

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,

As we approach the start of the second half of the school year, I hope that this newsletter finds you and your family doing well.

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION | I want to start this newsletter with a heartfelt thank you to our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) for being so supportive of the efforts of our staff and students. If you are interested, we invite you to join us for our next meeting on February 7th. Our PTO parents who meet each month have been instrumental in supporting Roosevelt, and we are very thankful. They have supported us through special dinners provided during Parent-Teacher Conferences, publishing this newsletter, creating a spirit apparel web-based stores, sponsoring the fall fundraiser, arranging for spirit nights at local restaurants, and hosting our three school dances and fun nights!



PTO

JOIN US FOR OUR REMAINING MEETINGS IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY AT 6:00 P.M.

- FEBRUARY 6, 2025
- MARCH 6, 2025
- APRIL 3, 2025
- MAY 1, 2025

This PTO continues to be an integral part of the success of our school. Being part of the PTO is important because it allows parents to actively participate in their child's education, build a strong school community, and support various school initiatives. Please consider joining us at the next meeting. We welcome new members to our meetings, and as an FYI, we will be looking to fill some important leadership positions later this spring for the upcoming school year.

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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

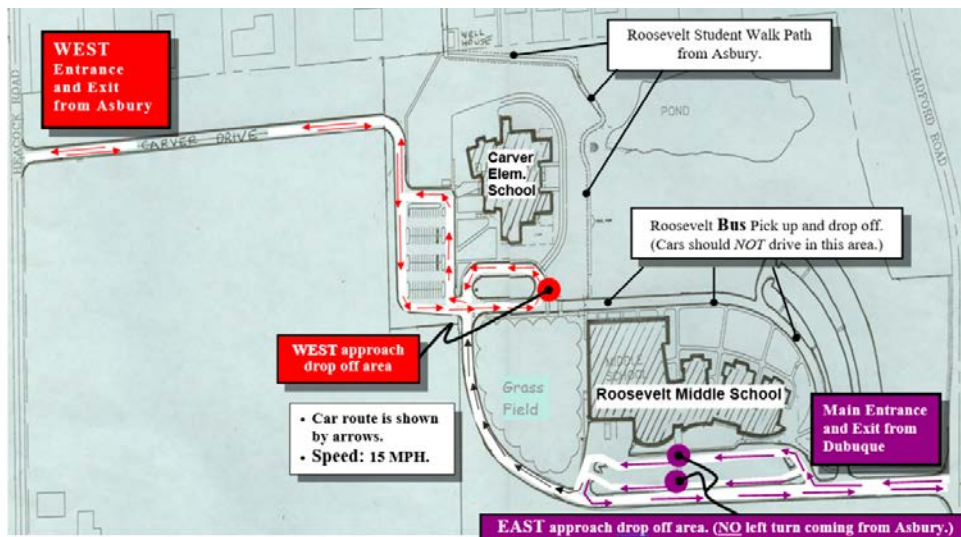
HOUSE 8-1

@mskresshistory
@msyagerscience
@mrscummingsmath
@mspociask_ela

HOUSE 8-2

@erms_82
@Mrs_Norby

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PARKING LOT SAFETY AND MORNING ARRIVAL | Ensuring the safety of our students during their arrival to school is a high priority. To maintain a safe environment and prevent accidents in the front lot, we kindly ask for your cooperation with the following:

- Drive slowly and follow all directions from staff on duty.
- Watch for students exiting cars and always yield to them in the parking lot.
- Do not cut in front of other vehicles, it increases the risk of an accident.
- Avoid driving off the curb from the parking lot onto the frontage road, as this is dangerous and can lead to accidents.
- Do not drive around a car that is stopped; patience is key to keeping everyone safe.

These precautions are particularly important during the winter months when road conditions can be more hazardous. Thank you for helping us be safe (and efficient) with morning drop-off by having students from five cars deboard simultaneously. We unload two cars on one side of the crossing area and another three on the back side. This greatly helps with the flow of traffic in the front parking lot and provides a safe entry to school. Cars from points west of Roosevelt in Asbury are encouraged to continue using the Carver School Drop-Off Circle. Each day, we aim for a smooth and safe entry into the building for all students and staff.

Please remember that our opening bell for the school day is 7:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. on Friday. Please drop off students as close to that time as possible. The front doors open for breakfast at 7:20 a.m. We start our school day at 7:36 a.m., Monday through Thursday, and at 8:36 a.m. on Friday. Being at school by that time is critically important as we start our academic classes promptly at that time.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR TRIBUTE | Congratulations to of our sixth grade Raptor students in House 6-3 who were recently honored for their entries in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute. This is a citywide event which includes both public and private school students. The purpose of the tribute is to remind students of the work (and many accomplishments of) Martin Luther King Jr., and to help students realize that each person can make a positive difference in their world. Those recognized from our school this year are:

Honorees include Erin Cross, Kinsley Horsfield, Vivienne Klar, Olivia Mills, and Ameena Sinno. **Honorable Mention goes to** Luke Brunsman, Mya Cory, Tre Culpepper, Kylee Goss, and Cora Shedek.

Since 1990, the local branch of the NAACP has recognized students for their excellence in this tribute. To be recognized is a great honor. Thank you to all the students that participated!

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ADDITIONAL ERMS INSTAGRAM USER NAMES

Therapy Dog Layla
@alaylaaday

Library
@ermsslbrary

Mrs. Glennon, Counselor
@mrsglennonerms

Ms. Montana, Student Needs
Facilitator
@msmontanaerms

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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I-READY | For the past couple years we have utilized iReady to further support your child(ren) in the areas of math and language arts. We invite you to connect with their iReady lessons that they do online. The iReady lessons serve as a great resource for students looking to fill gaps in their learning or to accelerate their understanding of grade level content. Working on them each week will help their teachers figure out what to teach and how to better support them—while also helping them focus their learning on exactly what they need.

We encourage you to make a plan with your student for how they will spend their time at home working on these learning lessons. As you make the plan, please utilize any guidance you've received from your child's teachers on what they should work on. Together you can become familiar with the different parts of the student dashboard, and you can review progress with your child using the 'My Progress' page. At Roosevelt we do recommend that students complete one (1) lesson in math and one (1) lesson in reading each week.

Encourage your child(ren) to take each lesson and quiz question seriously. Emphasize "thinking before clicking" because just clicking through will not be a productive use of their time nor will it accurately reflect what they know. Remind them of the importance of carefully reading passages in their entirety along with using paper and pencil to solve math problems.

If you have questions about utilizing iReady, I encourage you to email or call your child's teacher. Thank you for your support of these lessons.

Have a wonderful January!

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

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 pick up 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. 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 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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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

With half the school year over, the counseling department has turned their attention to high school registration, 4-year planning. Soon the 8th grade students will have attended high school open house, met with middle and high school counselors and registered for their Freshman year! 8th grade students are now working on their 4-year plans, Parent's please be looking for this as you will need to approve these plans. You will be receiving a parent square with notification on how and when to do this.

The second trimester ends February 28th! Please be checking your students grades in Infinite Campus and making sure their work is up-to-date and complete.



Educational Opportunity: Human Trafficking

On behalf of the Tristate Coalition against human trafficking you're invited to movie Maya. The movie shows how a young girl, Maya, is "groomed" into human trafficking and her subsequent journey. This is a great opportunity for the Middle and High School students to learn more about Human Trafficking, the admission is totally FREE!!!

FREE ADMISSION: Wednesday, January 22nd at 5:50 p.m. at Phoenix Theaters

PBIS PAGE

Submitted by: the PBIS Leadership Team

MONTHLY EVENTS | In January students have an opportunity to pay one Raptor Ticket to get a cup of cocoa for a staff member as a way to thank them for what they do—it is called Mugs of Gratitude. February events are:

6th grade – Hungry, Hungry Hippos (live)

7th grade – Kickball

8th grade – Volleyball

We will have our second Raptor Recognition Rally on Tuesday, February 25th. Families will be invited if their student will be the recipient of a Raptor Rave Award or the Positive Impact Award from one of the activities that have ended.

In March we will have another PBIS incentive for students who have met the trimester criteria for two or fewer major/minor referrals. We are already halfway through the second trimester so this is a good time to remind students about that incentive.

Culver's has also given us more awards that staff can use to nominate students, so you may see your student come home with one of those.

Thank you, families, for your continued support so students are following the 3R's—Respectful, Responsible, and Resourceful.

ACTIVITIES OFFICE

Submitted by: Mark Lawler, Assistant Principal/Activities Director

We are in full swing with Dance/Cheer as well as Boys Basketball, and the teams will complement each other with their games and performances throughout the season. FAME directors have been working hard at putting students in the right spots for the cast of *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical* which will

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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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premier at the end of April. Math Counts, Science Bowl, and our robotics teams (FIRST LEGO League and FIRST Tech Challenge) have found success this year, learned a lot, and are inspiring future leaders in STEAM fields.

Several LEAP activities are underway with a few more to begin in February. There are so many ways for students to be involved at school and we love the participation we have seen so far.

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

The ERMS Orchestra will hold their Winter Concert on Thursday, February 6th at 7 p.m. in the Lass Auditorium. Five different ensembles will be performing along with a piece featuring the double bass. See you there!



SPELLING BEE

Submitted by: Chris Burke

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee school champion, Elijah Hoover. Elijah has moved on to compete in the Regional Spelling Bee in March. We wish you all the best Elijah!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS: SNOW SHOETING

Submitted by: Mr. Paca, ERMS Special Olympics Coach

Special Olympics snow shoeing. Students from Eleanor Roosevelt participated in snow shoeing on January 13th and 14th at Sundown Mountain. They are Gavyn Boen, Brandon Bush, Eli Drake, Nathan Drake, Logan Ellis, Shawn Hillard, Ryder Hoffman, Brysen Imbus, Madilyn Klapatauskas, Jace Oberman, Matthew Shaw and Franklin Trilk. All of our athletes did their best and came back with medals ranging from first to 4th place. Great job! A special thank you to the parents of the students, life skills teachers and paras for all the help.



Royal Robots



Robo Raptors

ADRIATIC LEAGUE MEET: A DAY OF ROBOTICS AND RESILIENCE

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

On January 11th, our school's FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) team proudly hosted the third Adriatic Sea League meet of the season. The event was a testament to the dedication and teamwork of students, parents, and community members who came together to make it a success.

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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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STUDENT VOLUNTEERS | Students took on various responsibilities, ensuring the smooth running of the event. They were involved in setup and tear-down, serving as emcees, resetting the field, managing concessions, and fulfilling crucial team roles such as scouting and drive team. Their hard work and enthusiasm were evident throughout the day.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT | A heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to the parents and FIRST members who volunteered. Parents helped with check-in, oversaw concessions and assisted with team support. Members of Dubuque's FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) played a significant role in assisting with competition roles, and the Wahlert FTC team generously provided a practice field, enhancing the experience for all participants.



TRIUMPHS AND TRIBULATIONS | Both of Roosevelt's FTC teams faced a mix of triumphs and tribulations during match play, ending the day with a 3-3 record. The challenges were numerous: robots disconnecting, mechanisms failing, parts falling off, controllers malfunctioning, and game pieces getting stuck on the robots. Despite these setbacks, the teams demonstrated remarkable perseverance, reaching out to others for support and never losing their determination.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

LEAGUE MEET @ Central DeWitt Middle School on Saturday 1/18/25

LEAGUE MEET @ Pleasant Valley High School on Saturday 2/1/25

LEAGUE TOURNAMENT @ Bettendorf High School on Saturday 2/15/25

Snowy STEAM Night Friday, January 24th from 5-7 p.m.

Join our Snowy STEAM Night in the Roosevelt cafeteria for an evening of winter magic and creativity! Experience FIRST robot demonstrations and a variety of winter-themed STEAM activities that are fun for all ages. We can't wait to see you there!

FTC SPIRIT NIGHT @ Culver's Tuesday, January 28th from 5-7 p.m.

Join us at Culver's to have a meal or a treat! Culver's will donate 10% of all sales back to our teams!

FREE EVENT

SNOWY STEAM NIGHT

JANUARY 24

5PM - 7PM
 ELEANOR ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

ACTIVITIES

- BATTLE OF THE SNOW BOTS
- SPHERES SLIPPING ON ICE
- FTC & FRC ROBOT DEMO
- ROBO COACO DELIGHT
- SNOWSTORM IN A BOTTLE
- CREATE YOUR OWN CAVE
- PLAY-DOH FUN FACTORY
- SNOWBALL LAUNCH

hosted by Roosevelt's FTC Robotics Teams

NEIGHBORS

Supporting Neighbors

TUESDAY • JANUARY 28 • 5-8PM

Join us in supporting Roosevelt FTC Robotics, as 10% of all sales will be donated.

There's no limit to how much heart you can put into the community - and we're always looking for opportunities for neighbors to help neighbors. Join us and consider giving what you can to our local cause today.

Thank you for your support!



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NEXT PTO MEETING

Our next meeting is February 6th 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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BUILDERS CLUB

Submitted by: Students Emery Johns, Charlotte Kelley and Avery Geisler

Builder's Club is a small group of students at Roosevelt Middle School who work together to build the community. We are a non-profit club sponsored by Kiwanis. Our main goal in Builder's Club is to build friendships and help others. Some ways we have benefited our community are helping students and teachers at Carver Elementary School. We also visit Hawkeye Care Center to play games with the residents and make them decorations for the holidays. We have also paired with the Red Basket organization to help the students in our school get what they need. Stay tuned to hear the great things Builder's Club does next!

ERMS PTO

Roosevelt Families,

I hope you are staying warm during our cold months. We invite you to join us at our monthly meetings to help make a difference in our school! Make sure to follow us on social media to stay up-to-date on all our events.

SPIRIT NIGHT | Each month our PTO partners with a local business to host an ERMS Spirit Night. It's a great way to support our school while grabbing a great meal for the family. **February's Spirit Night will be held at Pancheros on Wednesday, February 12th from 4-10 p.m.** See below for details.

PTO MEETINGS | Join our next meeting on **Thursday, February 6th at 6 p.m.** in the school library. We will be discussing our profits from this years fundraising and the upcoming parent-teacher conferences.

Block out your calendar with all of our meetings dates:

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

Brenda Nank, *PTO President*

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12
4:00-CLOSE**
4840 Asbury Road

**JOIN US FOR
ROOSEVELT PTO
SPIRIT NIGHT**

PANCHEROS®
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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!

 **PTO**



ELEANOR ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 FTC Meet
2	3 7SBBB vs Jefferson 8SBBB @ Jefferson	4	5 7SBBB vs 7PBBB 8SBBB vs 8PBBB LEAP Michaelangelo	6 7SBBB @ Drexler Red 7PBBB vs Mazz Blue 8SBBB vs Drexler Red Dance/Cheer @ Home 8PBBB @ Mazz Blue Orchestra Chamber Concert PTO Meeting 6pm	7	8
9	10	11 7PBBB @ Drexler Red 7BBBB vs Drexler Black 8PBBB vs Drexler Red 8BBBB @ Drexler Black LEAP Girls Coding & Engineering LEAP Robotics	12 Large Group Festival Band LEAP Michaelangelo	13 7SBBB vs 7BBBB Dance/Cheer @ Home 8SBBB vs 8BBBB Band Concert 7pm	14 NO SCHOOL	15 FTC League Tournament
16	17 7BBBB @ Mazz Gold 8BBBB vs Mazz Gold	18 7SBBB vs Mazz Blue 8SBBB @ Mazz Blue LEAP Girls Coding & Engineering	19 7PBBB vs Mazz Gold 8PBBB @ Mazz Gold LEAP Michaelangelo	20	21 7BBBB @ Drexler Red 8BBBB vs Drexler Red	22
23	24 Tornado Drill 7SBBB @ Mazz Gold 8SBBB vs Mazz Gold Dance/Cheer @ Home LEAP Book Club	25 Recognition Rally LEAP Girls Coding & Engineering	26 7PBBB vs Wash White Dance/Cheer @ Home 8PBBB @ Wash White LEAP Michaelangelo	27 7PBBB vs 7BBBB 8PBBB vs 8BBBB Dance/Cheer @ Home	28 End of 2nd Trimester	

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>