

## 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,

With winter break approaching quickly, I want to wish all of our families a peaceful, relaxing, and enjoyable holiday season! Here is a few pieces of information to share...

**ONLINE SAFETY |** Last month our school district hosted a nationally known speaker, Catherine Price, who spoke to the importance of scrolling less on our phones, and she provided information on the dangers of social media for students (and adults)! It was a wonderful presentation. Across the country, state, and even locally, there has been a noticeable rise in issues related to students' use of social media on their cell phones. This trend affects all levels of education, including middle school, and including students in Dubuque. We learned from Catherine that many platforms can be dangerous to our students, but the popular application Snapchat is a significant concern. The same is true for other apps that can be used within Snapchat that contribute to issues.

Here at Roosevelt, we have encountered instances where students have made inappropriate posts using Snapchat. Given that Snapchat revolves around sharing messages with pictures, we've seen students post images in their stories, which were then widely shared. Many students genuinely believe that pictures on Snapchat "disappear" after being viewed. They are unaware that screenshots can capture and save these images, creating a permanent record. We have also emphasized to students that all online posts, regardless of the app, leave a digital "footprint." Once a message or picture is shared, it can be forwarded to anyone and used for various purposes. This understanding is crucial for their online safety. Here's how you can help:

- **Talk About Social Media Safety:** Discuss with your child(ren) the importance of social media safety and your expectations for their online behavior.

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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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- **Privacy Awareness:** Emphasize the importance of privacy and the fact that everything shared online can be retrieved and reviewed.
- **Monitor Their Activity:** Let your child(ren) know that you will periodically review their phone apps and activities. This helps reinforce the idea that their online actions are visible and accountable.
- **Discuss Digital Peer Pressure:** Talk about the influence of digital peer pressure and encourage open communication about their online experiences.
- **Location Settings:** Inform them about the Snapchat map feature that shows their location. For their safety, consider setting this feature to private.

Open communication and proactive monitoring are key to protecting their online presence. As we learned from Catherine Price, limiting time and scrolling less is also important.

**VIRTUAL LEARNING DAYS AT HOME** | Last month in this newsletter I shared a short paragraph on what our virtual learning day will look like when the weather disrupts our regular school schedule. I've had parents ask if I could share a "schedule" for their child(ren) to follow when they must learn at home. I am including a schedule below along with a review of some important information.

- Teachers will post lessons via CANVAS by 8:00 am. This ensures that all students have access to their assignments early in the day. Students will work on their own throughout the day to complete their assignments in each course.
- The work provided will be an extension of current learning. This helps in reinforcing and building upon what has already been taught in the classroom.
- Teachers will be available during their "Virtual Office Hours" via Microsoft TEAMS to answer questions and provide additional support. Students can choose to join these sessions to get needed help. Here is the schedule requested by our parents...

<b>8:00-10:00 AM</b>	Students need to login to Canvas and begin working on posted lessons.
<b>10:00-11:30 AM</b>	Virtual Office Hours for asking questions or receiving help.
<b>11:30 AM-12:30 PM</b>	Lunch
<b>12:30-1:30 PM</b>	Continue to work on Canvas lessons
<b>1:30-2:30 PM</b>	Virtual Office Hours for asking questions or receiving help.

These online learnings days are crucial for maintaining the momentum of our educational journey, even when the weather outside is less than ideal. Thanks for helping them be ready for these days!

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE SURVEY RESULTS** | Once again this year I sent out a parent survey asking for feedback. I would like to share some of the results. We had 247 survey responses from parents and/or guardians who attended conferences.

The first three questions were on a three-point scale of **1 = disagree, 2 = no opinion, and 3 = agree**. Listed below is the average score:

- 2.79** The process to sign up for conferences through ParentSquare was easy to use.
- 2.77** I was provided with relevant information regarding my child's academic progress this fall.
- 2.53** There was enough time for me to meet with my child's teacher(s).

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## ADDITIONAL ERMS INSTAGRAM USER NAMES

Therapy Dog Layla  
@alaylaaday

Library  
@ermslibrary

Mrs. Glennon, Counselor  
@mrsglennonerms

Ms. Montana, Student Needs  
Facilitator  
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Ms. Putchio, Instructional Coach  
@msputchio

Ms. Lucas, Health and Wellness  
@lucaswellness1002

Orchestra  
@erms.orch

FAME  
@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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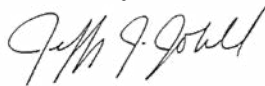
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When parents were asked about their preference for conferences for next spring, **79** parents shared they would like in-person conferences, **154** shared they would want to have virtual conferences again, and **14** chose utilizing email to conference. Results for the survey were similar to the previous two years. Thanks for completing the survey.

**LAPTOPS** | We need your help! As we get closer to winter break, travel plans and visiting friends/family out of town could be a possibility. Please consider leaving the district issued student laptop and other district devices at home. These devices can be unintentionally left out of town and then families spend time and money trying to retrieve them. With the replacement cost of technology on the rise, consider avoiding a potential problem by leaving them at home over the break.

Also, we've had some students coming to school without a fully charged laptop, or sometimes, without a laptop at all. Because we have a limited number of chargers available at school, it is critical that students charge their laptop prior to the day they attend school in person. We also want them to bring their charger cord with them each day. We do have a few spare laptops at school, but those are reserved for students who need a loaner because their computer is being repaired. So, thank you for reminding your child(ren) to bring their fully charged laptop with them to school.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey J. Johll, Principal

## 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.
- 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.

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## CONTACTS

### Main Office: 552-5000

Principal: Mr. Jeff Johll

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

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Nurse: Mrs. Katie Vogt  
Health Para: Mrs. LaKasha Rea

### Guidance Office: 552-5013

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Grade 8: Mrs. Kerry Elliott

Records/Counselors Secretary:  
Ms. Mo Dietzel

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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: Kerry Elliott, School Counselor

Our 8th grade students are experiencing some exciting times! They have participated in a Career fair; we had multiple speakers come and share their time and experiences with our students! They were able to choose which speakers to listen to, and spent the morning learning about careers in our area.

Events coming up for 8th grade—develop their 4-year plan, register for high school, and have their high school open house. All these important events will happen January/February. When we are given specific dates, we will let you know!

Also, a reminder that if you or someone you know is in need of food over the holidays, the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque has put together the below flyer. Please share!



**FOOD AVAILABILITY:  
CHRISTMAS 2024**

**Groceries and Food Boxes**

**Christmas baskets**  
Dubuque Food Pantry, 1310 White St.  
>Sign up in-person only – no phone calls – during regular hours: Mon. – Weds. – Fri., 1:00 – 3:30pm; Tues. 9:00 – 11:30am  
>**Deadline for sign-up: Friday, Dec 13**  
>Pick up baskets from 10am – 3pm on Mon., Dec 16 or Tues., Dec 17

**Free grocery boxes: mobile food pantry**  
Saturday, December 21, 9:00am  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
2155 University Ave.  
Groceries, hats, scarves, hygiene products

**Evening food pantry**  
Monday, December 23, 5:00 – 6:30pm  
Dubuque Food Pantry, 1310 White St.

**Free Meals Around Christmas**

**Free Dinner & Food Pantry**  
Saturdays, December 7, 14, 21 & 28, 5-6pm  
St. Luke's United Methodist Church  
1199 Main Street  
"Food for the Soul" meal & food pantry

**Bobcat Community Christmas Dinner**  
Wednesday, December 18, 5 - 7 pm  
Western Dubuque High School  
302 Fifth Ave. SW, Epworth  
**Online reservations requested by Dec 13:**  
[tinyurl.com/WDHSCChristmas](https://tinyurl.com/WDHSCChristmas) or call Laura Hoerner at 563-362-0332

**Free breakfast**  
Saturday, December 21, 7am – 8:30am  
Dubuque Area Labor Harvest  
423 W. Locust Street

**Free Christmas meal**  
Sunday, December 22, 12:00 – 1:30pm  
Dubuque Area Labor Harvest  
423 W. Locust Street  
To-go meals, toys for kids

**Free Christmas meal – DELIVERY**  
Sunday, December 22 starting at 11am  
For those who can't get to the Labor Harvest, call 563-583-1779 to have a meal delivered.  
**Delivery order deadline: Weds December 11**

**Free meals: breakfast, lunch & dinner**  
Mon. Dec 23 - Thurs. Dec 26 - Fri. Dec. 27  
Dubuque Rescue Mission, 398 Main St.  
7:00am breakfast, 11:30am lunch, 5:00pm dinner

**Christmas Eve: Tuesday, Dec 24**  
Dubuque Rescue Mission, 398 Main St.  
7:30 breakfast, 11:30am lunch, 5:00pm dinner

**Christmas Day: Wednesday, Dec 25**  
Dubuque Rescue Mission, 398 Main St.  
10:30 - 11:30am To-go hot brunch meal

**Free breakfast**  
Saturday, December 28, 7am – 8:30am  
Dubuque Area Labor Harvest  
423 W. Locust Street

**HOLIDAY CLOSURES**

Convivium Urban Farmstead no casseroles on Dec 26 or Jan 6

Dubuque Food Pantry closed Dec 25

Resources Unite closed Dec 25

Salvation Army closed Dec 25

St. Pat's Church no meals on Dec 25 or Jan 1

Winter Farmers Market closed Dec 28

Updated: 12/09/24

It's hard to believe we are ending 2024, but we are excited for a New Year!

## 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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## PBIS PAGE

*Submitted by: the PBIS Leadership Team*

Did you know all Raptor Tickets turned in by students are entered in a 2nd chance drawing? Students who use tickets to attend school-wide PBIS events could have up to 15 tickets in the drawing. In November, five students from each grade won a chance to spin our prize wheel. Possible prizes were Gatorade, a Snack Shack item or a 1st in Line at Lunch pass. Congratulations to our winners who demonstrated the 3Rs!

Our November PBIS event was Bingo. For 7 Raptor Tickets, students from each grade level gathered in the cafeteria with their friends for 3 exciting games of Bingo. Prizes were awarded to our Bingo winners. Our participation for our November PBIS event was over 500 students!

The Trimester 1 Referral Incentive went well, with some students going outside and some having a fun time inside for the last 30 minutes of the day. Those who did not qualify had a circle to talk about the 3Rs and then a reflection. Remember that in addition to our general 3Rs (Respect, Responsibility, and Resourcefulness) we are also working specifically on following directions and accepting feedback.

Our first ever Recognition Rally was held on Monday, December 9. We recognized our Raptor Raves from the first trimester, all students who participated in activities in the fall, and individual students who received the Positive Impact Award in their activity.

On Friday, December 20, we will have a Movie Day for our final PBIS event of 2024! Students need 10 Raptor Tickets to watch a movie with their house or grade. Please encourage your student(s) to follow the 3Rs to earn enough Raptor Tickets for this event!

## ACTIVITIES OFFICE

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

The first part of the winter sports season is over, which includes Wrestling and Girls Basketball. Dance/Cheer and Boys Basketball will begin in January.

FAME has announced they will be performing *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical* at the end of April. Audition workshops for the cast have begun and auditions are in January.

More LEAP activities will begin in January as well.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact us in the Activities Office at **563-552-5010** or **tamico@dbqschools.org**.

## MUSIC: ORCHESTRA

*Submitted by: Natalie Backes, ERMS Orchestra Director*



Six orchestra members have been accepted into the Northeast Iowa Orchestra Festival. Congratulations to the following students: Will Kelley, Noel Kim, Willa Foust, Stella Siegert, Alex Goldsmith, and Ava Osterhaus. They will be traveling to Mount Vernon on January 11th, 2025, to play with orchestra students across Northeast Iowa.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** The Presto Orchestra and Raptor Jazz Band will be performing holiday (and non-holiday) tunes at Kennedy Mall on Thursday, December 19th. The Accidentals, Backes to the Future Quintet and Raptor Brass Quintet will also be making an appearance. You'll find these musicians in front of Maker's Market and BAM books. We will see you then!



## FRIENDS OF HOMACHO: SHOE DRIVE

*Submitted by: Maureen Bortscheller, 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher, Roosevelt*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** 7th Grade social studies classes will be hosting a shoe drive from **December 11-19** to benefit Friends of Homacho. The children of Homacho between the ages 2-12 are in desperate need of shoes. ERMS students and families are encouraged to donate used shoes of all sizes that are in good shape. Boxes will be located in each house for shoe donations.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Shoes must be closed toed; no sandals or heels.

7th grade social studies classes will be introduced to Mr. Don Koppes from the Friends of Homacho organization. He will share about the challenges the Homacho villagers in Ethiopia, Africa face due to lack of clean water and resources. This is connected to our Geography and Civics/Government Units.

**TO LEARN MORE VISIT: [FriendsofHomacho.org](http://FriendsofHomacho.org)**



## FIRST LEGO LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

*Submitted by: Stacey Bryson, 7th Grade Math Teacher, First Lego League Coach*

Our FIRST LEGO League team, the Diving Dinosaurs, wrapped up their season at the Dubuque Regional Qualifier on Saturday, December 7th. FLL is a program that introduces children to STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) through hands-on learning and competition. Teams work together to solve challenges, build robots, and compete in a mission-based robotics game. During this work, students develop FIRST's Core Values, which include respecting others, working together, and being a good sport.

Each year, FLL releases a new challenge based on a real-world scientific theme. This year's theme was Submerged. Students had to identify a problem faced by

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## Are you able to support our FIRST Lego League and FIRST Tech Challenge teams with a donation?

Scan the below QR code to donate to the Dubuque Community School District Robotics fund. The link will take you to the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque to make your donation.

**NOTE:** If you would like to specify that the funds go specifically to FLL or FTC, please add that in the comment field when making your donation. Thank you in advance for your support!



Your gift goes toward:

- robot materials
- competition fees
- travel expenses
- community outreach materials
- growth for more students

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ocean explorers and develop, research, and present an innovative solution. Our team's identified problem was that as ocean explorers dive deeper into the ocean, decreased exposure to sunlight has negative effects on their body's natural rhythm. Their solution was to incorporate different colors of light into different areas of submarines to best support the circadian rhythm and sleep cycles of the explorers so they can feel and do their best.

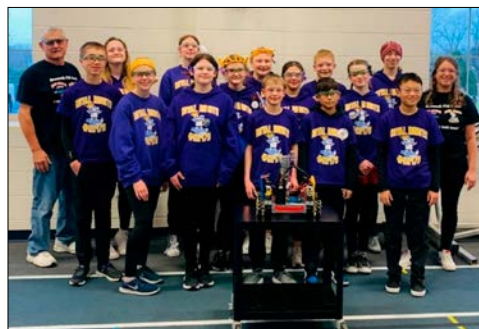
Throughout the season, the team interviewed experts that included Master Divers from the US Army and Search and Rescue Divers from the Dubuque Police Department to further their research. These experts shared their unique experiences, and the team learned a lot!

The team would like to thank our families, our school, and our sponsors: the Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools (FDPS) and John Deere.



## FIRST TECH CHALLENGE (FTC): GEARING UP FOR A GREAT SEASON

*Submitted by: Melissa Sendt, 7th Grade Science Teacher, FTC Coach*



Royal Robots



Robo Raptors

On November 23rd, Roosevelt FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) teams—The Royal Robots and Robo Raptors—competed in their first league meet of the season. There were eleven competing FTC teams from Iowa, the Adriatic Sea League.

Royal Robots put on an excellent performance going 3-3, placing 6th in the league. The Robo Raptors were undefeated, winning 6 of 6 matches and placing first in the league. Roosevelt team members showed great dedication by volunteering to set up and tear down for the event, ensuring everything ran

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## FOLLOW OUR FIRST TECH CHALLENGE TEAMS AND CHEER THEM ON!

Our FTC teams are part of the Adriatic Sea League. Our teams will be participating in the below meets this season. We invite you to attend and cheer them on:

**Saturday, December 14**  
**Roosevelt Middle School**

**Saturday, January 18**  
**Dewitt Middle School**

**Saturday, February 1**  
**Pleasant Valley High School**

**Saturday, February 15**  
**League Tournament**  
**Bettendorf High School**

To stay up-to-date on the teams, follow them on social media:



**Robo Raptors** (Team# 20097)  
YOUTUBE  
@FTC20097dbq

INSTAGRAM  
@ftc.20097



**Royal Robots** (Team# 22479)  
INSTAGRAM  
@royalrobotsftc\_

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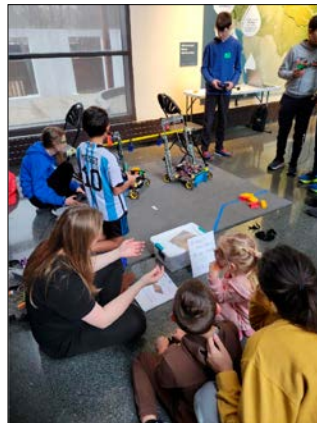
smoothly from start to finish. Their hard work and teamwork were essential in making the event a success. The teams learned what to change about their robot, and what to improve their next meet. Thank you to the University of Dubuque and Dubuque Robotics for hosting and well done to all FTC teams that participated!



## FTC OUTREACH: RIVER MUSEUM STREAM EVENT

*Submitted by: Melissa Sendt, 7th Grade Science Teacher, FTC Coach*

Our Roosevelt FIRST Tech Challenge teams strive to increased awareness and involvement in Science, Technology, Robotics, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STREAM). They hosted an impactful outreach event at the National River Museum and Aquarium on November 16th. The event drew 129 attendees that participated in the "Sail & Cargo Showdown: The Ultimate Boat Build-off" to design and build a vessel, test its cargo, and race.



Team members shared how exciting it was to see how kids used their creativity in the MakerSpace. They kept going back to the build table to redesign—just like the engineering design process of FTC! They were not letting their failed attempts get them down and did whatever it took to be successful. It was awesome to see the community displaying the values these teams use every day in FIRST. Other team members did public demonstrations of their robot and spoke with the public about FIRST. Many families shared their interests and desire to have their children participate in FIRST. One Royal Robots team member summarized the experience:

*"Being at the river museum made me realize how many people come from far away to see Dubuque. I am super happy that we got to go to the River Museum because we got to tell people about Robotics that weren't from Dubuque. It was a super exciting day, and I got to help with boats and drive the robot and sharing information. When I helped drive the robot around the museum so many people came up to us and asked us who we were and what our robot*

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was. We shared information about FTC, FLL, and FRC. It was an eye-opening experience because you realize how many people want to be involved in STREAM but don't have any way to be involved. Overall, it was an amazing day, and I had a lot of fun teaching people about STEAM and being with other FTC kids that want to share our passion with the community."



## FTC: COOL NEW CLUB

*Submitted by: Melissa Sendt, 7th Grade Science Teacher, FTC Coach*

Royal Robots are now hosting an 8th period Friday club for students in 6th-8th grade called "STEAM Explorers". In this club, students have an opportunity to do hands on engineering challenges, such as balloon powered cars. The goal for this club is to motivate and inspire others to be a part of STEAM activities and careers in their future!



## FTC OUTREACH: THE FIRST JOURNEY

*Submitted by: Melissa Sendt, 7th Grade Science Teacher, FTC Coach*

Members of Roosevelt's FTC teams presented to around 200 FIRST LEGO League members and their families at the Dubuque Regional FLL Competition on December 7th. Team members shared their experience with FIRST programs, what they have gained to take into their future, and the importance of the programs core values. After their interviews, it was time to demonstrate the robots and answer questions. Members of Dubuque's FIRST Robotics Challenge (FRC) team, Servos Strikes Back, followed the FTC presentation. The young FLL members were very intrigued by next levels of robotics.



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## NEXT PTO MEETING

**Our next meeting is January 9th 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

Our winter dance was a huge hit for those that attended and helped out. Thank you to everyone for making it a success!

**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." Please see the attached flyer for more details. **Our January Spirit Night will be Texas Roadhouse on Wednesday, January 15th from 4-8 p.m.** Mark your calendar and tell your friends and family. See below for details.

**PTO MEETINGS** | Join our next meeting on **Thursday, January 9th at 6 p.m.** in the school library. Block out your calendar with all of our meetings dates:

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

Happy Holidays!

Brenda Nank, *PTO President*



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### Roosevelt Middle School PTO

Wednesday, January 15, 2025  
4:00-8:00 PM

# 10%

## DONATION NIGHT

Present this flyer at the Dubuque location and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food purchases back to Roosevelt Middle School PTO to benefit our school!





# ELEANOR ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL

## JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL	4
5	6 Dance Begins Boys Basketball Begins Activities Grade Check	7 Spelling Bee	8 Music Pictures	9 Music Pictures PTO Meeting 6pm	10	11 NEISTA Honors Orchestra
12	13 7PBB vs Drexler Black 8PBB @ Drexler Black	14 Trimester 2 Midterm	15 7BBB @ Wash Blue 8BBB vs Wash Blue	16 School Safety Drill	17 Music Day! 7BBB @ Wash White 8BBB vs Wash White	18 FTC Meet @ DeWitt Marion Honor Band
19	20 NO SCHOOL	21 7SBB @ Drexler Black 8SBB vs Drexler Black	22 7PBB @ Wash Blue 8PBB vs Wash Blue Boys Basketball Pictures	23 7SBB vs Wash Blue Dance Pictures	24	25
26	27 7BBB vs Jefferson 8SBB @ Wash Blue Activities Grade Check	28 8BBB @ Jefferson	29 7SBB @ Wash White 8SBB vs Wash White	30 Renaissance Breakfast 6:45am 7PBB @ Jefferson 7BBB vs Mazz Blue 8PBB vs Jefferson 8BBB @ Maz Blue	31	

## 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>