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notes from Mr. Johll



Dear Parent(s):

With the tragedy that occurred on February 14, 2018, at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, I have been receiving a few inquiries from parents on what they should say and/or do with their child(ren) at home. Please know that I greatly appreciate it when parents/guardians ask me these types of questions. Never hesitate to contact me. Here are a few points of information that I would like to share that I hope you will find helpful.

The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) has provided schools with some tips for how to respond and work with students. As parents, you might also find some of these to be valuable. First, the ASCA suggests that it's very important to keep normal routines going. As educators, we know that students find security and predictability in having routines each day. It's calming and reassuring. Also suggested by the ASCA is to limit exposure to the events on the news, but at the same time, be honest and share as much information as your child can appropriately handle. In my opinion, the most important tip they shared is to listen carefully to the fears and concerns of your child(ren). As I discussed in my February newsletter article, having candid and open conversations at the dinner table where you empathetically listen to how they are feeling is so very important and powerful. Of equal importance, make sure to reassure your child(ren) that the world is truly a good place, and that Roosevelt is a safe school, with caring staff.

Another prominent national organization, the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) also recommends that in talking about these tragedies, to make sure all comments that you share are appropriate for the age of your child(ren). The NASP also shared that middle and high school students will want to share their thoughts on what happened, and they may even want to provide suggestions on how the school could improve their safety measures. Sometimes it may take a good question from you to prompt the conversation, but then they will want to share. Please know that we will always listen to those suggestions here at school. This helps in dealing with tragedies like Florida.

Before the winter break, we did a district approved safety intruder lesson during morning homebase with students. Students were taught the different ways that we can all respond in the case of an intruder in our building. We also showed a district secondary schools safety video. Please talk with your child about this lesson, and remind them, if "they see something, to be sure to say something" to any staff member in the building.

notes from Mr. Johl


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With the days of winter fast becoming a memory, it is a good time to share some information on our drills that will occur now that we are in tornado season. This spring, Roosevelt will once again participate in the city and statewide tornado drill. Tornado drills are done four times a year. With a tornado drill, our goal is to have all 1,104 students in shelter areas in approximately four minutes. We are usually successful with that goal. The ERMS campus has several areas on the lower level that are safe shelters. We always have a weather radio that is set to receive all weather announcements for Dubuque County and surrounding counties. Upon the announcement of a tornado watch, everyone in the school is notified. The school then continues to operate in a normal manner, but attention to the weather conditions is intensified. Upon receiving a tornado warning, students and staff immediately move to designated tornado shelters. I am always impressed with how our students participate in these drills in a serious and responsible way.

Lastly, if you are a user of social media, please consider liking our Roosevelt Middle School Facebook page. You will find pictures from our sports teams, music concerts, and classroom or school activities. We also use this venue to acknowledge the accomplishment of many of our students and share information about our school.

Have a wonderful March 2018!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeffrey J. Johl". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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

February ERMS Raptor Raves



House 6-1 teachers would like to introduce **James Wood** as our February Raptor Rave. James is a hardworking young man in both areas of academics and the Roosevelt three R's. (Ready- Respectful- Responsible) James can be seen helping others and enjoying the many activities Roosevelt Middle School offers. We would like to thank James for being an example for what it takes to a successful student in and out of the class room.



Ava Witter is the House 6-2 Raptor Rave for the month of February. Ava is a very positive, outgoing, and responsible student. She always has a smile and relates very well to her peers and sets a positive example through her actions and words. Ava works very hard in class through her participation and work ethic which is demonstrated in that she always completes her work on time. Congratulations, Ava, on an honor well deserved.



Cinraynica Turner is House 6-3's Raptor Rave. Cinraynica always has a smile on her face and is a joy to have in the classroom and in our house! She works hard on her class assignments because she is determined to do well academically. Cinraynica is also thoughtful and helpful to all her teachers as well as students. She lifts the spirits of everyone around her with her bubbly personality! Thanks for being a part of 6-3 Cinraynica!

February ERMS Raptor Raves



House 7-1 has chosen **Maggie Sullivan** as our February Raptor Rave. Maggie is a dedicated, kind, helpful student who puts her forth her best in everything she does. She is respectful to both peers and adults, and is eager to help others in her classes. Maggie also uses her time wisely to ensure she understands the content and provides thorough work. We are very proud of Maggie and she is an asset to House 7-1. Congratulations, Maggie!



7-2 would like to honor **Jonathan Muehring** as February's Raptor Rave. Jonathan continues to use the 3 R's each and every day. Jonathan is always **ready** for class, he is very **responsible** and always has his assignments completed, and he is very considerate towards other students. He is **respectful** and willing to help his peers and teachers. Jonathan enjoys learning and goes above and beyond to be successful. Jonathan is a pleasure to have as a student in House 7-2. Thank you, Jonathan, for being such a great role model for your peers!



House 7-3 would like to nominate **Aubree Steines** for Raptor Raves. Aubree is polite and helpful to classmates and teachers. As she finished her social studies project early she offered to make thank you cards for our panel guests. She then created an invitation to the social studies museum for staff. She went above and beyond in completing these tasks and encouraged other students to help her in the process. Aubree is a respectful student who takes her academic work seriously and always works well with others. Keep up the great work Aubree, we are proud of you!

February ERMS Raptor Raves



Elizabeth Dornbush is House 8-1's newest Raptor Rave! Elizabeth truly deserves this honor! She is fine, shining example in all she does. Elizabeth goes above and beyond in the hallway and in the classroom. She never settles for less than her very best. Her peers look up to her and have come to expect a caring friend in all interactions with Elizabeth. She sets a great example to others as she always has a smile on her face and always finds the positive in everything. Her work is always outstanding and she cares about doing well. Elizabeth has never given up when she's frustrated with school work and perseveres until she succeeds. The quality of her work is always top-notch! Her kindness towards everyone is a great quality that is noticed by all! We are lucky to have Elizabeth in House 8-1 this year!



House 8-2 is so happy to announce that **Samra Vilic** has been selected as our Raptor Rave for the month of February. Samra truly exemplifies what it means to be a respectful, responsible, and ready Raptor. Samra goes above and beyond with every task that she takes on. She is very serious about her academics, and she always does her best, no matter how difficult the undertaking may be. In addition to that, Samra has an extremely sweet personality, and she is kind and respectful to everyone. She goes out of her way to make others feel comfortable and welcome. Samra is also a leader; other students look up to her and notice the amazing things that she does. Ultimately, Samra stands out as an awesome student and an all-around great person. We are so happy to have Samra Vilic as a part of the 8-2 family!



House 8-3 is delighted to recognize **Sydney Schultz** as our Raptor Rave this month. Sydney is a polite, respectful, conscientious student who does her best every day and models the 3 R's of Roosevelt perfectly. She is a pleasure to have in class and we are so thankful that she is ours! Keep it up Sydney and thanks for being you!

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 \$8. Tickets for seniors 65+ are \$4.



Who to contact with questions:

Lisa Lenstra-Norman, llesnstranorman@dbqschools.org

Where to get more information: ermsfame.weebly.com

The FAME program is in the swing of cast rehearsals and crew meetings. We look forward to growing in the business, visual and performing aspects of musical theater as we prepare to produce Disney's Camp Rock, the Musical. We want to express our profound gratitude to the ERMS PTO and Mr. Johll for making it possible for the FAME program to purchase new microphones which will be worn this April for our performances. We also want to thank those parents who have sacrificed their time and shared their talents and skills with the students and FAME mentors these past two months. These parents include Todd Dalsing, Candace Dalsing, Matt Davidson, Kristina Husemann, Julie Konzen, Mark Murphy, Brett Owen, Doug Send, and Scott Valentine. For more information about our program and show, please visit our website at ermsfame.weebly.com.

important news

Math Counts

Congratulations to the Math Counts participants on their hard work this weekend. We had some outstanding performances, Ethan Kelly placed 2nd, Taylor Wiskus 5th, Charlie Driscoll 7th, Alex DeWitt 9th, and Marcus Leitzen Honorable Mention. The team of Ethan Kelly, Nathan Kaesbauer, Alex Tackney, and Nathan Breen placed 3rd. Ethan, Taylor, Charlie, and Alex will advance to the state competition in March. Way to go!



From the Music Department

March is Music in the Schools Month! Please note these upcoming concerts!

Choir

DUBUQUE SCHOOLS ZONE B CHORAL FESTIVAL

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

SPRING BREEZES CONCERT (including Carver Elementary)

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

Band

MARCH CONCERT

Thursday March 2, 2018 7:00 P.M. ERMS Dale Lass Auditorium

DUBUQUE SCHOOLS ZONE B BAND FESTIVAL

Monday March 19, 2018 6:30 P.M. Hempstead High School

Orchestra

DUBUQUE SCHOOLS ZONE B ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL

Tuesday March 20, 2018 6:30 P.M. Hempstead High School



Hearing Exams

In March the ERMS 7th grade students will participate in this school year's hearing screening provided by the Keystone Audiology Team. If your student falls outside of the normal ranges for hearing ability, you will be notified by the Keystone professionals.

Immunizations

Attention 6th Grade Parents: *VERY IMPORTANT*

Iowa law requires all incoming 7th grade students to have a Tdap booster and Menactra (Meningitis) Immunization to enter 7th grade in the fall. If your student has had this booster, please provide the health office with documentation. Students will need these immunizations to start school in the fall.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this VERY important matter.

Let's have this completed for everyone before school is out this year!

Vickie Tracey RN BS 552-5016 FAX 552-5001

Parent Information

If a student visits the health office and needs to go home, we will call and leave a message if necessary. We will not ask a student to call or text you.

If your student has been home ill and you are unsure if they can tolerate a full day back at school please notify the health office to call you if they should visit.

pto meeting minutes February 2018

ERMS PTO MINUTES

February 6, 2018

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 Johll (principal)

Brenda Duvel (asst. principal)

Mark Lawler (asst. principal) absent

Kerry Bowman (absent)

Rebecca Jones (absent)

Jennifer Klaas

Heather Kluesner

Jen Lewis

Kate McDermott

Kristy Richter

Carrie Timmerman

Guests

Kellie Cook

Jessica Kennedy

Committee Chairs/Members at Large

Hilary Forrester (dance chair)

Alex Ramirez (spirit wear)

Nancy Stahl (yearbook & newsletter) absent

Jackie Ramirez (hospitality)

Approval of January Minutes: Motion to approve: Alex Ramirez, second Heather Kluesner

Treasurer Report: Crissy Thoms reported all expenses related to the fundraiser have been paid, this was the first year a fundraiser netted over \$20,000, with a total of \$22,329! Thank you to all who participated. Motion to approve budget report Laura Oberfoell, second Jennifer Klaas

Principal Report: Mr. Johll again thanked everyone who participated in the fundraiser and for Jen Lewis's work on the grant. The money is being used to purchase a large monitor for the cafeteria, and laptops. The PE department is in

need of new ipads as the old ones will no longer update to ios11, which is needed for continued use of the heart monitors. The board approved \$2000 for the purchase of new ipads. Parent teacher conferences will be held the on the 8th, 14, and 15th.

Newsletter: Will go out the first of each month

Yearbook: Nancy Stahl, all up to date

Hospitality: Jackie Ramirez reported meals will be provided for teachers and staff during conferences.

FAME: Everything is running on schedule

Dance: Hilary Forrester- next dance will be March 23rd, in partnership with Loras College students. Students will be taught a group dance called the Morale Dance during the week, and it will be performed during the dance on Friday.

Spirit Wear: Alex Ramirez did a full inventory of current items, everything is organized and ready to go, will be ordering shirts for orientation.

PBIS: Brenda Duvel: The Family Feud event just finished. We are currently in the second month of focusing on social skill goals. Student ambassadors are making videos and posters to help highlight good social behavior.

Activities: Mr. Johll: 6th grade basketball will be starting soon.

Staff Requests: 7th grade teachers requested money for a field trip to the Mines of Spain, approved by board.

New Business: Mr. Johll went over the Gallop Poll results that students participated in last fall. ERMS remains above national average on student engagement and has had a significant jump in the number of students involved in school clubs and activities. The board voted in a new president: Alex Ramirez. He will be working with Jinty over the next few months. The board thanked Jinty Montocchio for serving in this position the last 3 years.

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

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 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>.

March 2018 erms activities calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 5 7888 Silver vs Mazz 8888 Silver @ Mazz	March 6 Keystone Science Fair 9:00-3:00pm @ NICC Pestia Final Yearbook Pictures 12:30pm	March 7 LEAP Rocket LEAP Character Building	March 8 NEIBA Band Festival 7:30-2:30pm LEAP Rocket LEAP Trip to River Museum	March 9 One-hour late start	March 10
March 12 6 th Grade Boys & Girls Basketball Suits	March 13 House 7.3 Trip to the Landfill 10:00-1:15pm LEAP Rocket LEAP Rockin Rec	March 14 STEAM & Up Day 8:00-2:00pm @ Keystone House 7.1 Trip to the Landfill 10:00-1:15 pm LEAP Rocket LEAP Rockin Rec	March 15 LEAP Rocket LEAP Trip to Crestlines Bowling Orchestra Individual Pictures 12:45-1:15pm Orchestra Assembly 1:35-2:20pm 6 th Grade Boys and Girls Basketball Pictures 2:30pm	March 16 One-hour late start DanceFun Night 6:30-8:30pm	March 17
March 19 Site Council 5:30-6:30pm in the library District Band Festival (Hempstead Zone) 6:30-8:30pm at Hempstead	March 20 LEAP Rocket LEAP Creative Expression District Orchestra Festival (Hempstead Zone) 6:30-8:30pm at Hempstead	March 21 House 7.2 Trip to the Landfill 10:00-1:15pm LEAP Rocket LEAP Creative Expression	March 22 Battle of the Books 12-15:21pm LEAP Rocket LEAP Creative Expression	March 23 One-hour late start	March 24
March 26 No School Spring Break	March 27 No School Spring Break	March 28 No School Spring Break	March 29 No School Spring Break	March 30 No School Spring Break	March 31

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.

