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Dear Parents,

This past month, our ERMS site council parents and students attended one of our professional development sessions held on Friday mornings. By doing so, our site council parents and students have the chance to learn in a more first-hand way the various school improvement initiatives that the teachers are doing. The counsel learned about the teacher leadership program, the ERMS advisory program, and some of the developmental characteristics of our young adolescent learners.

Thanks to the many efforts of the guidance department and teaching staff, the 2015 edition of the lowa Testing Program, (ITP) has been successfully completed. The amount of preparation for the proper administration of the test is becoming ever more complex. It will be nice to get back to our work of instruction and teaching.

This past month our eighth grade students enjoyed learning about the career opportunities in the area. Several representatives of various professions reported to our school to share their knowledge about their careers and what it takes to learn to attain them. Many thanks to the Dubuque Area Labor Management Council for supporting this middle school initiative. Also, much appreciation to our exploratory teachers for organizing all the details to have a successful, smooth running event.

Mother Nature intervened in our plans for the fundraiser trip to Kalahari Indoor Water Park in the Wisconsin Dells. Our 160 fundraiser students will be going later this winter when the necessary arrangements can be made.

Your influence and interest in your child's education is crucial to the development of his/her learning and character. We are here to partner with you and help you prepare your child for the future.

May you have a happy December and holiday break.

Sincerely,

Dale Sara

Dale Lass, Principal

WE ARE THANKFUL!

We hope your family had a good Thanksgiving break, and we're happy to see so many students back in school, ready to learn! We want to reinforce the importance of school attendance. This is a tough time of year as everyone is dealing with some sort of illness. Please keep these simple suggestions in mind to help your child stay as healthy as possible during cold and flu season!

Eat healthy and don't forget that your brain needs fuel! Eat breakfast!

Get your body moving! Participate in gym, recess and after school activities!

Sleep! Adequate rest will help you learn and retain all the information you are learning at school!

Turn off all your electronic devises as least 1 hour before bed! The screen from your computer, phone, or television can actually stimulate your brain so much that makes it harder for you to fall asleep!

Happy Holidays and here's to a healthy 2016! Erin Valentine

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You are invited to attend "INTERNET SAFETY FOR PARENTS AND COMMUNITY" presented by FBI Victim Specialist Karen Gale

Thursday, Dec. 10 6:30 p.m. Washington Middle School Auditorium

The event is FREE and the public is invited to attend.

The Internet has drastically changed the way children interact with the world. Along with offering a fascinating new way to connect with the world, the Internet also offers new risks,

such as cyberbullying, exposure to inappropriate material, sexting, online predators/online sexploitation, and revealing too much personal information. In the presentation, FBI Victim Specialist Karen Gale will share information for parents, children and community members on how to stay safe in the technology age.

According to Karen, parent and guardian knowledge and involvement of their child's technology use can help make the Internet a safer place for their families.

READ THE FULL EVENT NEWS RELEASE

We hope you are able to attend!

important news november 2015

FLL (FIRST LEGO League) is a worldwide program designed to get children

interested, eager to learn, and excited about science, technology and engineering. This is the science equivalent of a decathalon - the students must excel in strategy, creative solutions, robotics design, software programming, and gracious professionalism to advance to the state competition.



On Dec. 5 ERMS will expect over 300 students from the Tri-State area to attend, along with volunteers from multiple organizations, including John Deere, the Dubuque Community School District, Resources Unite, Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium, Loras College, Dubuque County Conservation, and NICC.

Approximately 40 teams will compete on Dec. 5 in three areas, core values, robotic programming and project presentation in front of judges for the opportunity to advance on to the State Championship held on the Iowa State University College of Engineering campus in January. Roosevelt has 2 teams competing in this years event. The Billy Goats and The Trash Basher. Coached by Mrs. Unmacht and Mr. Dolan. Results to follow next month.

Tickets for the "Winter Wonderland" Dance

on Friday, December 4th are on sale now. Tickets will be sold before school on Thursday and Friday. Cost is \$4.00. Time of dance: 2:40 pm to 4:40 pm The sixth grade Fun Night Dance will be held downstairs in the MP Room area. The seventh and eighth grade dance will be held in the cafeteria.

pto meeting minutes november 2015

ERMS PTO Minutes November 3, 2015 5:30 p.m. Call to Order/ Roll Call

Attendees:

<u>PTO Officers</u> Jinty Montocchio – President Shirley Butler – 1st VP Laura Sherlock- Recording Secretary (absent) Laura Oberfoell- Corresponding Secretary Barb Coakley– Treasurer

Board of Directors

Dale Lass (Principal), Jeff Johll (Assist. Principal), Brenda Duvel (Assist. Principal - absent) Stacy Stackis (staff rep- absent), Kristy Richter, Vicki Frederick (absent), Rachael Kilburg, Megan Skipper (absent), Christa Burgess (absent), Nancy Stahl (absent), Kerry Bowman (absent)

Committee Chairs

Jennifer Lewis-Hospitality Chair; Teresa Fitzjerrells – Dance Chair; Jill Keck – Newsletter (Absent); Kelly Jo Fassbinder – Yearbook (absent); Jinty Montocchio – Spirit wear

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report: Treasurers Report was approved. Need receipt from fun and games from payment made at dance. Proposal to put money from the PTO savings into short term CD accounts to gain additional interest. Board approved, Teresa F second

Principal's Report: Conferences averaged 78% attendance, may be able to improve attendance by offering more evening time in the future. Teachers now have phones on their desks. First dance had a good turnout with no reported issues. Local musicians "Switchback" sponsored by the Dubuque Arts Council played at ERMS which the kids enjoyed. RTV is up and running with student produced videos, look for more great things to come from RTV.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality: Jennifer reported dinner provided for teachers during conferences was well received and appreciated. Thank you to the parents who brought in additional items such as pop, water, snacks, desserts.

Dance: Teresa said first dance went well with a great volunteer turnout from parents. Next dance will be right after school on December 4th with members form Loras Dance Marathon. Ideas were discussed on how to improve 8th grade attendance at dances.

Spirit Wear: Jinty reported sales went very well during conferences, will look into getting an informational flier to advertise adult and youth spirit wear for holiday gift ideas.

PBIS: Continues to work well

School Sports and Activities: Mr. Johll said new sports seasons starting, all with great numbers except girl's basketball.

Staff Requests: Board approved a request from Christine Rolle for 50 copies of "My Brother Sam is Dead" for \$208 Board approved a request from Mary Fink for two round tall tables for classroom at \$144.21

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New Business: Agendas have been printed and are available for each student, the App which was originally thought to be a good idea has not worked as well as planned. Will continue to look into options for the next school year. Old Business: No Report

Reminders: Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 1st at 5:30 pm ERMS Library

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Laura Sherlock

FAME: No Report

Yearbook: No Report

Newsletter: No Report

Fall Book Fair Update- Thank you to all families who once again supported our Scholastic Book Fair! It was a great success! Our school reached 98% of our goal, and we earned over \$2000 in FREE books! Families will have another opportunity to purchase at our spring fair in March. Thanks again!

from the nurses office:

It is not too late 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.

Vickie Stone RN ERMS School Nurse

from the band room

CHOIR NEWS!

The ERMS CHOIRS and CARVER ELEMENTARY CHOIR PRESENT

WINTER WINDS CONCERT!

Please note the changes in dates!

Thursday, December 14 - 9:20 A.M. & 10:20 A.M. Student Assembly Concerts

Monday, December 14 - 7:00 P.M. Family and Community Concert

All Concerts will take place in the ERMS Auditorium

ERMS Orchestra and Choir performed together for a Courage Concert. They showcased student work and projects that had to do with courageous people in history. Great job!



erms contacts & office staff

Main Office: 552-5000 Principal: Mr. Dale Lass

Business Manager/ Principal's Secretary: Ms. Christy Meyers

Receptionist: Mrs. Karen Weber

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Assistant Principal / Athletic Director: Mr. Jeff Johll

Assistant Principal's Secretary / Activities: Mrs. Terri Kluesner

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Attendance/Assistant Principal's Secretary: Mrs. Julie Banigan

Health Office: 552-5016 Nurse, Ms. Vickie Stone Health Para, Lora Fuller

Guidance Office: 552-5013

Grade 6 - Ms. Angela Haller Grade 7 - Mrs. Amy Glennon Grade 8 - Mrs Kerry Elliott

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 Policys #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 (552-5012) between 7:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Please be sure to identify your child's last name, especially if it's different from your last name.

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 lowa School Alerts at https://schoolalerts.iowa.gov.

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	Dec 22 12:15 PM PBIS 7th/8th Grade Movie Day In Auditorim	Dec 15 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM FT - Hover Music Program in Auditorium GBB - Purple v. Mazzuchelli Blue (7M/8R) Blue (7M/8R)	Dec 8 2:00 PM First Session of 8th Period Clubs GBB - Silver v. Mazzuchellie Blue (7M/8R)	Dec 1 5.30 PM PTO Meeting in the LRC GBB. Phyple v. WD Black (TR/8WD) WRS - Meet at Jefferson
	Dec 23 Have a Wonderful Winter Break!	Dec 16	Dec 9	Wednasday 11:00 AM Raptor Raves Lunch. at Hyvee GBB - Purple v. Mazzauchelli Gold (/TR/8M) Fun N
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	Dec 26	Dec 19	Dec 12 (Snow Date for First Lego Leauge) Leauge)	Saturday Dec 5 6:30 AM NEIBA Honor Band in Oelwein, Iowa 7:00 AM FYI - DCSD First Lego League Competition

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December erms raptor raves



Samra Vilic is House 6-1's Raptor Rave for this month. Samra comes in every day with a smile and so much ambition. She is such a good example for everyone in our school. Samra follows Roosevelt's expectations of being responsible, respectful, and ready in each of her classes on a daily basis. We are so happy that she is a part of House 6-1!



House 6-2 for December is Halle Jewett. Halle is a very responsible, hard working, and polite student. She is very conscientious in class in her daily work and assessments and is always looking for ways to improve the quality of her work. Halle will be very successful and what ever she decides to do in her life due to her drive and perseverance. Congratulations, Halle, you are very deserving of this honor and award.



House 6-3 recognizes Jaylee Keller for her over-the-top display of the 3 Rs: Ready, Respectful, & Responsible. Jaylee is a consistent role model in the classroom. Her classmates appreciate her friendliness and positive example as a reminder of what the 3 Rs look like at school. Jaylee always puts forth her best effort in her work and her behavior. Her teachers look forward to watching Jaylee continue to be a strong role model and becoming even more of a leader for her classmates.



Morgan Hawkins is a fun and energenic student. She is well respected and liked by her teachers as well as her peers. Morgan has a great attitude toward everyone and is a great model of our 3 Rs for other students to learn from.

December erms raptor raves



House 7-2 is proud to announce Jacob Konrardy as our December Raptor Rave. Jacob is a wonderful young man with an outstanding work ethic. Any task given to Jacob is done with the utmost quality. Jacob perseveres even when the going gets tough! Jacob is always willing to lend a helping hand to his classmates or his teachers. He is a great role model for his peers. Congratulations, Jacob!



We are proud to have Chace Bellis represent House 7-3 as our Raptor Rave. Chace is an outstanding Raptor who is always a role model for others. He is responsible academically, respectful to classmates and adults, and always ready to help others. We are fortunate to have Chace in House 7-3!







Dominic Hammel is House 8-1's Raptor Rave for December! He is an amazing young man. He always has a spring in his step and bounds into class asking what he will learn today! He goes above and beyond in work and effort. He is dedicated to learning all he can to make himself more knowledgeable. Better than all of that he is a kind, compassionate, and caring young man. He is concerned for everyone and is always willing to stick up for others. His positive attitude is contagious and makes us all better Raptors just for knowing him!

House 8-2 is happy to announce that Victoria Larsen is our Raptor Rave for the month of December. Victoria is certainly a Raptor that 8-2 teachers can rave about. She is respectful, responsible, and ready all the time, every day. One way that Victoria exemplifies the Three R's is through her academic excellence. She always tries her hardest and volunteers frequently in class. Victoria is also very socially responsible; she is friendly to everyone and works well with all of her peers. In addition to that, Victoria is always ready to do her best in her extra-curricular athletic and musical activities. Ultimately, Victoria's positive attitude, perseverance, and strong work ethic make her a top-notch student and person. We are so happy to have Victoria Larsen as part of the 8-2 family!

House 8-3 proudly recognizes Sharik Khan as our raptor rave this month. Sharik greets the day with a contagious smile that brightens our day! He is kind to everyone, extremely conscientious, and a joy to have in class and to just be around. thank you Sharik for you uplifting personality, your cheerful disposition, and your fantastic sense of humor! We appreciate and applaud you!

spelling bee

Congrats to our six Spelling Bee finalists and to our school champion, Bryan Keck!

Mushroor Kamal, Brian Day, Sharik Khan, Jackson Viertel alt: Kunal Chugh





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Life science class

Seventh grader Josh Miner is holding the winning 3-D Model of a cell in Mr. Tharp's Life Science class.



Blake Terry was the Pinnacle Fundraising Bing Bash Winner of the room make over. He won an inflatable sofa, a snack vending machine and \$50 visa gift card.



bingo bash day!!





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Leadership Enrichment After-School Programs (LEAP)

LEAP offers a variety of after-school activities for Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School students. All programs are free for participants and include a healthy snack. Free transportation is also available to most off-site locations.

These programs are made possible through a five-year lowa 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant from the lowa Department of Education

http://roosevelt.dbqschools.org/activities/



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