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ELEANOR ROOSEVELT REPORT

MIDDLE SCHOOL

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OUR NEWSLETTER

The Roosevelt Report is sponsored by the ERMS PTO and the ERMS Staff. In future issues we hope to bring you important information about events and activities at ERMS.

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NOTES FROM MR. JOHLL

Dear Roosevelt Families,

The season of spring is one of my favorites. With its beautiful weather and increasing hours of daylight, it brings with it a sense of renewal, hope and optimism. I'm excited to share with you in this newsletter some events that have happened here at Roosevelt or will be happening with our students this spring that has helped me feel this way. It's a wonderful time of year!

INCOMING SIXTH GRADE ORIENTATION | Yesterday we had our orientation night for incoming sixth grade students and their parents/guardians. Thank you to all of our families that attended! We enjoyed having this evening with our future Raptors.

MUSIC CONCERTS | March was "Music in the Schools" month and last month we had many concerts in our district to enjoy! The evening choir, orchestra, and band festivals held at both Hempstead and Senior High Schools were outstanding in so many ways. We are so proud of our musicians!

TRACK AND FIELD | We have several students that are participating in this wonderful spring sport. It is great seeing them outside practicing after school getting ready for our meets. On Tuesday, April 22, Roosevelt will host a track meet at Hempstead High School. I will be the 'Clerk of Course' for the meet and I am looking forward to watching our students compete!

FINE ARTS MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE | Many students this spring have had the opportunity to create, build, perform, and publicize our annual FAME musical production. Roosevelt students will be presenting the musical "*The Lightning Thief, Percy Jackson Musical*" later this month. The performances will be April 24 through April 27 in our auditorium. Information regarding ticket sales can be found at <http://erms.seatyourself.biz>.

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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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FOOD DRIVE | Our student council just wrapped up its March Madness Food Drive for the Dubuque Food Pantry. This is sponsored by our Student Council and has become a spring tradition. Students in each house competed against other grade-alike houses and as a school. The students had fun and were able to help others in our community. Thank you to all of students and families for your donations!

IREADY DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENTS | Students will take the third and final round of this diagnostic in early May. Information on specific dates will be shared in a Parent Square message. The information from this helps us in meeting the individual learning needs of all students, and this spring it will allow us to monitor progress over the course of this school year.

DROPPING OFF YOUR CHILD(REN) | We need your help with using our two designated drop-off areas (one near Carver and one from our main entrance off Radford Road) for those students who are receiving a ride to school from family. Our front parking lot in the morning has been experiencing some congestion, so we ask that families traveling from the Asbury area use the Carver Circle drop-off area. Thank you for your help with this.

Have a great month of April and a happy spring!



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.

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.

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ADDITIONAL ERMS INSTAGRAM USER NAMES

Therapy Dog Layla
@alaylaaday

Library
@ermslibrary

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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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.**

PBIS PAGE

Submitted by: the PBIS Leadership Team



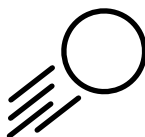
Roosevelt Middle School jumped on the March Madness bandwagon with our own Sweet 16 Bracket Challenge. Students filled out their brackets and turned them in with one Raptor ticket for a chance to win items from the Snack Shack.

NCAA Women's Bracket Winners:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
6 th grade	Olivia Thompson	Evan Feldhacker	Bridget Watters
7 th grade	Tyler Frederick	Jaxon Manderscheid	Ethan Prine
8 th grade	Kolton Chappel (only perfect bracket!)	Aarav Kule	Teddy Oeth

NCAA Men's Bracket Winners:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
6 th grade	Tate Maiers	Hudson V.	Mac Heysinger
7 th grade	Knox Birkenholz	Kai Geyer	Lexi Streets
8 th grade	Teddy Oeth	Peter FitzPatrick	Adelyn Peat



Our students are starting to sign up for our most anticipated event of the year: dodgeball. Students have the choice to play in either a competitive tournament or recreational play. Games will be happening from April 22nd-April 25th.



With warm weather upon us, we will once again be offering Lunch on the Lawn. On days when the weather cooperates, students will have the option to pay one Raptor Ticket to eat their lunch on the front lawn. Special thanks to our PTO for the purchase of 2 additional picnic tables for our students to use at lunch.



Another thanks to our PTO for the purchase of a Sno-Cone machine to utilize for our PBIS events. This will be used for one of our final events in May called our "Spring Sno-cial." This will be a raffle event in which students enter their Raptor Tickets for chance to win a Sno-cone for themselves and three of their friends. Student will the meet together during our Friday 8th period to enjoy their Sno-cone and socialize.

ACTIVITIES OFFICE

Submitted by: Mark Lawler, Assistant Principal/Activities Director

SPORTS | Track meets are well underway and we keep hoping the weather will cooperate. We are preparing future record breakers as well as having fun! 6th Grade Football and 6th Grade Volleyball are both in May, and students have the sign up link in their e-mail for those.

PERFORMING ARTS | The FAME production of *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical* is right around the corner! We cannot wait to see what our cast and crew have put together.

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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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PTO:

www.facebook.com/PTOERMS

STATE COMPETITIONS | Congratulations to the Math Counts team who placed 9th in the state competition in late March. Way to go!

We have another LEAP activity next week—Cooking with Neumann—and students received the sign up link in their e-mail.

In case this is the last update from the Activities Office, we'd like to offer two reminders:

1. We know that when students are involved in activities in school, they feel more connected and are likely to do well academically, make friends, and enjoy being at school. So wherever you will be for school next year, get involved! 7th and 8th graders need physicals to participate in sports. They are good for 12 months plus a 1 month grace period. If that means you need one over the summer, we suggest you schedule that now.
2. Speaking of physicals, you will soon be receiving information through ParentSquare that DCSD middle schools will transition to uploading physicals into Bound. More directions on that will come, but you will no longer need to send a paper copy of the packet to school.

Finally, to our 8th graders, thank you for three great years, and best wishes as you move on to high school. Get involved, study hard, and be a kind friend to others.

MUSIC: ORCHESTRA

Submitted by: Natalie Backes, Orchestra Director

Attention all music enthusiasts! The ERMS Orchestra will be having their final performance of the year on May 22nd in the Lass Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Join us to hear music featuring students in the 6th grade orchestra, 7th and 8th grade orchestra, Presto, and two Quintets. In addition, the 8th graders will be performing "This Is Me" to commemorate three great years in the ERMS orchestra! Hope to see you on May 22nd!



FTC: TRI-STATE INDUSTRIES TOUR

The ERMS First tech Challenge teams have been continuing their education of all thing STEAM with a tour of Tri-State Industries. The company is a metals manufacturer offering welding, plasma cutting, punching, stamping, shearing, bending, forming and inspecting. FTC team members were led on a tour of the facility and were able to learn about the company's capabilities as well as ask questions about processes and materials. A big thanks to Tri-State Industries for hosting our students!



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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BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Submitted by: Chris Burke, GT Coordinator

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in this year's Roosevelt Battle of the Books. With 67 students participating across 14 teams from all three grade levels, we applaud your willingness to be an invested part of your school community. A special shout out goes to our grade level champions who are moving on to the District Battle of the Books on April 30th. We wish you all the best of luck at districts!



6th Grade

Eleanor Boyd
Natalie Hohmann
Raya Longworth
Mila Metcalf
Eleana Shimkus



7th Grade

Kaylee Ward
Lauren Demmer
Leigha Ruden
Ben Valentine
Liam Deggendorf



8th Grade

Liam McDonald
Will Davis
Colin Lawler
Leighton FitzPatrick
Addy Shedek

STUDENT COUNCIL (STUCO)

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



ERMS student council had a busy March! They decorated for an "Under the Sea" theme at the last school dance and fun night of the year.

STUCO also held their annual food drive and collected almost 600 items for donation to the Dubuque Food Pantry. Thank you to all of our ERMS families for sending in donations to help make it a success!

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL
FAME PRESENTS

THE LIGHTNING THIEF

THE PERCY JACKSON MUSICAL

THEATER FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES EDITION

APRIL 24-27

THURSDAY - *SATURDAY @ 7PM

SUNDAY @ 2PM

*UNDERSTUDY PERFORMANCE

ADAPTED FROM THE BOOK *THE LIGHTNING THIEF* BY RICK RIORDAN

BOOK BY JOE TRACZ

MUSIC & LYRICS BY ROB ROKICKI

DIRECTED BY MICHELLE BLANCHARD

\$12 TICKETS AT [ERMS.SEATYOURSELF.BIZ](https://erms.seatyourself.biz)

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM @ [ERMS.FAME](https://www.instagram.com/ERMS.FAME)

FAME: IT'S ALMOST SHOWTIME!

In our 20th year of the Fine Arts Mentorship Experience (FAME), 160 students are collaborating to produce *The Lightning Thief; The Percy Jackson Musical* (Theater for Young Audiences Edition). These individuals make up the cast, pit orchestra, and various crews of FAME. The mission of FAME is to engage students in the managerial, technical, and performing aspects of theater arts. The musical is adapted from the popular book *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan and our students are excited to share this experience with you.

Grab your tickets (\$12 each) for opening night or one of the other three performances from April 24th-27th. All tickets are general admission.

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS ONLINE TODAY: <https://erms.seatyourself.biz>

Show Dates: Thursday, April 24th, 7:00 p.m.
Friday, April 25th, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 26th, 7:00 p.m. (understudy performance)
Sunday, April 27th, 2:00 p.m.

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Open Position

Hospitality:

Open Position

NEXT PTO MEETING

Our next meeting is May 1st at 6:00 p.m. Please follow us on Facebook (see link below) to stay up-to-date with new info and events.



@ermsptodbq



@PTOERMS

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ERMS PTO UPDATES

SPIRIT NIGHT | Our next Spirit Night will be at **Freddy's on Tuesday, May 20th**. Mark your calendar to save the date!



NEW PURCHASES | We're excited about the arrival of two items that were purchased with proceeds from the fall school fundraiser! Students will now have additional outdoor seating with the 2 new **PICNIC TABLES** added to our outdoor space. We also are excited for students to enjoy the new **SNO-CONE** maker through PBIS activities and other events.



In addition to the above items, this year we have also been able to purchase a new laser projector for auditorium, a Roosevelt backdrop for events, an orchestra bass, parachutes for physical education, and provide funding the Renaissance breakfasts to recognize our students.

This is just part of the impact YOU made. All of this is a direct result of the support from our ERMS families, friends and community members. Each year the funds we raise impact our school in many ways, large and small. As always, a big THANK YOU for helping our

students with the fundraiser—making purchases and for the time you invest in making it a success each year. We truly appreciate you!

PTO MEETINGS | Join our next and last meeting of the school year on **Thursday, May 1st at 6 p.m.** in the school library. Please join us as we wrap up the school year and vote on open positions for next year. It's great time to get a feel for what the PTO does and get connected!

ERMS PTO 2025-26 OPEN POSITIONS

We're looking for some great individuals to join our team. We will be voting to fill our open positions on Thursday, May 1st at our final meeting of this school year. Check out our open positions with the descriptions, below and on the following page, to see if you would be a good fit. Positions are open to new and existing PTO members.

OPEN CABINET POSITION

You could be our next

PRESIDENT

The ERMS PTO President leads by setting meeting agendas, facilitating discussions, and ensuring all activities align with the PTO's mission. They serve as the main point of contact between the school administration and the PTO. The President also oversees committees and events, helping to coordinate efforts and encourage volunteer participation.

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OPEN CABINET POSITION

You could be our next

VICE PRESIDENT

The ERMS PTO Vice President supports the President and steps in when the President is unavailable. They often take the lead on specific projects or committees and help maintain communication among members. This role is key in ensuring continuity and teamwork within the PTO cabinet.

OPEN CABINET POSITION

You could be our next

TREASURER

The ERMS PTO Treasurer manages the PTO's finances, including budgeting, tracking income and expenses, and maintaining accurate financial records. They present regular reports to the cabinet and general membership. The Treasurer also ensures that funds are used responsibly and in accordance with PTO goals and policies.

OPEN CABINET POSITION

You could be our next

ASSISTANT TREASURER

The ERMS PTO Assistant Treasurer helps the Treasurer with financial tasks and may handle specific duties like collecting funds at events or maintaining spreadsheets. They serve as a backup to the Treasurer and are prepared to take over responsibilities if needed. This role provides important support for keeping financial operations smooth and accurate.

OPEN CABINET POSITION

You could be our next

SECRETARY

The ERMS PTO Secretary is responsible for recording meeting minutes, maintaining records, and handling official correspondence. They ensure that all members are informed about meetings, decisions, and upcoming events. The Secretary plays a key role in keeping the PTO organized and transparent.

OPEN COMMITTEE CHAIR

You could be our next

EVENTS CHAIR

The ERMS PTO Events Chair plans and coordinates our school dances. They work closely with volunteers, vendors, and school staff to ensure each event runs smoothly. This role involves creativity, organization, and enthusiasm to help build a fun and engaging school community.

OPEN COMMITTEE CHAIR

You could be our next

FUNDRAISING CHAIR

The ERMS PTO Fundraising Chair leads efforts to raise money through our ERMS Spirit Nights to support PTO programs and school needs. They coordinate with local businesses to promote and execute each event. This role helps the PTO meet its financial goals and support student enrichment.

OPEN COMMITTEE CHAIR

You could be our next

HOSPITALITY CHAIR

The ERMS PTO Hospitality Chair organizes conference meals and donations. They also plan and manage our annual staff appreciation week. This role is perfect for someone who enjoys hosting and spreading kindness.

OPEN COMMITTEE CHAIR

You could be our next


MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

The ERMS PTO Member Chair helps grow and engage membership by welcoming families, sharing information, and encouraging volunteerism. They work closely with the President and Communications Chair to coordinate outreach efforts. This role is all about connecting people and building a strong, involved parent community.



ELEANOR ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL

MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 PTO Meeting 6pm	2 Girls Track @ WD 4:30	3
4	5	6 Renaissance Breakfast 6:45am	7 Band Concert 7pm	8 Walk, Bike and Roll to School 6 th Grade Fieldtrip	9	10 Boys/Girls Track @ Dalzell 9am Garden Club Community Sale 9am-12pm
11 Mother's Day 	12 6 th Grade Field Trip 6 th Grade Football and Volleyball begins	13 6 th Grade Field Trip	14	15 6 th Grade Football and Volleyball Pictures	16	17
18	19	20 Choir Concert 7pm	21	22 Orchestra Concert 7pm	23	24
25	26 NO SCHOOL	27	28	29 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!	30	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.

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>