

ELEANOR **ROOSEVELT**REPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL



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notes from Mr. Johll



Dear Parent(s):

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your family had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday season. As we start a new calendar year, I want to briefly address the importance of embracing inclusiveness. At Roosevelt, we strive each day to create a learning environment that is welcoming to all. It's our goal to demonstrate by our words and actions that all students are valued! Promoting tolerance and kindness is a priority. Our staff values diversity and believes that all students benefit from the different perspectives that we can share with one another! Students and staff come from different backgrounds, and that is a positive for Roosevelt! It enables us to create a robust learning experience for everyone. It allows students to work together each day to learn and grow on their way to success in school, and later in life with 21st century careers! Because we embrace inclusiveness here at Roosevelt, please know that we do not allow bullying and/or harassment behaviors to occur! When it does happen, we will continue to address it quickly. Please let us know when you believe your child is having a problem at school. We want to help, and work to extinguish all bullying behavior at Roosevelt!

I want to close my letter with a huge thank you to our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) for being so supportive of the efforts of our staff and students. From helping at our 'Welcome Back to School Night' in August, to providing a special dinner to teachers during Parent-Teacher Conferences, publishing this newsletter, designing our school yearbook, creating a spirit apparel web site, sponsoring the fall fundraiser, and hosting our school dances, the PTO has been an integral part of the success of our school! Each month the PTO meets in the library. Feel free to join us at the next meeting on January 9.

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

December ERMS Raptor Raves



Nate Chappell is House 6-1's Raptor Rave for this month. Nate is such a responsible young man in each of his classrooms as well as in the hallways. When in a small group, Nate takes on a leadership role and works very well with his group members. Nate is respectful in his classrooms with both his teachers and his classmates. Nate shows that he is ready each and every day by having his materials with him as well as having his assignments completed and ready to go. We are so excited to have Nate as part of our House 6-1 community! Good job, Nate!



Alyvia Houselog is the House 6-2 Raptor Rave for the month of December. Alyvia has a very positive attitude and relates to staff and peers in the same way. She always has a smile on face and is a joy to have in the classroom. Alyvia also demonstrates the three R's and is a great role model for other students. Congratulations again, Alyvia, on an honor well deserved.



House 6-3 is proud to announce **Connor Davison** as the December Raptor Rave. Connor is a very mature student. He has a positive personality and gets along well with others. Connor always demonstrates responsibility, shows respect toward others, and is always ready to learn. He works hard and still finds time to get involved in school activities. Connor is an outstanding role model in House 6-3.

December ERMS Raptor Raves



Brooke OBrien is House 7-1 December Raptor Rave because she has shown dedication to her education and kindness towards others. While in the classroom we see Brooke come prepared with a positive attitude and willingness to work with any of her peers. She has a creative mind, great focus, and consistent work ethic that sets her on the track for success. During Raptor Time Brooke uses her communication and collaboration skills to includes all students and clearly express thoughts or feelings. Outside of the classroom we see Brooke taking on a few different roles. She regularly assists PLP students from her home base with getting ready for the day and is a year round athlete. These are a few ways Brooke demonstrates the three R's of Roosevelt.



Alex Bergfeld is House 7-2 December Raptor Rave. Alex is a prime example of Roosevelt's 3 R's. Alex is respectful and kind to his classmates and his teachers. He is responsible, always on task and a studious and driven student. Alex sets a tremendous example to his peers and demonstrates what being ready to learn looks like. Go Alex!



Caleb Kass is House 7-3 December Raptor Rave. Caleb always wears a smile and is helpful to teachers and students in the house. He is always ready for class, respects his peers and teachers and is responsible about his school work. You can always count on Caleb to collaborate well with his peers in groups and always carries his share of the work. Caleb, we are lucky to have you in House 7-3, congratulations!

December ERMS Raptor Raves



House 8-1 selects **Ella Davis** as December's Raptor Rave! Ella is the kindest Raptor, always willing to listen to her peers, help someone out, or spread some positive vibes around the house. Ella always comes to class prepared and ready to learn! She knows what the right thing to do is and always sets a shining example by doing it! She cares about her grades, wants to learn, and gives quality effort all of the time. Ella can always be seen laughing with her friends, having a good time, and then knows when she needs to get serious to learn. She is a true joy to be around and we are so lucky to have Ella as part of our House 8-1 Family!



House 8-2 is thrilled to announce that **Ryan Kester** has been selected as our Raptor Rave for the month of December. Ryan is a truly amazing Raptor who exemplifies respect, responsibility, and readiness on a daily basis. Ryan demonstrates responsibility by going beyond the expectations in his academic classes and bringing a perspective of passion to each task. Ryan is a very serious student who comes to school ready to learn and make the most of each day. In addition to that, Ryan is friendly and compassionate to everyone, and he can always be counted on to do the right thing. Ultimately, Ryan stands out as an awesome student and an all-around great person. We are so happy to have Ryan Kester as a part of the 8-2 family!

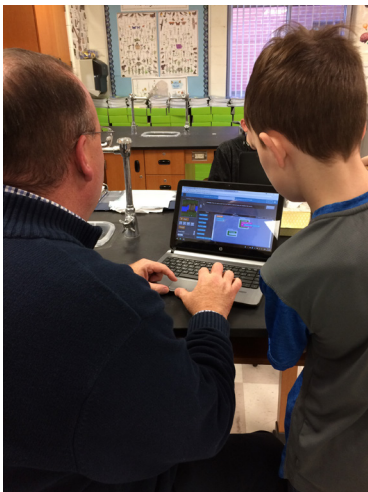


House 8-3 is delighted to recognize **Jake Steines** as our Raptor Rave for December. On a daily basis Jake works hard to be the best he can be in all ways. He consistently demonstrates the 3 R's of ERMS and we couldn't be more pleased to have such a fine student in our house. Thank you Jake for your warm smile, your kindness, and your over-the-top sense of responsibility! We appreciate you!

robots and coding at ERMS

Sixth Graders at Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School during the week of December 11th took part in the Hour of Code Program. It is a one hour introduction to computer science to demystify “code” to show that anyone can learn the basics of coding and broaden participation in computer science. Seventy-one percent of all new jobs in STEM are in computing, but only eight percent of STEM graduates are in computer science. In addition, only eleven states have created K-12 computer science standards. An hour of code is a start, but we have a long way to go to make our students coding comfortable.

Students experienced tutorial in such area as Google Logo and created their own Google Logos. They learned about the world of JavaScript and Blocks through Scratch. They learned to Spin Draw through blocks, Tynker, and Python. On December 12th, Mr. Johll in House 6-2’s Hour of Code. He was mentored by students in Mr. Dolan’s sixth period science class and learned code through Angry Bird Tutorial, Minecraft Tutorial, and coding geometric designs from the movie Frozen. Mr. Johll was a quick learner and impressed the students with his ability to quickly pick up the basics of coding. Could Computer Science and coding be in his future?



choir news

This is a reminder of future concerts that will involve our ERMS Choirs – 6th Grade Treble Choir, Raptor Show Choir, and 7th & 8th Grade Mixed Choir.

Our Winter Concert will be held on Tuesday, January 30 at 7:00 P.M. in the ERMS Dale Lass Auditorium. This concert will feature the 6th Grade Treble Choir, Raptor Show Choir and the 7th & 8th Grade Mixed Choir. Students should plan to report at 6:30 P.M. for the evening concert. Concert attire will be dark pants, dark shoes and the ERMS music department purple shirt. If you have not ordered a shirt, there will be another window of time when Plane Arts will open their store and ERMS Music shirts can be ordered. We will let you know when that will occur.

We wanted to make you aware of a change of the Spring Concert date. The final choral concert that was originally scheduled for May 15 has now been moved to Thursday, April 26, 2018. We are very excited to partner with one of our elementary feeder schools on this event. This concert will feature the Sixth Grade Treble Choir, The Raptor Show Choir and the 7th & 8th Grade Mixed Choir. This concert will also feature the Choirs and Handbell Choir of Carver Elementary School. This concert will begin at 6:30 P.M. and will be held in the Dale Lass Auditorium. Please make sure to mark this change on your calendars.

Our choirs will also participate in the DCSD Choral Festival which is still in the planning stages. Information regarding date and time will be forthcoming very soon!

As always, ERMS Choir members are expected to participate in each concert.

Thanks everyone and HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY SEASON!!!

Let the Composting Begin!

ERMS now has a sturdy and very attractive triple-bin compost system, thanks to a grant from the Judi Chandlee Tribute to Teachers Classroom Endowment. The bins are made of natural cedar lumber and will provide years of service to our school community. Lunch waste, currently picked up and composted by the city, will be turned into rich ‘black gold’ on-site to be used in our garden. ERMS students will watch first-hand as nature works to recycle nutrients through the action of bacteria, fungi and other organisms. What would normally be considered waste will now become a valuable soil amendment, resulting in happy and healthy plants.

Thank you to the family of Judi Chandlee for providing this opportunity. It is something the Garden Club has looked forward to doing for several years. We are excited to let the composting begin!



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!

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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 December 2017

ERMS PTO MINUTES

December 5, 2017

Call to Order/Roll Call

Attendees:

PTO Officers

Jinty Montocchio (president)

Laura Sherlock (recording secretary)

Laura Oberfoell (corresponding secretary)

Crissy Thoms (treasurer)

Board of Directors

Jeff Johl (principal)

Brenda Duvel (asst. principal)

Mark Lawler (asst. principal) absent

Rebecca Jones (absent)

Jennifer Klaas

Heather Kluesner

Jen Lewis

Kate McDermott

Kristy Richter

Carrie Timmerman

Guests

Lisa Lenstra-Norman

Ryan Spires

Ali Gansen

Jessica Kennedy

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: Chrissy Thoms, second Jen Lewis

Treasurer Report: Crissy Thoms reported the net income from the dance, and the gross income from the fundraiser. Motion to approve Jackie Ramirez, second Laura Oberfoell

Principal Report: Mr. Johl reported the ITP tests have concluded, and the second trimester has begun. There was a great turnout for the FAME meeting, and additional security cameras are being installed with help from a DRA grant

Newsletter: Will go out the first of each month
Yearbook: Nancy Stahl, portraits have been sent to the yearbook and a cover has been chosen.

Hospitality: Nothing new to report

FAME: Lisa Lenstra-Norman and Ryan Spires: reported paperwork for cast auditions and crew sign up is available in the activities office and on the FAME website. Leaders are in place for sound, makeup, and set.

Dance: No report

Spirit Wear: Alex Ramirez: Online sales are very good, orders will be available prior to break.

PBIS: Brenda Duval: December activity will be a movie in the auditorium. There has been staff training to develop a common set of social skills expectations in main areas of the building, they will focus on a specific social skill each month.

Activities: Mr. Johl: Just a few weeks left with second quarter sports. Boys basketball and dance team will begin after the break.

Staff Requests: Lisa Lenstra-Norman and Ryan Spires requested 8 new microphones for FAME, 5 will be provided by the PTO for \$2600 with the remaining 3 coming from the school budget. Karen Breitbach, Jennifer Smith, and Kristen George requested stopwatches for use with reading fluency and monitoring student growth. 40 timers for \$319.60 was approved by the board.

New Business: Mr. Johl would like to publicly thank Jen Lewis who wrote a grant with McGraw Hill and was accepted for \$5,000. This money will be used to purchase new laptops. Mr. Johl would also like to thank the students and community for their fundraising efforts, the profits will be used to purchase laptops and a large monitor that will be placed in the cafeteria.

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

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 9, 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>.

January 2018 erms activities calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 1 No School	January 2 No School	January 3 7 th & 8 th Grade Boys Basketball Begins	January 4 7 th & 8 th Grade Girls Dance Begins	January 5 One-hour late start DARE Ski Night 4:00 pm-Midnight	January 6 NESTA Honor Orchestra Waverly 8:00am-4pm
January 8	January 9 PTO Meeting 5:30-6:30PM	January 10	January 11 Yearbook Pictures 12:30-2:30PM Dance Pictures 2:30-3:00pm	January 12 One-hour late start	January 13
January 15 No School (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)	January 16 LEAP Community Connections Sectional Bee 6:00-8:00pm @ Clarke	January 17 LEAP Community Connections Boys Basketball Pictures 2:30-3:00pm	January 18 Fast Screening LEAP Community Connections 7888 Silver vs Purple 8888 Silver vs Purple	January 19 One-hour late start 7888 Silver vs Black 8888 Silver vs Black	January 20 Maion Honor Band 8:00-4:00pm
January 22 Site Council 5:30-6:30pm 7888 Black vs Purple 8888 Black vs Purple	January 23 LEAP Community Connections	January 24 LEAP Community Connections	January 25 LEAP Community Connections 7 th Grade World Religions Panel Assembly 12:30-2:00pm 7888 Silver @ Mazz 8888 Silver vs Mazz	January 26 One-hour late start 7888 Purple @ Drexler 8888 Purple vs Drexler Roosevelt Ski Night 3:45pm-Midnight	January 27
January 29 7888 Black vs Mazz 8888 Black @ Mazz	January 30 Choir Pictures 12:45-1:15pm LEAP Community Connections 7888 Silver vs Drexler 8888 Silver @ Drexler Winter Choir Concert 7:00-8:30pm (Auditorium)	January 31 LEAP Community Connections			

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.

