rausch  
trausch2@yahoo.com

### Secretary:

Angela Pickel

## 2024-25 COMMITTEES

### Sports/Activity Booster:

Mark Lawler  
mlawler@dbqschools.org

### Dance Committee:

Open Position

### Hospitality:

Open Position

### Newsletter & Social Media:

Kimberly Davis  
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### Spirit Nights:

Open Position

### Spirit Wear:

Lynn Valley  
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### Yearbook:

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aschiavoni@dbqschools.org  
Stacey Bryson  
sbryson@dbqschools.org

## NEXT PTO MEETING

**Our next meeting is November 7th 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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# ERMS PTO

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** | We are asking for help with our first dance of the school year. Sign up using the link below if you are interested in selling tickets over the lunch periods and/or if you can chaperone the dance.

<https://tinyurl.com/2024TicketVolunteer>

<https://tinyurl.com/2024DanceChaperone>

Fall conferences are also quickly approaching and we are asking for snack and drink donations for our staff. Please sign up to donate at:

<https://tinyurl.com/2024ERMSFallConferences>

**SPIRIT NIGHT** | A great way to make dinner plans and 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.

Also, make sure to save the date for our November Spirit Night:

**November 13th at Your Pie**

**PTO MEETINGS** | Join us at our next meeting on **November, October, 7th** in the school library. Block out your calendar with all of our meetings dates:

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

**February 6, 2025**  
**March 6, 2025**


**April 3, 2025**  
**May 1, 2025**



**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.





# ELEANOR ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL

## OCTOBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8BFB @ Jefferson 4:15 7PVB vs Jeff Red 4pm 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Track Meet @ Senior HS 5:15 8PVB @ Jeff Red 4pm	2 7BVB @ WD Black 4pm 8BVB vs WD Black 4pm  Picture retake day	3 7PFB vs WD Black 4:15 7BFB @ Jefferson 4:15  PTO Meeting 6pm	4	5 Garden Club pumpkin sale 9am-12pm
6	7	8 8BFB vs Washington 4:15 XC @ Manchester 4:00	9	10 7PFB @ Jefferson 4:15 7BFB vs Washington 4:15	11 NO SCHOOL	12
13	14	15 8BFB vs 8BFB 4:15 Fundraiser turn-in NAEP Assessment	16	17 7PFB vs 7BFB 4:15	18 Fall Dance 6:30-8:30	19
20	21 7P/7B FB @ WD Red/Black 4:15 8BFB vs WD Red/Black 4:15	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 7/8 Girls Basketball begins  7/8 Wrestling begins	29	30	31 NO SCHOOL		



# ELEANOR ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL

## NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 NO SCHOOL	2
3	4 7GBB @ Mazz 8PGBB vs Mazz	5	6	7 Wrestling @ Drexler 7GBB @ Drexler 8PGBB vs WD Red 8SGBB @ Jeff PTO Meeting 6pm Orchestra Concert 7pm	8 Music Day	9 FTC Meet
10	11 7GBB vs WD Black-1 8PGBB @ WD Black	12 7GBB @ Wash 8PGBB vs Wash 8SGBB vs WD Black Band Concert 7pm	13 Wrestling @ Home Wrestling Pictures	14 8SGBB @ Wash GBB Pictures	15	16
17	18 End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester 7GBB @ Jeff 8PGBB vs Jeff 8SGBB @ Mazz	19 Wrestling @ Washington	20	21 Wrestling @ Drexler 8SGBB vs Wash	22 7GBB vs WD Red 8PGBB @ WD Red Iowa Jr Honors Orchestra Festival	23 FTC Meet
24	25	26	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30



# DISTRICT INFORMATION

## SAFE ZONE

This school is free of harassment, bullying and discrimination. The Anti-Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination Assurance Statement and School Board Policies #1001/#1005 is available at The Forum, 2300 Chaney Road, Dubuque, Iowa 52001. Questions can be directed to 552-3000.

## LUNCH MENU HOTLINE

Call the lunch menu hotline for the DCSD menu of the day at 552-3250. NSF CHECKS (NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS) There is a \$20.00 charge for all NSF checks per DCSD guidelines.

## ABSENCE PROCEDURES

When a student is absent from school, the parent or guardian should call the Attendance Office (563-552-5012) before 9:00 a.m. Please be sure to give your name, student name and reason for the absence. If you prefer send us an email to [ERMSAttendance@dbqschools.org](mailto: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>

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