

ELEANOR **ROOSEVELT**REPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL



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notes from Mr. Johl



Dear Parent(s):

I am often asked by parents, “What should I be doing at home to help my child?” My honest answer is always this—you can best support your child by having regular conversations with them about school. The best place for that to happen is at the dinner table, or anywhere over a meal that you are sharing together. Your child may not seem interested in talking, but I have found that most students really do want to share their experiences. With the right question(s), I assure you your child will talk! The conversations you have can be about anything. It can be about new learning, about an activity he or she is involved in, or about new friends being made here at school. In whatever your child shares, always be sure to validate what is being said and how he or she feels. Each day we are thankful as a staff for being able to help in the education of your child, yet we know that parents/guardians are the most important educator. Your discussions at home with your child are important in ensuring success here at school. Please do not hesitate to call or email your child’s teachers, counselors, or any of the support staff here in the office for assistance. We are here to help!

Our second round of Parent-Teacher-Student conferences is right around the corner! Conference dates are Thursday, February 8, Wednesday, February 14, and Thursday, February 15. Last week you should have received an email letter from me with details on times, along with information on signing up for a conference time online. Please call the office if you need any assistance. Thank you for taking the time to come to Roosevelt and learn more closely about the learning that has occurred so far, and will be happening with the remainder of the year.

Monday through Thursday of each week we begin our school day with community building time in our homeroom setting. You may have heard your child speak of this research-based program we call **Raptor Time**. Staff members begin ‘Raptor Time’ each day promptly at 7:38 AM. Some students are arriving after this start time and are tardy to school. In order to have everyone present for this important start to the day, if you drive your child to school, we ask that you arrive by the entry time of 7:30 AM. This will allow your child ample time to get to the house area, go to the locker and get organized for the day, and be ready to participate in the **Raptor Time** activities by 7:38 AM.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "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 online or in the ERMS office.

Thank you for your support!

ERMS PTO

January ERMS Raptor Raves



Katelyn Danielson is House 6-1's January Raptor Rave. Katelyn shows respect daily by greeting everyone she sees, including her teachers, by name. She is friendly to all of her classmates and is always willing to help in the classroom. She is a very responsible student who continues to complete her homework assignments and do well in all of her classes. The teachers in House 6-1 can see that Katelyn cares about her schoolwork and wants to do well. She is always ready for the day and comes to class prepared. Katelyn always has a smile and is a joy to have in class. The House 6-1 teachers all agree that she is very deserving of this recognition!



Jacob Pivit House 6-2's January Raptor Rave. Jacob is a very hard working, responsible, friendly, and respectful student. He relates very well with his peers in all academic and social situations and is very well respected by them. Also, Jacob is very hardworking and responsible in his classroom work. He is also very dependable and reliable in all situations. Jacob is asset in so many ways through his positive attitude and friendly nature. Congratulations again, Jacob, on being the House 6-2 Raptor Rave, an honor well deserved.



House 6-3 is proud to announce **Jaycie Pollak** as the Raptor Rave for January. Jaycie is an excellent role model for all. She is caring, reliable and respectful to all. Through her hard work and dedication, Jaycie has excelled in her first year at Roosevelt.

January ERMS Raptor Raves



House 7-1 nominates **Kendall Houston** as our January Raptor Rave. Kendall exhibits the 3 R's in many ways. He is always respectful to peers and adults, is ready to go in any situation, and shows responsibility by being involved in extracurriculars while also achieving what needs to be done in class. We are very proud of Kendall and what he brings to House 7-1. Way to go, Kendall!



House 7-2 is proud to announce **Sydney Lyon** as our January Raptor Rave! Sydney is kind, caring and compassionate. She goes above and beyond to make sure that all students feel included and welcome. Sydney is a conscientious student who strives to do her best in all academic areas. She is always prepared for class, willing to share her thoughts, and help her classmates as needed. We are so fortunate to have Sydney as a part of our house! Congratulations, Sydney!



House 7-3 proudly chooses **Courtney Glaeser** as their January Raptor Rave. Courtney is a sincere, positive young woman. Courtney is friendly with and respectful of adults and students alike, and she cares deeply about helping her friends when they need support. Courtney always seeks to improve her learning by asking questions, learning new study skills on her own or from her sister, and by working very hard on her day-to-day lessons. She is an active and serious class participant. House 7-3 presents Courtney Glaeser as a model Raptor in all areas: she is respectful, responsible, and ready! Congratulations, Courtney!

January ERMS Raptor Raves



House 8-1 selects **Ellison Knopp** as it's January Raptor Rave! Elli is a true Raptor! She lives and breathes the 3 R's! She is always ready for class, ready to help others, and ready to do the right thing. Elli is always respectful! She respects her teachers, she respects her classmates, and she respects her friends. Finally, Elli is always responsible! She responsibly follows all school rules and expectations, she responsibly finishes work on time, and she is always responsible when she has a task to accomplish. Her dedication to being kind to everyone is evident in all interactions she has in House 8-1. She will always stand up for what she believes in and has become a great role model in the House 8-1 Family! We are lucky to be able to teach her this year!



House 8-2 is excited to announce that **Carly Runde** has been selected as our Raptor Rave for the month of January. Carly is a terrific Raptor who works hard every day to be respectful, responsible, and ready. Carly demonstrates responsibility and readiness both in and out of school. She takes her academics very seriously and does her best on every task. Outside of school, Carly puts in hours of hard work at gymnastics and dance, and she even does extra activities to make herself a better student. Finally, Carly is one of the most respectful students in the school. She is so sweet and when she smiles, it makes everyone else want to smile as well. Ultimately, Carly stands out as an awesome student and an all-around great person. We are so happy to have Carly Runde as a part of the 8-2 family!



House 8-3 is delighted to recognize **Blake Galle** as our Raptor Rave for January. Since the beginning of the year, Blake has stood out as a student who goes out of his way to be kind to everyone. He is friendly and helpful and always an eager participant in classroom activities. Blake demonstrates the 3 R's consistently and we are so happy to have him in House 8-3. Thanks Blake for all you do!

ERMS special olympics

Special Olympics Basketball

The following students were involved with the basketball skills challenge in Eldridge on Saturday, January 20th: Hannah Biedermann, Aaliyah Galle, Shai Mackedanz, Tyasia Mallette, Abby Ricks, Brooke Ricks, and Louis Walsh. All the students did a great job trying their hardest and achieving ribbons for places 1st-3rd. A special thanks goes out to Coach Kent Paca and Ms. Corkery and her son Jacob for coming along and helping for the day. Great job.

Special Olympics Cross Country

The Special Olympics Cross Country event was held this past January 8th and 9th out at Sundown Mountain. The following students placed 1st through 4th: Eddie Kordell, Brooke Ricks, Tyasia Mallette, Madison Sheehy, Matthew Moranrend, Louis Walsh, and Hannah Biedermann. All of our students worked hard and did their best. Great job! A special thanks to Coach Kent Paca and the staff from the life skills staff for all your help.



important news

From the Activities Office

Welcome to February, everyone. We are right in the middle of many events at school, including:

Boys Basketball
Girls Dance
FAME musical
LEAP after school activities



Our Friday Activity Clubs Round 1 just ended, and Round 2 will begin February 23. Students will have a chance to submit their preferences soon.

In March we will have the 6th grade basketball skills session. More information will come at the beginning of March.

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!

From the Music Department

Please take note of these upcoming concerts!



WINTER WINDS CONCERT

Tuesday, January 30, 2018 7:00 P.M. ERMS Dale Lass Auditorium

DUBUQUE SCHOOLS ZONE B CHORAL FESTIVAL

Tuesday, April 3, 2018 6:30 P.M. Hempstead High School

SPRING BREEZES CONCERT

Thursday April 26, 2018 6:30 P.M. ERMS Dale Lass Auditorium

important news

Thank you!! Since November, over 11 pounds of plastic has been collected and sent to be recycled! Let's continue to work together to minimize waste that goes in the landfill AND raise money for our school. Teaming up with Terracycle, Roosevelt collects plastic cereal bags and liners of any brand. For every bag collected, Roosevelt earns 2 cents. This money will be used for other school-wide GREEN initiatives. Every bag counts, so start saving! Please put bags in designated boxes located by the main office and inside the front entry.

ACCEPTED WASTE

1 Plastic cereal bags

2 Plastic cereal
box liners



important news

FAME Update

The FAME program is well underway with cast and crews attending rehearsals and meetings in preparation for this year's spring musical, Disney's *Camp Rock*, the Musical. Lists of crew and cast members and pertinent news can be found at ermsfame.weebly.com. Please visit us!

ermsfame.weebly.com

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!

Over the past two months, we have collected over 11 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 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 January 2018

ERMS PTO MINUTES

January 9, 2018

Call to Order/Roll Call

Attendees:

PTO Officers

Jinty Montocchio (president)

Laura Sherlock (recording secretary) absent

Laura Oberfoell (corresponding secretary)

Crissy Thoms (treasurer)

Board of Directors

Jeff Johll (principal)

Brenda Duvel (asst. principal) absent

Mark Lawler (asst. principal) absent

Kerry Bowman (absent)

Rebecca Jones (absent)

Jennifer Klaas (absent)

Heather Kluesner

Jen Lewis

Kate McDermott

Kristy Richter

Carrie Timmerman (absent)

Guests

Lisa Lenstra-Norman

Dawn Danielson

Committee Chairs/Members at Large

Hilary Forrester (dance chair)

Alex Ramirez (spirit wear)

Nancy Stahl (yearbook & newsletter)

Jackie Ramirez (hospitality)

Approval of November Minutes:

Motion to approve: Kristy Richter, second Jackie Ramirez
Treasurer Report: Crissy Thoms reported PTO dues, some remaining fundraising money, as well as the rest of the dance money came in December. Motion to approve Katie McDermott, second Alex Ramirez

Principal Report: Mr. Johll mentioned that he would like to bring information to share to each monthly meeting. This month it was from Clarity Brightbytes. They are a company that puts out a survey about technology. The report is based on parent, student, and staff input. We scored 1075 ("proficient"). Overall, the teachers of Roosevelt believe technology can enhance student learn-

ing, and access is good which matches closely with district beliefs.

Newsletter: Nothing new to report.

Yearbook: Nancy Stahl, some yearbook pictures will be taken this week.

Hospitality: Jackie Ramirez, she's going to try to do something different for the spring conferences for teachers (Feb 8th, 14th, 15th).

FAME: Lisa Lenstra-Norman, Named parts are coming out tomorrow. Set designers have met. On January 20th, they will start building the set. The costume and publicity crews are meeting. Props crew starts next week. House management and makeup will begin at the end of March. The new microphones have been purchased.

Dance: Next dance should be in March – after school – in association with Loras Dance Marathon. Mr. Johll said the price of the dance goes up \$1, but that goes directly to Dance Marathon.

Spirit Wear: Alex Ramirez, Mr. Johll will get a number for how many 6th graders are due to come to the open house. Alex will order any necessary t-shirts for that. Alex will also have slides to play on the monitors showing the items available.

PBIS: Mr. Johll, the movie was a popular event for December. This month it will be Family Feud trivia. One goal of PBIS this year is to teach kids some social skills (greeting people, accepting feedback, following instructions, disagreeing with others respectfully, getting teacher attention in an appropriate way). Those skills will begin this month.

Activities: Mr. Johll, 7th and 8th grade boys basketball and dance team are going now. 6th grade boys and girls basketball will start in early March.

Staff Requests: RaeAnn Ehlers, librarian, \$250 for a "chill out corner" (fidgets, art supplies, headsets for ipods, apps, etc.). The request was approved.

New Business: Jinty mentioned that this is her last year as president, and a couple other positions will be opening as well. Anyone interested is welcome to let her (and/or the board) know.

PTO Goals: Support Field trips, PBIS support, Technology and Staff support

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 6, 5:30
Respectfully submitted, Laura Sherlock

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>.

February 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			February 1 LEAP Girls Scouts 788B Purple vs Jeff 888B Purple @ Jeff	February 2 No School Professional-Learning Day	February 3 Jazz Band Workshop 8:00-12:00pm in the cafeteria
February 5 788B Black vs Wash 888B Black @ Wash	February 6 LEAP Star Wars 788B Silver @ Wash 888B Silver vs Wash	February 7 LEAP Star Wars	February 8 Parent Teacher Conferences 3:15-7:30pm Spring Book Fair	February 9 One-hour late start Spring Book Fair Roosevelt DARE Ski Night 4pm-midnight	February 10
February 12 Spring Book Fair 788B Purple vs Jeff 788B Black @ Drexler 888B Purple @ Jeff 888B Black vs Drexler	February 13 PTO Meeting 5:30-6:30pm Spring Book Fair LEAP Star Wars 788B Silver vs Wash 888B Silver @ Wash	February 14 Parent Teacher Conferences 3:15-8:00pm Spring Book Fair 3:15-8:00pm	February 15 No School Parent Teacher Conferences 8:45am-1:00pm Spring Book Fair 8:45-1:00pm	February 16 No School	February 17 Roosevelt Concert Band Workshop 8:00-12pm
February 19 Site Council 5:30-6:30pm District Jazz Festival 6:30-9:00pm	February 20 LEAP Star Wars 788B Black vs Jeff 888B Black @ Jeff	February 21 LEAP Star Wars	February 22 LEAP Star Wars	February 23 One-hour late start Second Trimester Ends 788B Purple vs Drexler 788B Silver @ Jeff 888B Purple @ Drexler 888B Silver vs Jeff	February 24
February 26 788B Silver @ Drexler 888B Silver vs Drexler	February 27 LEAP Star Wars 788B Purple @ Wash 788B Black @ Jeff 888B Purple vs Wash 888B Black vs Jeff	February 28 LEAP Star Wars 788B Black @ Drexler 888B vs Drexler			

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.

