

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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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,

As we bring the 2024-2025 school year to a close, I want to share a few points of information...

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK | Today is the last day of our Staff Appreciation Week at Roosevelt. I want to extend my gratitude to our Parent Teacher Organization for showing their appreciation to the staff each day, especially for the staff t-shirts shared on Monday, and the Jersey Mike's lunch served on Wednesday. If you have time today, please take a moment to reach out to a staff member who has made a positive impact on your child as part of this special week in education.

JUST FIVE BOOKS | Research shows that many children, not just struggling readers, tend to lose some of their reading skills during the school year. This regression is often due to inconsistent reading practice during the busy summer months. Did you know that new research indicates reading just five books over the summer can prevent this regression? While maintaining a reading routine amidst summer activities can be challenging, encouraging daily reading, even for a short time, can enhance their abilities. Help your children select books that match their interests and abilities, and establish a daily reading time.

Check out the summer reading program at Carnegie Stout Library for more resources. Go to this link for summer 2025 ideas:

[Carnegie-Stout Public Library Summer Reading >](#)

I am also including a link to a website from the National Education Association that you might find helpful:

[NEA | Get Serious About Summer Reading >](#)

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On a computer type in the following website and add the user name after the "/" without the "@" symbol. Go to: Instagram.com/_____

OR

In the Instagram app, search for the user name making sure to include the "@" symbol.

THEN

Make sure to click "FOLLOW" on each of the pages.

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HOUSE 6-2

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HOUSE 6-3

@ermshouse6_3

HOUSE 7-2

@7.2raptors

HOUSE 7-3

@ermshouse73

HOUSE 8-1

@mskresshistory

@msyagerscience

@mrsclummingmath

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HOUSE 8-2

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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

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FTC: Robo Raptors

@ftc.20097

FTC: Royal Robots

@royalrobotsftc_



NATIONAL WALK, BIKE, AND ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY

For the first time at Roosevelt, in partnership with the City of Dubuque, Roosevelt participated in this national day promoting the benefits of walking or riding a bike to school on nice weather days. National Walk, Bike, and Roll to School Day offers numerous benefits to students. Physical activity is known to boost mood and reduce stress. Starting the day with exercise can help students feel more alert and ready to learn. Studies have shown that students who engage in physical activity before school tend to have better concentration, memory, and overall academic performance. Thank you to everyone who participated. We saw numerous students walking, as we do each day, and there was an increase in those who rode their bikes to school!



Roosevelt Middle School Garden Club Plant Sale

Hundreds of vegetable and herb plants as well as perennials and others. Very reasonably priced!

•What:

ERMS Garden Club Plant Sale

•When:

Saturday, May 10th, 9am-noon

•Where:

ERMS Greenhouse and Garden

•Why:

To support the Garden Club and get your garden going!



11 Tomato types
11 Pepper types
9 Cucumber Types
Eggplant
Zucchini
Yellow Squash
Ground Cherries
Various Greens
Leeks
Onions
Shallots
4 types Basil
Other Herbs
Flowers
Vining Annuals
Landscape Perennials
Native Perennials

GARDEN CLUB SALE | The Eleanor Roosevelt Garden Club will be hosting a plant sale tomorrow morning, Saturday, May 10, starting at 9:00 a.m. The sale will be held at the Roosevelt Greenhouse which sits at the end of the east parking lot near the football field. Veggie, flower and herb plants will be sold. There are many varieties, all suited to our northern growing conditions. The plants are organically grown from seed by our students. Our club is self-sufficient, and funds from our sales are used for the purchase of gardening supplies. Please come visit and see the tremendous plants that our students have helped grow!

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Director: Mr. Mark Lawler

Assistant Principal's Secretary/
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Attendance Office: 552-5012

Assistant Principal: Mrs. Bobbie
Jones

Attendance/Assistant Principal's
Secretary: Mrs. Amanda Herrig

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Health Para: Mrs. LaKesha Rea

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Grade 7: Mrs. Amy Glennon
Grade 8: Mrs. Kerry Elliott

Records/Counselors Secretary:
Ms. Mo Dietzel

DCSD Anonymous Tip Line:
552-3075

MEDICAL APPOINTMENT TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to **medical**
appointments is available through
RTA transportation bus and
funded by United Way Dubuque.
For more information contact the
Roosevelt School Nurse:

Katie Vogt

PH: 563-552-5016

FAX: 552-5001

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TRACK, FAME & MUSIC | Congratulations to track coaches and athletes on a successful season. Their season will conclude tomorrow with the running of the Washington Relays. It was fun to watch the students improving and growing in this spring sport. Congratulations also to our music students for their wonderful making of music this school year. The month of May brings us three music concerts. This week we had a remarkable performance from our band students. We will have a choir concert on Tuesday, May 20th. We will have our orchestra concert on Thursday, May 22nd. Also, congratulations are in order for all the students, staff, parents and community members that played a role in our production of our school musical at the end of April. Thank you for all your efforts to create such a fun and enjoyable musical. The singing, the acting, the pit orchestra music, and the work of the crews was truly something special to watch! With our music concerts and the FAME production, it always wonderful seeing large crowds present for each show supporting our students!

As we close another school year, I want to wish your family a relaxing and enjoyable summer!



Jeffrey J. Johll, Principal

NURSES NOTES: REMINDERS

Submitted by: Katie Vogt, RN

6th graders entering 7th grade in the fall are required to show proof of a TDap and Meningitis vaccine before school starts.

8th graders entering 9th grade need to submit a dental screen to their future high school health office. If you need a copy of this form, please reach out to the Roosevelt Health office. We can send a copy home with your child.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS: PLAY BALL!

Submitted by: Mr. Paca, ERMS Special Olympics Coach

Special Olympics baseball and softball was held on April 24th at Miracle Park in Dubuque. Our Special Olympians from Roosevelt participated in a number of skills events. Everyone did a great job. A special thank you to the educators and para teachers, plus the parents of all the students that attended. It was a super fun day!

ACTIVITIES OFFICE CONTACTS

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the following staff in the Activities Office:

Mr. Lawler

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Mrs. Amico

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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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SPECIAL OLYMPICS: TRACK STARS

Submitted by: Mr. Paca, ERMS Special Olympics Coach

The Special Olympics track meet was held at Senior High School on May 8th. All of the students participated in the 50-meter, 100 meter or the 200-meter dash. Plus, the softball throw. Everyone did a great job and returned home with a medal for their efforts. A special thank you to the educators, para educators and parents that made this a memorable day.

MUSIC: BAND

Submitted by: Mrs. Staci Amosson, Band Director



Otis Haynes, a 7th grade ERMS student, composed a piano piece after he took general music class with Mr. Roger Tyler in 6th grade. Otis brought this piece to Mrs. Staci Amosson and she arranged it for the band. The ERMS 7th and 8th Grade Band performed the world premiere of "We Would Sail (The Seven Seas)" at their concert on Tuesday, May 6th. As the composer of the piece, Otis was invited to be the conductor when it was performed.

ACTIVITIES OFFICE

Submitted by: Mark Lawler, Assistant Principal/Activities Director

7th and 8th graders will need physicals on file to participate in sports in the fall. If you need to schedule a physical before then, now would be a good time. Have a safe and fun summer!

ERMS PTO UPDATES

Roosevelt Families,

Thank you for your support this school year, from volunteering and donations to attending PTO meetings and helping with committees! Each year, as a collective, we are able to make amazing things happen for our students. We want to send out a special thank you to our outgoing members that served on the cabinet and in various chair positions over the years.

Brenda Nank, outgoing President, and wearer of many more hats over the past few years, has been instrumental to making sure many of our student and staff

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2025-26 PTO

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events were able to happen. She stepped up beyond the normal parameters of the presidential position to help get things done. THANK YOU Brenda!

Tammy Rausch, outgoing Treasurer, a position that is essential in keeping us running smoothly—thank you for keeping an eagle eye on all things financial. We appreciate all you did for our PTO!

Angela Pickel, outgoing Secretary, thank you for investing your time to keep our activities recorded and orderly. Your attention to detail and organization was appreciated and seen by us all.

Thanks to each of you for the time, talent and treasure you shared as PTO members! You will be missed!

NEW POSITIONS | We held our final meeting of the school year on Thursday, May 1st and filled many of our open positions for next year so we can hit the ground running! The updated positions for next year are listed in the left sidebar.

STAY CONNECTED | Please make sure to follow us on social media to stay up-to-date on all things PTO. We will post updates, as summer winds down, about our meeting schedule and the beginning of the school year activities.



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SPIRIT NIGHT | Our final Spirit Night of the year is at **Freddy's on Tuesday, May 20th**. Mark your calendar to save the date! The more the merrier, so please share with family and friends! Details are as follows:



ENJOY *Fresh* FOOD & RAISE *Funds*

Join your friends and family at Freddy's

2589 NW Arterial

Dubuque, IA 52002

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

5:00 – 9:00 PM

Make sure you
mention you're
part of this group
when ordering!

Roosevelt Middle School PTO

will receive a percentage of the sales from this event!



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DISTRICT INFORMATION

SAFE ZONE

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

LUNCH MENU HOTLINE

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

ABSENCE PROCEDURES

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

PAY STUDENT FEES ONLINE

Parents, can pay student fees and deposit breakfast/lunch money into your child's meal account by using the Infinite Campus website or app under "My Accounts".

WEATHER HOTLINE

The Dubuque Community School District has a "Weather Hotline." When school may be closed due to inclement weather, individuals may call 552-3035 for school district updates. In addition, YOU CAN NOW press "1" for athletic contest changes and press "2" for fine arts activity changes. You can also sign up for Iowa School Alerts at: <https://schoolalerts.iowa.gov>