

ELEANOR **ROOSEVELT**REPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL



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notes from Mr. Johll



Dear Parent(s):

New Assistant Principal—I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Bobbie Jones has been named Roosevelt's new assistant principal, pending approval by the Board of Education in May. Mrs. Jones is currently a special education curriculum coordinator for the school district. During her years with the district she has had many experiences that will be beneficial in her role as our new assistant principal, including data-based decision making, providing professional development, working with curriculum implementation, and supporting/coaching teachers. We are excited to have her join the Roosevelt family next year. She will be replacing Mrs. Brenda Duvel, who last month was named the new principal at Kennedy Elementary. Please join me in welcoming Bobbie to the Roosevelt Family!



Student Survey—In last month's newsletter I shared with you that Roosevelt would be administering a survey to your child that is a requirement of the state of Iowa Department of Education. An informational email was sent by the district and Superintendent Rheingans on April 18. We will administer the survey during the week of May 7. The survey is called *The Conditions of Learning*, and it's for students who are in grades 5-12.

Importance of Reading in the Summer—Research shows many children, especially struggling readers, forget some of what they learned during the school year, or slip out of practice, during the busy summer months. Did you know that reading just six books during the summer may keep a reader from regressing? We know that it's often hard to keep up a reading routine in a season packed with other activities, but encouraging them to read every day, even for a small amount of time, will help them increase their reading abilities over the summer and beyond! I encourage you to take advantage of your local library when selecting books to ensure that they match your child's age, interests, and abilities.

notes from Mr. Johll

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I am pleased to share with you that the Roosevelt library will be available to families once again this summer. Our school librarian, Mrs. Ehlers, will assist in helping your child to continue to read for enjoyment over the summer months! We will provide two nights this summer for families to come in and check out books. The dates for this summer are: Wednesday, June 27th and Tuesday, July 24th from 4:00-6:00 PM. We encourage your family to visit us! Mark your calendars!

Camp Rock—Congratulation to all the students, staff, parents, and community members that played a role in the April 2018 production of the Disney musical, *Camp Rock*. Thank you for all your efforts to create such a fun and enjoyable musical. The singing, the acting, the pit orchestra music, and the work of the crews was truly something special to watch! It was also wonderful seeing the large crowds present for each show supporting our students! Thanks!

Have a wonderful May 2018!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "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 on-line or in the ERMS office.

Thank you for your support!

ERMS PTO

April ERMS Raptor Raves



Charlie Driscoll is the recipient for our April Raptor Rave. Charlie exemplifies the characteristics of the 3 Rs. He has a passion for learning and is often found with his nose in a book whenever the opportunity presents itself. He treats his classmates and teachers with great compassion and kindness. He conducts himself with integrity, always doing the right thing, even when he thinks no one else is looking. You know a student is worthy when a classmate approaches the adults to ask if there's a way for them to nominate him. Keep up the good work, Charlie!



Maddie Kreimeyer is the House 6-2 Raptor Rave for the month of April. She is a very independent thinker, works extremely hard, and is a very friendly student in the classroom. Maddie is also very responsible, ready, and respectful at all times. She does quality work and always completes her work on time. Maddie is also very social in relating with her peers and always has a positive attitude. She is very deserving of the honor and will do well at whatever she decides to do. Congratulations again to Maddie Kreimeyer.



House 6-3 nominates **Sophia Bitter** for Raptor Rave. Sophia is a sweet and kind young lady. She is always willing to help others. She keeps a positive attitude and gives her best effort. Sophia has gotten involved in school by being a student council representative. She is always respectful and responsible. Sophia is a great role model for our house.

April ERMS Raptor Raves



House 7-1 is proud to recognize **Emma Moss** as our Raptor Rave for April 2018! Emma demonstrates the 3 R's on a daily basis by being respectful to others, responsible for her studies, and ready for class. Emma is a caring and considerate person whose motivation inspires others. Way to go, Emma!



Jack Stumpf is the essence of the three R's. He is always prepared for class and his work is always completed conscientiously and to the best of his ability. Jack is always willing to help—whether he has volunteered to help another student or is quietly picking up a mess in the classroom left by others. His sense of humor and ready smile are always on hand. Thanks, Jack, for such a great student and citizen of House 7-2.



House 7-3 would like to nominate **Aidan Saul** as our April Raptor Rave. Aidan shows excellence in readiness, respect and responsibility everyday. He enters class ready to learn, participates consistently and works well with all classmates. Keep up the good work Aidan, we are proud of you!

April ERMS Raptor Raves



House 8-1 selects **Johnathan O'Brien** for it's April Raptor Rave! Johnathan consistently displays the 3 Rs: Ready, Responsible, and Respectful. He is always prepared for class, always participates in class discussions, is eager to learn, and is always respectful to teachers and peers. Johnathan's always willing to help out and takes time to explain things to others when needed. He is always determined to work through things he doesn't understand and is a great advocate for his own learning. Johnathan has grown this year into a fine, young man! He has been a great addition to House 8-1 and we are so glad he is part of our school family!



House 8-2 is excited to announce that **Gwendolyn Hammerand** has been selected as our Raptor Rave for the month of April. She is a wonderful Raptor, who is respectful, responsible, and ready on a daily basis. Gwendolyn is a stellar student, and she excels in all areas of academics. She works hard to make sure that she completes all tasks to the best of her ability. In addition to that, Gwendolyn has a kind and sweet nature that makes everyone else feel happy and comfortable when they are around her. She is a great role model for others, and she exudes the qualities of a quiet leader. Ultimately, Gwendolyn stands out as an awesome student and an all-around great person. We are so happy to have Gwendolyn Hammerand as a part of the 8-2 family!



It is with great pride and pleasure that House 8-3 recognizes **Rachel Kloft** as our Raptor Rave this month. Since the beginning of the year we have been able to count on Rachel to be a model student, exhibiting perfect examples of our 3 R's every single day. In addition to being respectful, responsible, and ready all the time, Rachel always has a smile on her face and a kind word for her peers and staff. She works hard and gives every task her best! Thanks Rachel, for being you!

The Twenty-Fifth Annual Super Shot Saturday

The UnityPoint Health Finley Visiting Nurse Association and Rotary Club of Dubuque are proud to host an immunization clinic for infants, toddlers, children entering kindergarten and adolescents.

As a Vaccine for Children provider all vaccinations are free; however, a \$19.68 donation per vaccine is suggested. Children must meet one or more criteria for VFC eligibility: Medicaid enrolled, noninsured, underinsured, American Indian, or Alaskan Native. Appointments are required. Please remember to bring your child's insurance/Title XIX /MCO card. (if applicable).
No walk-ins this day.

**Saturday
May 19, 2018
9 AM – 1 PM**

**UnityPoint
Health-Finley
Hospital**

**Call for an appointment:
563-556-6200 or
800-862-6133**

Visiting Nurse Association
1454 Iowa Street
Dubuque, IA

unitypoint.org



Rotary Club of Dubuque, Iowa
ROTARY CLUB
DISTRICT NO. 5970



UnityPoint Health
Finley Hospital

important news

Stone Soup

Huge congratulations going out to 6th graders, Anna Dolan and Gwen Deutsch! We submitted a poem from each of them to Stone Soup Magazine (nationwide) for possible publication. Stone Soup indicated they receive hundreds of submissions each month, and Anna and Gwen are awarded the following accolades:

Anna Dolan receives the high honor of being included in their Honor Role file. Only 10% of the work they receive is recognized in this way. Her name will appear in the Honor Role of their June issue!

Anna's poetry read can be found at:
<https://youtu.be/5RHB1rzYEwc>

Forgotten

By: Anna Dolan

*The horse that whines a million times a day,
like a lost coyote pup in the dead of night.
A lost coyote pup who has lost his sight.*

*The skinny steed is as thin as a twig, a
twig that is about to snap.*

*The old stallion is a rock that doesn't move.
He has no problems because he has nothing left
to lose.*

*He reeks of hopelessness and neglect like a
forgotten caterpillar you stored in a shoe box.
Now he has nothing,
not even his gorgeous, golden locks.*

*The horse feels death approaching as if he were a
Person's last day.
Nothing can save him now,
not in any way.*

*Soon his life will end
and he will be happy.
But what he doesn't know
is that he will be
a lost soul.*

Gwen Deutsch's poem has been accepted for publication! Her poem was selected from hundreds submitted last month to receive this highest honor! Her poem will be published in a future issue of Stone Soup!

Gwen's poetry read can be found at:
<https://youtu.be/qBV1d2C3Jol>

Wild Wyoming Horses

By: Gwen Deutsch

*As the horses ran down the mountain like
a raging sand storm, I knew I was in Wyoming.
The swift, creek water was mint in my mouth.
I felt sandpaper as I touched the horse's hair.*

*I turned around to see the trees of the forest swaying
as if they were rocking their leaves to sleep.
Everywhere I walked I could smell the scent of the
flowers like the perfume of a beautiful woman.*

*I found myself crying as I watched the beautiful
horses run across the plains beating
their hooves to a strong, clear beat.*



pto meeting minutes April 2018

ERMS PTO MINUTES

April 3, 2018

Call to Order/Roll Call

Attendees:

PTO Officers

Jinty Montocchio (president)

Alex Ramirez (president elect)

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)

Kerry Bowman (absent)

Rebecca Jones (absent)

Jennifer Klaas (absent)

Heather Kluesner (absent)

Jen Lewis

Kate McDermott (absent)

Kristy Richter (absent)

Carrie Timmerman

Committee Chairs/Members at Large

Hilary Forrester (dance chair)

Alex Ramirez (spirit wear/president elect)

Nancy Stahl (yearbook & newsletter) absent

Jackie Ramirez (hospitality)

Approval of Minutes: No minutes to approve this month.

Treasurer Report: We looked at the report, and noticed that we need to pay Loras \$1 per ticket (totaling \$316) from the last dance. Mr Johll also noticed that we still need to pay for the computers that were purchased recently. Jackie Ramirez approved with a second from Mr. Johll.

Principal Report: Mr. Johll said that Ms. Duval has accepted a position as the principal at Kennedy School. Roosevelt will have to hire someone to replace her. They will also need to replace an instructional coach, and they have a few teachers retiring. They will interview this spring. MAP testing starts on Thursday. He reminded all of us that there are still nine weeks of school left, and we need to make sure kids are still mindful of that as well.

Newsletter: Everything is going well. May 1st will be the last one for the year.

Yearbook: Mark said he and Nancy are wrapping things up this week. Yearbooks will go home with students on the last day of school. He said they have not had as many orders this year.

Hospitality: Teacher appreciation is the 1st week of May. They usually do a luncheon for the teachers on that Wednesday. Jackie will talk to Terri in the office to get that set up. Jackie has ordered the cookies for 6th grade orientation. She said the price is about the same as last year.

FAME: Things are going well. The show is the 19th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd of April.

Dance: Hilary said the dance went well. They ran out of printer ink, so Hilary wrote down the names and printed them over the break. Mark said the numbers for the dance were about average compared to years past. There was some talk of possibly changing the last dance for next year. A couple suggestions were: not including Loras students or mixing the grade levels. They also talked about possibly doing online ticket sales next year.

Spirit Wear: Alex Ramirez said the shirts are in for the 6th grade orientation nights. He ordered some extra because the incoming 6th grade class is about 30 students larger than last year.

PBIS: Mark said he had a meeting this morning with Bettendorf Middle School about PBIS. They are looking to become a PBIS school as well. Dodge ball started this week. The talent show will be Thursday, May 24th. There will be a show during the day and at night.

Activities: Track began this week. The first meet is next Friday. 6th grade basketball ended just before spring break. The turnout for that was low this year. After track, 6th grade can do volleyball or football.

Staff Requests: No new requests. Last month we approved \$145.90 to Lisa Lenstra-Norman for stop-watches for reading interventions and \$104.39 for Christy Watson for a subscription to Scholastic Science World.

New Business: Alex Ramirez will replace Jinty Montocchio as the new PTO president. For 6th grade orientation (held April 5th and 10th) Alex said he will have the binders for volunteer sign-up and some volunteers at a table to work. He will also have the spiritwear displayed.

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

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 1, 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>.

May 2018 erms activities calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 7 Civil War Living History Day 8 th Grade Talent Show Auditions 2:00-2:30pm Girls 7/8 th Track Meet @ Hempstead 4:30pm Boys 7/8 th Track Meet @ Valhert 4:30pm	May 8 Talent Show Auditions 2:00-2:30pm LEAP Star Wars Band Concert 7:00pm	May 9 House 7.3 Field Trip to Mines of Spain 8:15-1:15pm Talent Show Auditions 2:00-2:30pm LEAP Star Wars	May 10 Renaissance Breakfast 6:50-7:20am Talent Show Auditions 2:00-2:30 pm LEAP Star Wars	May 11 One-hour late start Battle of the Books (District) 9:00-11:30am at Keystone	May 12 Girls and Boys 7/8 th Grade Washington Relays @ Datzell 9:00am
May 14 Talent Show Rehearsal 2:00-2:30pm 6 th Grade Football and Volleyball begins 2:30-4:00pm Pledge of Allegiance by students at School Board Meeting 5:30-6:00pm	May 15 House 7.1 Field Trip to Mines of Spain 8:15-1:15pm Talent Show Rehearsal 2:00-2:30pm LEAP Star Wars	May 16 House 7.2 Field Trip to Mines of Spain 8:15-1:15pm Talent Show Rehearsal 2:00-2:30pm LEAP Star Wars	May 17 Jazz Band and Concert Tour 8:00-2:00pm Talent Show Rehearsal 2:00-2:30pm 6 th Grade Football and Volleyball Practices 2:30pm LEAP Star Wars	May 18 One-hour late start	May 19
May 21 Talent Show Rehearsal 2:00-2:30pm 2018-2019 School Board Meeting 5:30-6:30pm in the library	May 22 6-2 Field Trip to Swans Valley 9:15-1:30pm Talent Show Full Rehearsal 2:00-4:30pm	May 23 Talent Show Full Rehearsal 2:00-4:30pm	May 24 FBIS Talent Show 1:15-2:15pm Talent Show 6:30-8:00pm	May 25 One-hour late start	May 26
May 28 No School Memorial Day Band Marching in Memorial Day Parade 1:00-2:30pm	May 29	May 30	May 31	June 1 6 th Grade House Awards Assemblies	June 2
June 4 7 th Grade House Awards Assemblies	June 5 8 th Grade Awards Assembly 8 th Grade House Awards Assemblies 8 th Grade Ice Cream Social 1:45-2:30pm				

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.

