

ELEANOR **ROOSEVELT**REPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL



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notes from Mr. Johll



Dear Parent(s):

Over the course of the last two years our teachers have been utilizing professional learning time to create lessons that include “real-world” experiences for your child. Teachers are designing instruction that provides a glimpse into what life will be like post-high school. In order for this to happen, we teach students a set of skills that will allow them to be productive citizens and experience success in college or with a career later in life. At some point, you may have heard your child or a teacher refer to “21st Century” skills. Even though we are many years into this century, it’s still the title that we use to describe how we are going about providing students with relevant, authentic learning experiences, and the skills to be successful.

In our district, and at Roosevelt, we have identified **four 21st Century skill areas** as being important for our students. They are:

1. **Digital-Age Literacy** – The ability to evaluate and create meaning out of multiple forms of information.
2. **Critical Thinking and Problem Solving** – The ability to use higher-order thinking and reasoning to solve an authentic real-world problem.
3. **Communication and Collaboration** – The ability to apply knowledge to communicate and collaborate with others to reach a goal or create a project.
4. **Creativity and Innovation** – The ability to develop original ideas and create products by using inventive thinking and research.

What do you think of our four skill areas? Are there other skill areas you would like your child to learn before they graduate high school? Please do not hesitate to give me a call if you would like to discuss what we are doing to help prepare your child for a challenging and exciting future!

Parent Teacher Conferences - Thank you to all the parents who attended our Parent teacher conferences. The time that each of you dedicated to better understand your child’s learning experiences is very much appreciated.

Student Survey - In April we will be administering a survey to your child that is a requirement of the state of Iowa Department of Education. The survey is called *The Conditions of Learning*, and it’s for students who are in grades 5-12. Please be looking for an informational email with more details soon.

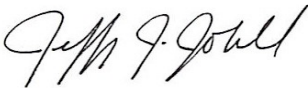
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Emails from School - Speaking of emails, will you please take a moment to check your email address that is listed in Power School? We use the email address that is listed when we send our school-wide messages with news, or information about events and activities. Checking your email address listed for accuracy is very much appreciated and will assure that you receive these messages from the school.

Lastly, as the temperatures begin to warm, and we return from a relaxing and enjoyable spring break, I ask that you remind your child that we still have many weeks of school and that they should continue to work hard and be dedicated to their learning each day. Your help in assuring that your child keeps up with his/her school work is very much appreciated. Our last day of school is now Tuesday, June 5.

Have a wonderful April 2018!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeffrey J. Johl". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" at the beginning.

Jeffrey J. Johl, Principal

2017-2018 ERMS PTO

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Dear Parents,

Every year you as a family have the opportunity to pay the PTO fee of \$10 when registering your child, when paying for meals, or simply by dropping it off in the office.

These fees are used to pay for field trips, various needs the kids may have in their classrooms, or something that the teachers may need, which will benefit the kids.

Some of the things the money has paid for include tall tables, exercise balls for the kids to sit on, teaching aids, and field trips. Our bigger budget things come from our once a year fundraiser. This past year we bought 4 monitors/TV screens that inform the kids of what is going on and have photos from sports events and other activities the kids take part in. We also allocated money to the new screen and laser projector in our beautiful auditorium.

Please consider paying the dues the next time you are on-line or in the ERMS office.

Thank you for your support!

ERMS PTO

March ERMS Raptor Raves



Jordan Westoff is a prime example of Roosevelt's 3 R's. Jordan is respectful and kind to her classmates and her teachers. Jordan is responsible, always on task and a studious, driven student. Jordan sets a tremendous example to her peers and demonstrates what being ready to learn looks like. Teachers are always willing to have Jordan do tasks for them because of her attention to detail and trustworthiness. Jordan is wise beyond her years and 6-1 feels so very lucky to have her! Go Jordan!



Congratulations to **John Maloney**, the House 6-2 Raptor Rave for the month of March! John is a hard-working, responsible, friendly, and respectful student. He has a strong work ethic that is evident in all assignments that he completes. We appreciate the way John meets all challenges head on. His positive attitude and friendly nature are true assets to all at Roosevelt. Great job, John, on this well-deserved honor.



House 6-3 would like to nominate **Jordan Quinn** as our Raptor Rave. Jordan is very mature and handles himself well both in class and out. His quiet demeanor is an example for many of his classmates to follow. We are extremely fortunate to have him in our house.

March ERMS Raptor Raves



Jimmy Berna is 7-1's Raptor Rave because of his kindness towards others, commitment to the three R's, self-advocacy, and his strong school spirit. Every morning we see a smiling face walking down the hall, eager and ready to take on the day. Jimmy's positive attitude radiates as he interacts with others. He comes to class prepared and understands the power of asking questions or seeking help. Jimmy is an excellent communicator and is able to clearly express his thoughts during class. Outside the classroom, we see him take on a few different roles. He plays in the band and is involved with a community soccer league. One of my favorite things about Jimmy can be observed each Friday. No matter what the spirit day theme, Jimmy is always dressed for the part!



House 7-2 is proud to select **Tara Jokiel** as our Raptor Rave for the month of March. Tara has been an excellent role model for rest of the house because of her pleasant and hard-working attitude. She is studious and not afraid to ask tough, thought provoking questions in class. Tara is a community-driven and friendly person whose smile she shares with everyone, which makes her one of 7-2's greatest role-models. Keep up the good work!



House 7-3 is excited to announce **Bradyn Kohl** as our March Raptor Rave. Brady is shining example of positive attitude, politeness, friendliness, and perseverance. Brady comes to school each day and greets his peers and house teachers. He works responsibly and carefully throughout class. Brady takes pride in his work and we are proud to have Brady in our house.

March ERMS Raptor Raves



Catie Zartman is House 8-1's pick for the newest Raptor Rave! Catie has the sweetest disposition and is always concerned about doing the right thing, whether it be completing work on time or always following the rules. Catie is kind and caring towards others, both her teachers and her classmates. She always asks interesting questions and has no problem thinking on a higher level. She always works hard in groups, doing her fair share. Catie likes to be fair and wants the world to be fair as well. She has a great sense of working towards the greater good for all. Catie is responsible and always does what is expected and is an advocate for her own learning. Catie is thoughtful and reflective in her learning and is extremely creative, even designing her own clothes! We are so lucky to have Catie in House 8-1 this year. She is a true role model for everyone!



House 8-2 is thrilled to announce that **Anna Gehl** has been selected as our Raptor Rave for the month of March. Anna is an amazing Raptor, who takes the time to ensure that she is exhibiting respect, responsibility, and readiness each day. Anna is an excellent student, and she puts forth her best effort in every activity she pursues. She is very serious about her academics, and she excels at several extra-curricular activities. In addition to that, Anna is a great role model for her peers, and she is willing to step up and be a leader, both in and out of school. Anna also has a kind and generous personality; she is not afraid to stand up for what is right. Ultimately, Anna stands out as an awesome student and an all-around great person. We are so happy to have Anna Gehl as a part of the 8-2 family!



It is with tremendous pride and pleasure that House 8-3 recognizes **Nolan Schroeder** as our Raptor Rave. On a consistent basis, Nolan can be counted on to demonstrated the 3 R's. He is always respectful to others and comes to class ready to learn. He accepts responsibility for his actions and makes good choices. He is a pleasure to know and teach and we are glad he is a part of the 8-3 family!

important news

Belin-Blank Summer Institute

Vin Vong a house 7-3 student was selected for the Belin-Blank Summer Institute for social studies for his excellent essay on his family's experiences immigrating to the United States. Congratulations Vin, a well deserved honor.



Congratulations to **Jake Althaus** (House 7-1) for being accepted to the Belin-Blank Summer Institute this summer! This is an extremely prestigious opportunity. He will be taking a week-long Performing Arts class on the University of Iowa campus. Way to go, Jake!



Cricket Magazine

Congratulations to **Sophia Bitter**, grade 6, for her First Place winning drawing in the *Cricket Magazine's* competition! Her drawing is published in the *Cricket Magazine's* March edition.



Congratulations to these ERMS Orchestra students who participated in the ***Kennedy Honors Orchestra Festival*** on March 3 in Cedar Rapids: (left to right) **Cody Welter** (viola), **Sam Erickson** (bass), **Noah Blair** (bass), **Gabby Van-Paemel** (violin), **Addison Lueken** (bass), **Caiti Turner** (violin), **Amelia Thompson** (cello), and **Ruthanne Haug** (violin).

Kennedy Honors Orchestra Festival



important news

Disney's Camp Rock –The Musical



When: April 19th - 22nd

Where: Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School
2001 Radford Rd, Dubuque IA

What: *For Mitchie, Camp Rock is the only thing to look forward to in the summer. This year when she arrived at camp, it was not duets and drum beats; instead it was doubt and drama. Another camp was built next door and is trying to pull some strings! Camp Rockers are now teaming up to save their camp, but will they stay sharp or fall flat?*

How to purchase tickets:

erms.seatyourself.biz starting April 1st.

Tickets are \$10. Tickets for seniors 65+ are \$5.

Who to contact with questions:

Lisa Lenstra-Norman, llesnstranorman@dbqschools.org

Where to get more information: ermsfame.weebly.com



Crayola ColorCycle Program

Thank you! Over the past two months, we have collected over **15 POUNDS** of used markers to be recycled! A reminder that Roosevelt students and staff will be collecting used markers (*including highlighters and dry-erase*) that are ready to be discarded. The markers will be sent to a facility where they will be converted into clean fuel.

Please continue to help support our efforts by sending your child with any used markers you may have around the house – **even non-Crayola brands**. Drop-off boxes are located around the school for your child to deposit the markers.

With your help, the Crayola ColorCycle program can keep tons of plastic out of landfills each year. Don't throw out that used marker—*ColorCycle it!*

news from the garden

The club is coming into its busy season, the time when we start our seeds on heat mats and turn on the grow lights. Garden Club members attended the Master Gardener Spring Conference downtown at NICC on a recent Saturday morning. We learned about growing micro greens, square foot gardening, and Farm to Fork growing which is when private farmers grow fruits and vegetables for a restaurant. We had a blast learning about a hobby that I and my peers love! We took notes and I enjoyed every bit of it! I really want to thank Mrs. Easley and Ms. Avina for taking me and my friends to this event. We also got red worms or red wigglers that were donated to The Garden Club from Bev Wagner at the DMASWA! They are loving it in the worm condo where they are eating our lunch scraps and creating compost for our plants. So much has been donated to this club. I'm so honored to take part in The Garden Club!

- Respectfully submitted by Debbie Schwartz, a Garden Club member



forms contacts & office staff

Main Office: 552-5000
Principal: Mr. Jeff Johl

Business Manager/
Principal's Secretary:
Mrs. Terri Kluesner

Activities Office: 552-5010

Assistant Principal /Athletic
Director: Mr. Mark Lawler

Assistant Principal's
Secretary / Activities:
Mrs. Erin Mohr

Attendance Office:
552-5012

Assistant Principal:
Mrs. Brenda Duvel

Attendance/Assistant
Principal's Secretary:
Mrs. Karen Weber

Health Office: 552-5016
Nurse - Mrs. Vickie Tracey
Health Para - Mrs. Terri Lynch

Guidance Office: 552-5013
Grade 6 - Mrs. Amy Glennon
Grade 7 - Mrs. Kerry Elliott
Grade 8 - Mrs. Lisa Campbell

Records/Counselors Secretary:
Mrs. Polly Fleming

DCSD Anonymous Tip Line:
552-3075

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 formsattendance@dbqschools.org.

PAY STUDENT FEES ONLINE

Parents, can pay student fees and deposit breakfast/lunch money into your child's meal account by going to the Dubuque Community School District website at: dbqschools.org Select Student Fees from the drop down box OR Select Student Meals from the District front web page.

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>.

Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School April 2018

April 2018 erms activities calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 2 Rehearsal for Choral Festival 1:30-2:30pm 7 th & 8 th grade track starts	April 3 PTO Meeting 5:30-6:30pm in the library District Choral Concert 6:30-8:30pm @ Hempstead (Zone B)	April 4 MAP testing 4 th -24th	April 5 6 th Grade Orientation Night 7:00-8:30pm	April 6 One-hour late start	April 7
April 9 Keystone Science Fair at NICC 9:00-1:30pm	April 10 LEAP Living Life Out Loud LEAP Trip to Museum of Art 6 th Grade Orientation Night 7:00-8:30pm	April 11 Girls Track Picture 2:30-3:00pm LEAP Living Life Out Loud LEAP Trip to Museum of Art 7:00-8:30pm	April 12 Chamber Orchestra Tour Boys' Track Pictures 2:30-3:00pm LEAP Trip to Museum of Art LEAP Living Life Out Loud	April 13 One-hour late start Girls 7/8 th Track Meet @ Hempstead 4:00pm Boys 7/8 th Track Meet @ Wadsworth 4:00pm	April 14 FAME technical Rehearsal 9:00-4:00pm
April 16 Site Council Meeting in the library 5:30-6:30pm	April 17 LEAP Living Life Out Loud Boys 7/8 th Track Meet @ Hempstead 4:30pm	April 18 LEAP Living Life Out Loud	April 19 LEAP Living Life Out Loud FAME Musical Disney's Camp Rock 7:00-9:00pm	April 20 One-hour late start FAME Musical Disney's Camp Rock 7:00-9:00pm	April 21 FAME Disney's Camp Rock Musical 7:00-9:00pm April 22 FAME Disney's Camp Rock Musical 2:00-4:00pm
April 23 Girls 7/8 th Track Meet @ Hempstead 4:30pm	April 24 Tri 3 Semester Report Cards Sent Home LEAP Living Life Out Loud LEAP Humane Society	April 25 Chamber Orchestra, Jazz Band & Show Choir perform for Carver 9:00-10:30am LEAP Living Life Out Loud LEAP Humane Society	April 26 LEAP Living Life Out Loud LEAP Humane Society Chamber Orchestra, Jazz Band, and Show Choir Concert with Carver 6:30-8:30pm at Roosevelt	April 27 One-hour late start Girls and Boys 7/8 th Duologue Invitational @ Dairdel 5:30pm	April 28
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erms mission statement

The mission of Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School is to develop respectful, responsible learners through a rigorous curriculum in a caring, diverse community.

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. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact us at: jintyanne@gmail.com.

