

ELEANOR **ROOSEVELT**REPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL



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notes from Mr. Johll



Dear Parent(s):

I hope this December newsletter find you and your family doing well after a relaxing and enjoyable Thanksgiving weekend.

In last month's edition of the newsletter I wrote about the importance of student attendance to the overall growth and success of your child at school. Just as important for your child is starting the school day in a positive and upbeat way. Did you know that Roosevelt offers a warm and healthy breakfast each morning at 7:20 AM, Monday through Thursday, and at 8:20 AM on Friday? We also start each day, Monday through Thursday, with a community-building homebase group that we call *Raptor Time*. It is a positive way for students to get to know their classmates and teachers in a caring setting. They start each session with a greeting, learn about school announcements, and then do a structured activity that supports the social and emotional learning needs of middle school students. 'Raptor Time' starts promptly each morning at 7:38 AM. Thank you for having your child here at Roosevelt by 7:30 AM so that they can be ready!

Last year in a newsletter article I shared information about PBIS. I received some positive feedback from parents who had heard the acronym, but did not know what it meant, or what it was. PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports. It's an organizational structure implemented here at Roosevelt that allows us to create a positive learning community for everyone. It's not a curriculum or lock-step program, but instead a structure for how we positively interact and work with students. This structure is built on a school-wide philosophy that our staff will teach, model, and reinforce the positive student behaviors needed to be successful. With these supports in place, it will allow your child(ren), and all students, to achieve behaviorally and academically this year. If the acronym PBIS does not sound familiar, my guess is that you might have overheard talk about some of the monthly activities that we offer to promote and encourage a positive culture with our students, or maybe you've heard about the three guiding principles for our program. Here at Roosevelt we strive to promote a culture where students can demonstrate that they are Ready to learn, Responsible for what they do,

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and Respectful in their actions. We call these three words the 3 R's of our PBIS program. Students who demonstrate the three R's are recognized by our staff members with a Raptor Recognition Ticket. These tickets are a recognition shown to the student for their appropriate display of behavior at school. Students can then use these tickets for the monthly PBIS events, or other special activities provided by their house teachers. This fall we tried a new monthly activity in the gymnasium called "Hungry, Hungry Hippo," which is based on the popular game. The students that attended had a lot of fun! In December, we will have our annual winter movie. We continue to use the PBIS structure because it works for our kids!

If you have not done so already, please consider following the Roosevelt Facebook page. We share pictures of learning, activities, athletics and much more, along with other important information. Many of our PBIS activities are featured on our Facebook page.

The school district has requested that I inform parents about Grades 6-12 Open Enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year. Applications will be available beginning January 15, 2018 and are accepted through March 1, 2018 for the initial consideration round. Applications received after March 1, 2018, will be held for consideration after registration in August.

Have a great December!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey J. Johll". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeffrey J. Johll, 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 online or in the ERMS office.

Thank you for your support!

ERMS PTO

November ERMS Raptor Raves



Claire Odefey is House 6-1's November Raptor Rave. Claire is a prime example of Roosevelt's 3 R's. Claire is respectful and kind to her classmates and her teachers. Claire is responsible, always on task and a studious and driven student. Claire sets a tremendous example to her peers and demonstrates what being ready to learn looks like. Go Claire!



Congratulations to **Dawson Fish**, our the House 6-2 Raptor Rave for the month of November. Dawson is a very hard working, dedicated, and friendly student in the classroom. He puts forth a great effort in class, participates very well, and does an excellent job on all his assignments and assessments. Dawson is also a very friendly and cooperative student and relates well and gets along with his peers. He is always very involved and in engaged in small group and large group settings and is an excellent role model for the other students. This is an honor that he truly deserves. Congratulations again, Dawson.



Skylar Lyons is House 6-3's November Raptor Rave. Skylar is an excellent role model for all students. She consistently tries her best in school and is kind to others. When others need help, she is always willing. The 3 Rs are always displayed by Skylar! Keep up the great work!

November ERMS Raptor Raves



House 7-1 is pleased to nominate **Robert Howes** for our November Raptor Rave. We love having Robert in our house because he is an awesome young man. He consistently demonstrates the 3 R's, and he is so kind to his classmates and his teachers. Robert is on task in the classroom, does quality work, always does his best, and meets deadlines. We expect great things from Robert in the future!



7-2 would like to honor **Lydia Ettema** as November's Raptor Rave. Lydia is a great example of using the 3 R's each and every day. Lydia is always **READY** for class, she is very **RESPONSIBLE** and always has her assignments completed, and is very considerate towards other students. She is **RESPECTFUL** and willing to help her teachers. Lydia enjoys learning and goes above and beyond to be successful. Lydia is a pleasure to have as a student in House 7-2. Thank you, Lydia, for being such a great role model for your peers!



House 7-3 is proud to choose **Emily Sleep** as our November Raptor Rave! Emily is a quiet leader among her friends and peers. Emily is always responsible, ready for class, and respectful to adults and peers. Keep it up, Emily!

November ERMS Raptor Raves



Sierra Schroeder is House 8-1's pick for November Raptor Rave! Sierra has a heart of gold! She always does what is right and is always willing to help others. She is very responsible, always making sure she understands the assignment and what is expected of her. She cares about doing well and always gives her best effort. She is kind and giving of her time when others ask for help. Going above and beyond is just part of what Sierra does. She submits only work that is exemplary and shows her dedication to doing the best she can. She respects herself, her teachers, and her friends. We are so lucky to have Sierra as part of the 8-1 Family!



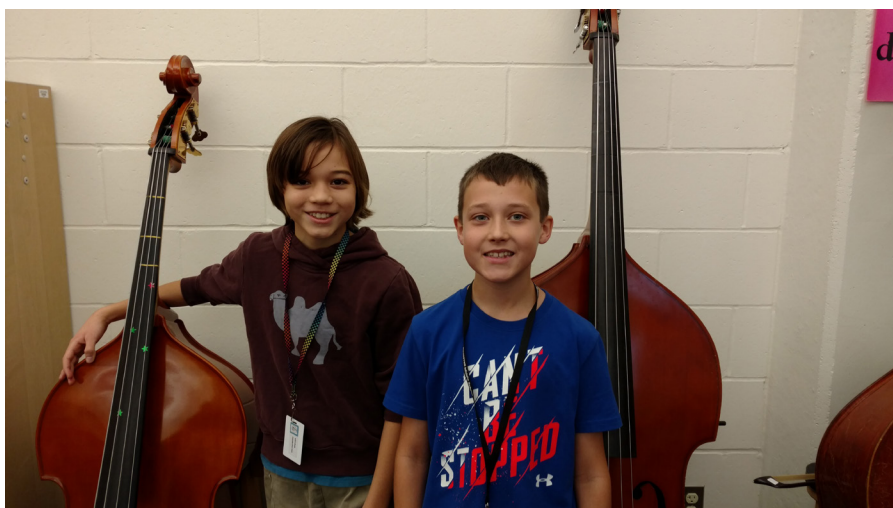
House 8-2 is excited to announce the **Dell Helkena** has been selected as our Raptor Rave for the month of November. Dell is a stellar Raptor who is respectful, responsible, and ready every day. Dell demonstrates responsibility by trying his best in every class and making sure to complete all work. Dell takes his role as a student very seriously, but he also likes to have fun and make the most of each day. In addition to that, Dell comes to school ready to learn every day, and he greets everyone with a warm smile. Finally, Dell is extremely respectful, and he treats everyone equally. Ultimately, Dell stands out as an awesome student and an all-around great person. We are so happy to have Dell Helkena as a part of the 8-2 family!



It is with great pride that the teachers of House 8-3 recognize **Lilly Tindall** as our Raptor Rave for November. Every single day since the very beginning of the year, Lilly has stood out as an exceptional young lady who makes the best possible choices and serves as an exceptionally good role model for her peers. Lilly is kind, considerate, polite, and respectful to everyone around her. Thank you Lilly for brightening our days with your cheerful disposition and hard-working, positive attitude! We appreciate you!

Junior Honors Orchestra Festival

Violinist Alec Bowman (6-2) and bassist Noah Blair (7-2) have been selected to represent Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School at the Iowa Junior Honors Orchestra Festival at Iowa State University on November 17. They are two of only 160 middle school musicians in the entire state of Iowa chosen for this honor. Congratulations!



from the activities office

Happy December, everyone. If you had a child involved in activities in the fall, I hope it was a good experience. You've probably already noticed there are many ways to be involved at Roosevelt, and we've got an activity for just about everyone. And if you have a child who has not found anything of interest, please send him or her to the Activities Office to share with us what is interesting, and we'll see if it's possible.

There are always activities going on at school. Here is a list of most of the activities:

- We are right in the middle of the wrestling and girls' basketball seasons, and I think the student-athletes are having fun! We've enjoyed seeing a lot of parent support at the meets and games.
- We have also had several LEAP activities going on after school. In December the activity is Living Out Loud, which will include a variety of activities. Anyone wanting to be in a LEAP activity should sign up in the Activities Office.
- Our Friday Activity Clubs will continue during 8th periods on Friday up until the winter break, and students will have another opportunity to choose one after that. This is especially a great opportunity for students who cannot stay for after school activities.
- The First Lego League competition is Dec. 9 here at Roosevelt.

As far as upcoming activities:

- In mid-December we will announce sign up for girls' dance and boys' basketball for 7th and 8th graders, which both begin on the first day back from break – January 3.
- The FAME musical this year is Disney's Camp Rock. There was an informational meeting on November 20, and auditions are happening December 5-7. The musical will be April 19-22, 2018 and is open to students in all grades.
- 6th graders will have more opportunities for sports later in the spring.

If you have any questions about anything regarding activities, please contact us. Mrs. Mohr can help at 552-5010 or emohr@dbqschools.org, or you can contact me at the same number or mlawler@dbqschools.org. Thanks for encouraging your child to be involved in his or her school!

Mr. Lawler
Activities Director

It's time to get the Flu Shot for your family!

The symptoms of influenza (flu) appear suddenly and often include:

- Fever of 100F to 104F, which can reach 106F when symptoms first develop. Fever is usually continuous, but it may come and go. Fever may be lower in older adults than in children and younger adults. When fever is high, other symptoms usually are more severe.
- Body aches and muscle pain (often severe), commonly in the back, arms, or legs.
- Headache
- Pain when you move your eyes.
- Fatigue, a general feeling of sickness (malaise), and loss of appetite.
- A dry cough, runny nose, and dry or sore throat. You may not notice these during the first few days of the illness when other symptoms are more severe. As your fever goes away, these symptoms may become more evident.

If your child is ill, PLEASE keep them home to avoid passing the illness to their class. DCSD requires a student to be free of fever (without Tylenol or Ibuprofen), vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school.



important news

Spirit Wear!

The Plane Art Design website for Roosevelt Spirit Wear will be open from Monday, Nov. 20, through Sunday night, December 3. All items that are ordered during this time frame will be ready and delivered prior to the holidays.

<https://ermspto2017.itemorder.com/sale>

ERMS Enrichment Opportunities!

Parents and Students:

I have created a Padlet this year to announce which Enrichment Opportunities are being offered. I will be updating it regularly, so check back often.
<https://padlet.com/watsonchristy52/was38iyx4p7e>

Make sure you bookmark the site for easy access.
I look forward to working with all of you!

Christy Watson

Try Amazon Smile

A lot of us shop on Amazon and they now offer you the opportunity to make money for non-profit organizations.

The Amazon Smile Foundation will donate .5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization selected by customers. It is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you.

Please consider going to **smile.amazon.com** and choose **Roosevelt Middle School** as your organization to support.

Any money we get will be used to benefit the kids at school.

Attention Roosevelt Families!

We are excited to tell you about a very special program Roosevelt is coordinating at our school in conjunction with Crayola. It's called **Crayola ColorCycle** – an amazing new program devised to turn used markers into energy!

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 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 will be located around the school for your child to deposit the markers.

Thank you in advance for participating! With the help of parents like you across the country, the **Crayola ColorCycle** program can keep tons of plastic out of landfills each year. Remember, please do not throw out that used marker—**ColorCycle** it!



pto meeting minutes November 2017

ERMS PTO MINUTES
November 7, 2017

Call to Order/Roll Call

Attendees:

PTO Officers

Jinty Montocchio (president)

Laura Sherlock (recording secretary)

Laura Oberfoell (corresponding secretary)

Crissy Thoms (treasurer) absent

Board of Directors

Jeff Johll (principal)

Brenda Duvel (asst. principal) absent

Mark Lawler (asst. principal)

Rebecca Jones (absent)

Jennifer Klaas (absent)

Heather Kluesner (absent)

Laura Kunkel (absent)

Jen Lewis

Kate McDermott

Kristy Richter

Committee Chairs/Members at Large

Hilary Forrester (dance chair)

Alex Ramirez (spirit wear)

Nancy Stahl (yearbook & newsletter, absent)

Jackie Ramirez (hospitality)

Jessica Kennedy

Approval of May Minutes:

Motion to approve: Jackie Ramirez,
second Hilary Forrester

New Business:

Jinty reported that this year's fundraiser was better than last year. It was thought that the product selection may have attributed to that. Mr. Johll said they will be buying laptops for student use and an additional monitor for the cafeteria with the profit.

Mr. Johll asked about a Giving Tree. It would be sponsored by the PTO and run by the Student Council. What's donated is given to needy families at Roosevelt. It was approved by the board. Kristy reported that we raised about \$330 with Box Tops.

Jinty reminded the group about Amazon Smile. Jen reported that Chick fli-a night raised about \$125. She's also writing a grant that will help buy computers.

Treasurer Report:

Crissy Thoms was absent, so Jinty handed out the treasurer's report. Approved by Hilary/ second by Kristy.

Principal Report:

Mr. Johll reported MAP testing will be finished. Mr. Johll reported ITP testing is going on this week. He said the data is used by many people in the building to help students grow. Parent teacher conferences were successful again – 81% total attendance (down a little from last year – 85%, but he feels they have a new and more accurate way of tracking attendance this year). On November 15th there will be a special assembly (sponsored by a grant through McGraw Hill and the "I Hate Heroin" group) about how youth can meet challenges they face in life, breaking down negative attitudes about people who suffer from mental disabilities and/or addictions, and how to "rise up."

Newsletter:

Nancy said it's going well. People email things they need in the newsletter to Terri.

Yearbook:

Nancy said the cover selection is due soon. Photos, etc. are being gathered.

Hospitality:

Jackie and Alex Ramirez, everything is ready to Jackie said Olive Garden food for conferences went well. She said that and Pizza Ranch both came in under budget.

FAME:

There will be an informational meeting for parents November 20th. The quality of the microphones was brought up. Mr. Johll said that Mrs. Lenstra-Norman will be bringing a request to the board for that.

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Dance: (Hilary Forrester)

First dance will be October 6th from 6:30-8:30, Hilary said the first dance was very busy. A lot of food was sold (especially in 7th & 8th grade). She said over 500 tickets were sold. She said they will need additional volunteers for the December 1st dance. It will be right after school (2:30 – 4:30). Mr. Lawler said that the Loras Dance Marathon will likely be associated with the March dance.

Spirit Wear: (Alex Ramirez)

The website will be opened up this month for sales. He will email Plane Art and get the dates figured out for that and inform everyone. He plans to order some items for stock as well. He said they can sell items during conferences, 6th grade orientation, or other school events. People can also come into school to buy things as they choose.

PBIS: (Brenda Duvel)

Mr. Lawler reported they are still figuring out a student leadership group. He said The Hungry Hungry Hippos event was a big success. He said this month each house is making individual plans. He also reported that they started the Executive Lunch again this year where students can use tickets to eat in the hall with friends.

Activities: (Mr. Johl)

Mr. Lawler reported that girls' basketball and wrestling have begun. There are several new coaches this year. Boys' basketball and Dance/Cheer start on January 3rd. 6th grade skills programs (10 day programs) start in the spring (basketball, volleyball, and football).

Staff Requests:

Christy Watson \$112 for headphones for 4 sixth grade classrooms. It was approved by the board.

PTO Goals:

Support field trips, PBIS, technology, and staff

Next meeting:

Tuesday, December 5, 5:30

Respectfully submitted, Laura Sherlock



Where have all the updates and photos gone? WE'RE ON FACEBOOK NOW! We have DAILY happenings on our ERMS page. You don't need a Facebook account to view the page. Just click on the icon or here and it will take you directly to the page. If you have a Facebook account, be sure to "LIKE" our page! That way, you will get instant updates in your newsfeed!

forms contacts & office staff

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Assistant Principal's
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552-5012

Assistant Principal:
Mrs. Brenda Duvel

Attendance/Assistant
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Health Para - Mrs. Terri Lynch

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Grade 7 - Mrs. Kerry Elliott
Grade 8 - Mrs. Lisa Campbell

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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>.

December 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				December 1 One-hour late start Dance/Fun Night 2:30-4:30pm	December 2 NEIBA Honor Band
December 4 7GBB Purple @ Drexler 8GBB Purple vs Drexler	December 5 DARE begins- 6 th Grade Fundraiser Prize Fast LEAP Living Life Out Loud 7GBB Silver vs Drexler 8GBB Silver @ Drexler PTO Meeting 5:30-6:30PM	December 6 LEAP Living Life Out Loud 7GBB Purple vs Mazz 7GBBSilver @ Washington 8GBB Purple @ Mazz	December 7 LEAP Living Life Out Loud 7/8 Wrestling vs Drexler & Jefferson	December 8 One-hour late start Geo Bee 1:00 7GBB Silver vs Drexler 8GBB Silver @ Drexler	December 9 First Lego League Competition 8:00-5:00
December 11 7GBB Purple vs Washington 8GBB Purple @ Washington	December 12 Fundraiser Distribution 2:30-5:30 LEAP Living Life Out Loud 7GBB vs Washington 7GBB Silver @ Jefferson 8GBB Silver vs Jefferson	December 13 LEAP Living Life Out Loud	December 14 LEAP Living Life Out Loud 7GBB Silver @ Drexler 8GBB Silver vs Drexler	December 15 One-hour late start 7/8 Wrestling @ Drexler	December 16
December 18 Site Council 5:30-6:00pm	December 19 LEAP Living Life Out Loud	December 20 LEAP Living Life Out Loud	December 21 LEAP Living Life Out Loud Holiday Ensemble Plays at Roshak Building 11:00-1:00pm	December 22 One-hour late start	December 23
December 25 No school	December 26 No School	December 27 No School	December 28 No School	December 29 No School	December 30

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.

