

# ELEANOR **ROOSEVELT REPORT** MIDDLE SCHOOL



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## Dear Parents,

**Testing.** With our Iowa Tests soon to begin, it is important that the students are as motivated and prepared as they can be to do their best in these important tests. Your help to see that the students have proper rest the night(s) before testing will go a long way in giving the students their best chance to do their best on the tests. We are testing on Nov. 9, 10, 12, and 13.

**Positive Behavior Intervention Supports.** Has your child earned PBIS tickets yet? The PBIS program at ERMS is designed to develop positive attitudes and practices by our students. What I like about the program is the focus on establishing a culture where students are taught what behaviors are acceptable and then they are recognized for their good choices, hence, the recognition tickets.

**The Roosevelt Fundraiser.** Many thanks to the students and to the ERMS PTO for their participation. With the funds raised our plan is to purchase a high quality projection screen for our auditorium. It may seem that getting a projection screen would be an easy thing to obtain. However, the screen that I am proposing will be 40 feet wide and 16 feet high. Such screens are specially made and need special installation. As such, they cost more than what the building budget can afford. The funds raised will provide for this much needed screen.

**With the weather changing to colder temperatures,** it is vital that your child come to school wearing proper clothing. 'Tis the season to break out the coats, hats, and mittens/gloves.

**The first trimester** will be ending this month. Please continue to monitor the work your child does this month to help promote their best achievement.

**Lastly,** with November comes our national tradition of giving thanks. We are so very, very blessed to work with your children as we teach them the skills and knowledge that should take them into the future. Thank you.

*Dale Lass*

Dale Lass, Principal

## WE ARE THANKFUL!

As we take a short break from school for Thanksgiving, we want to express our gratitude for everyone who makes it possible for as many students as possible to come to school every day, on time, ready to learn. We thank:

- Our students and families for making daily attendance a priority since they know the habit of attendance will help them do well in the classroom and eventually in a job.
- Our wonderful teachers who pour their energy into making each classroom an exciting place for exploration and knowledge so children do not want to miss out on learning
- Our support staff and community volunteers who provide the extra hands and attention our children need

We appreciate each one of you so much. We look forward to seeing you after the Thanksgiving holiday. We also hope you will keep in mind that school is closed on Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th and reopens Monday, November 29th.

We especially appreciate everyone's efforts to avoid taking extra time off during the Thanksgiving holiday. Just a few missed days here and there, even if they're excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and leave your child behind in school. This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school.

Erin Valentine, JCSL

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# pto meeting minutes october 2015

## ERMS PTO Minutes

October 13, 2015 5:30 p.m.

Call to Order/ Roll Call

### Attendees:

PTO Officers

Jinty Montocchio – President

Shirley Butler – 1st VP

Dale Lass - Principal

Brenda Duvel – Assistant

Jeff Johl - Assistant Principal

Laura Sherlock- Recording Secretary (absent)

Laura Oberfoell- Corresponding Secretary

Barb Coakley– Treasurer

### Board of Directors

Stacy Stackis (staff rep), Rachael Kilburg

(absent), Megan Skipper (absent), Christa

Burgess (absent),

Nancy Stahl, (absent) Kristy Richter, Vicki

Frederick (absent), Kerry Bowman (absent)

### Committee Chairs

Jennifer Lewis-Hospitality Chair; Teresa

Fitzjerrells – Dance Chair; Jill Keck – News-

letter; Kelly Jo Fassbinder – Yearbook; Jinty

Montocchio – Spirit wear

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report: Treasurers Report was approved.

Principal's Report: Tomorrow the fundraiser begins (Need: screen for auditorium) \*High performing fund raising students will get to go to Wisconsin Dells. Concrete repair work has been done around the building. Parent teacher conference sign up begins online

tomorrow (link on the Roosevelt website).

New sports seasons will begin next Monday.

RTV will be broadcast once a week (kids will prepare newscasts).

New Business/Request Forms: No Staff Requests. New Business - Box top competition going on until Friday. The possibility of running a SCRIP program again was brought up. A note about a possible new coordinator will go in the newsletter.

### Committee Reports:

Dance: Teresa still needs some help selling tickets in the mornings before school. The theme for the dance will be a Halloween theme. There will be a costume contest.

Spirit Wear: Staff apparel out until Friday. New designs coming.

FAME: Stacy had an email from Lisa Lenstra-Norman saying informational meeting for parents and students will be November 24th. The show is hopefully going to be Grease (the school version). She is hoping to get PTO support for new microphones. Need mentors for costume and publicity crew.

Yearbook: : Kelly reported that the contract is signed and the kit will arrive soon. Deadlines TBA.

Newsletter: Jill said the first newsletter for the year is out. November items are due by the 16th of October

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Hospitality: Jennifer said lunches for parent/teacher conferences will be coming up. A sign up sheet for parents will go out for snacks for Wednesday, with teachers bringing snacks for Thursday.

PBIS: Mr. Johll said to check the PBIS Facebook page for updates. The September PBIS activity of lunch on the lawn brought in record results from 7th grade. October activity was field days outside and they were popular with all 3 grade levels. Mentor programming has been growing (each trained staff member meets with 2 students each)

School Sports and Activities: Mr. Johll said the cross country finished up the season well. They had record numbers for cross country this year. Football and volleyball

are both finishing up this week. Football numbers are steady, and volleyball numbers are good. The 6th grade track program had close to 100 students involved. The 6th grade track meet was last week.

Old Business: Budget will be looked at again after fundraiser. Goals remain: field trips, PBIS support, diversification of funds, and staff.

Reminders: Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 3rd at 5:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Laura Oberfoell

## from the nurses office:

This is a reminder to 7th Grade parents who have received letters regarding your child's need for an updated immunization record of their Tdap Booster.

Please call the Health Office at 552-5016 if you have an upcoming appointment to receive this Booster.

Your prompt attention to this is required by Iowa State Law. Students without this Tdap Booster will not be able to return to school after Thanksgiving break until the documentation is on file at Roosevelt.

Vickie Stone RN  
ERMS School Nurse

*Nurse*  *Notes*

## CHOIR NEWS!



Congratulations to Molly Foley and Lauren Fetzer. These eighth grade ERMS choir members were recently selected to participate in the Iowa Choral Directors Association 2015 OPUS Honor Choir. Over 3000 auditions were submitted from singers from across the state of Iowa. Molly and Lauren will travel to Ames, Iowa on November 19 to perform in the OPUS Honor Choirs Festival Concert which is held in conjunction with the Iowa Music Educators Association Conference. Great honor Ladies! ERMS is proud of you!! REMINDER! The ERMS choirs will present two concerts this fall! We hope you have your calendar marked for November 17 when the ERMS choirs collaborate with the ERMS Orchestras to present their concert on "COURAGE". The concert will be at 7:00 P.M. in the ERMS Auditorium. On December 10 the ERMS Show Choir, Sixth Grade Choir and Seventh and Eighth Grade Choirs will present their Winter Winds Concert. The Carver Elementary Choir will also be joining us for this concert. This concert will take place in the ERMS Auditorium and will begin at 7:00 P.M.

On Tuesday, November 17, the Roosevelt Choirs and Orchestras will combine for a concert on Courage, with songs that pay tribute to those in our past and present who had shown courage. The Encore Chorale from the Northeast Iowa School of Music, an ensemble made up of senior citizens under the direction of Sue Flogel, will perform with the Roosevelt choirs. Long-time Dubuque radio personality Paul Hemmer will be the masters of ceremony. This free concert begins at 7:00PM. The choirs are conducted by Mrs. Marlene Schollmeyer and the orchestras by Mrs. Tracey Rush.

## Terms contacts & office staff

### **Main Office: 552-5000**

Principal: Mr. Dale Lass

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**DCSD Anonymous Tip Line:**  
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## **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 (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](http://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>.

## Happy Activity Greetings!

Our seventh and eighth grade girls basketball and wrestling seasons are currently underway, and before long we will be having meets and games. As I write this newsletter article in mid-October, I want to share my appreciation to parents, grandparents, family members and friends that attended our fall volleyball, football, cross country and sixth grade track meet. The crowds at these events have been wonderful, cheering on our Raptor athletes. I know it means a great deal to our student-athletes.

With the conclusion of sixth grade track, parents may be wondering about the next sports opportunity. The next season for sixth graders will be boys and girls basketball in early March 2016. Following the basketball season, your son or daughter will have the opportunity to participate in flag football or volleyball. Just as was true with track, all sixth grade sports consist of ten sessions and focus on the fundamentals and skills of the sport.

On November 17, 2015, the Orchestra and Choir will host a special music concert in our auditorium at 7:00 pm. The focus will be on people, both past and present, who have displayed courage in their life. Make sure to mark your calendar.

Two popular after-school clubs last school year will return this year and begin in November. The first will be the LEAP Safe Sitter Club. This club is designed to give students an overview of babysitting. The modules include business essentials, CPR, first aid, behaviors and safety. Upon completion, students will receive a student manual, back pack, certification card and supplies. Participants must attend all sessions for this certification. The other club is LEAP Animal Allies. This after-school club will allow students to learn about animal safety, care, responsibility, and more! Students will also have the opportunity to interact with different animals each session!

Jeff Johl

Activities Director and Assistant Principal



# November 2015 erms activities calendar

## November 2015 Eleanor Roosevelt Activities Calendar

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
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| <b>Nov 1</b><br> Daylight Savings Time Ends...fall back an hour! | <b>Nov 2</b><br>2:40 PM - 4:00 PM LEAP Safe Sitter Club<br>5:30 PM PTO Meeting in the LRC  | <b>Nov 3</b><br>9:20 AM & 10:20 AM Dubuque Arts Council presents "Switchback - Music is Family" Assemblies<br>2:40 PM - 4:00 PM LEAP Safe Sitter Club<br>5:30 PM PTO Meeting in the LRC  | <b>Nov 4</b><br>2:40 PM - 4:00 PM LEAP Chinese Culture Club  | <b>Nov 5</b><br> 7:30 AM Pinnacle Fundraiser Late Order Day<br>2:40 PM - 4:00 PM LEAP Safe Sitter Club<br>5:30 PM PTO Meeting in the LRC<br>GBB - Purple v. Washington Blue (7R/8K) | <b>Nov 6</b><br> 8:30 AM 8th Grade Career Fair at Roosevelt<br>GBB - Silver v. Jefferson (7R/8I)  | <b>Nov 7</b>   |
| <b>Nov 8</b><br>Wrestling Meets and Girls Basketball Games Start at 4:00 PM   | <b>Nov 9</b><br>2:40 PM - 4:00 PM LEAP Safe Sitter Club<br>GBB - Purple v. Jefferson (7R/8I)  | <b>Nov 10</b><br>2:40 PM - 4:00 PM LEAP Safe Sitter Club<br>GBB - Silver v. WD Red (7WD/8R)<br><b>Iowa Testing Program (ITP)</b><br>WRS - Meet at Washington   | <b>Nov 11</b><br> 6:00 AM VETERANS DAY!!<br>2:40 PM - 4:00 PM LEAP Chinese Culture Club   | <b>Nov 12</b><br>2:40 PM - 4:00 PM LEAP Safe Sitter Club<br><b>Iowa Testing Program (ITP)</b>  | <b>Nov 13</b><br><b>Iowa Testing Program (ITP)</b>   | <b>Nov 14</b>  |
| <b>Nov 15</b>   | <b>Nov 16</b><br>2:30 PM Girls' Basketball Pictures<br>GBB - Silver v. Washington Blue (7R/8W)   | <b>Nov 17</b><br>9:25 AM & 10:14 am Orchestra and Choir Assemblies<br> 7:00 PM Orchestra and Choir Concert<br>11:15 PM Orchestra Pies in Aud<br>WRS - Home Wrestling Meet | <b>Nov 18</b><br>1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Fundraiser Product Distribution Day and "Bingo Bash" Fest<br>2:40 PM - 4:00 PM LEAP Chinese Culture Club<br>GBB - Purple v. Washington White (7W/8R)<br>Junior Honors All-State Orchestra in Ames | <b>Nov 19</b><br> 6:50 AM PBIS Recognition Breakfast in the Cafeteria   | <b>Nov 20</b><br>GBB - Purple v. Mazzuchelli Gold (7R/8M)  | <b>Nov 21</b><br> Fundraiser Kalahari Field Trip to Wisc. Dells |
| <b>Nov 22</b><br> Have you liked our school Facebook page?       | <b>Nov 23</b><br>2:45 PM Wrestling Team Pictures<br>GBB - Silver v. Mazzuchelli Gold (7W/8R)   | <b>Nov 24</b><br> Parent Information Meeting in Auditorium<br>WRS - Home Wrestling Meet   | <b>Nov 25</b><br> 8:05 AM School Spelling Bee in Auditorium<br><b>NO AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES!</b>   | <b>Nov 26</b><br> Happy Thanksgiving - - NO SCHOOL  | <b>Nov 27</b><br><b>NO SCHOOL</b>  | <b>Nov 28</b>  |
| <b>Nov 29</b>   | <b>Nov 30</b><br><b>End of 1st Trimester</b>   | <b>Dec 1</b><br>5:30 PM PTO Meeting in the LRC<br>GBB - Purple v. WD Black (7R/8WD)  WRS - Meet at Jefferson  | <b>Dec 2</b>   | <b>Dec 3</b><br>9:25 AM & 10:14 AM Band and Jazz Band Assemblies<br> 7:00 PM Band and Jazz Band Concert<br>11:15 PM Band/Jazz Band Pictures<br>WRS - Meet at WD Drexler MS          | <b>Dec 4</b><br> 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Gr. 6 Fun Night (NO AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES)<br>Report Card for Trimester #1 Home Via Courier Envelope | <b>Dec 5</b><br>7:00 AM FYI - DCSF First Lego League at Roosevelt<br>NEIBA Honor Band  |
| Fun Night/Dance Tickets Sold Before School  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

(Roosevelt Events Calendar can also be found online at [www.rooseveltdbschools.org](http://www.rooseveltdbschools.org))

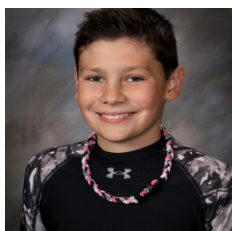
## november erms raptor raves



In House 6-1, Jake Steines has been chosen for House 6-1 Raptor Rave. He demonstrates the 3 Rs every day. He is respectful, responsible and ready for class and to help others always. We are proud to have Jake in our House!



Andrew Serrano was chosen as the Raptor Rave for House 6-2 because he truly follows the 3 R's of Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School. Andrew is always prepared and ready to go when classes start. Andrew is a hard worker and turns work in promptly. Andrew's peers come to him for help when they are looking for assistance, and he is always willing to lend a hand when needed. His ever-present smile makes others around him feel welcome and comfortable. We feel very fortunate to have Andrew in our house this year!



House 6-3 recognizes Luc Montoccio for his exemplar display of the 3 Rs: Ready, Respectful, & Responsible. Luc is a natural leader. His classmates appreciate his helpfulness and his positive attitude toward others. Luc always displays his best effort in his work and in his behavior. His teachers look forward to watching Luc as he continues to act as a role model for other students.



House 7-1 is pleased to select Jim Bonifas as this month's Raptor Rave! Jim is a great leader with a wonderful sense of humor. He consistently demonstrates Roosevelt's "3 R's" and we are very happy to have him in house 7-1! Keep up the great work, Jim!



## november erms **raptor raves**



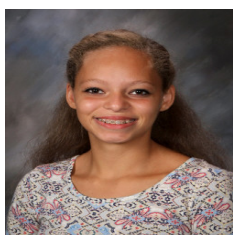
7-2 would like to celebrate Kaeli Wagner as November's Raptor Rave. Kaeli is a true leader in the classroom as she goes above and beyond to do well, and she is always willing to help teachers and other students. We are so lucky to have you in our house, Kaeli! Keep up the great work!



We are happy to have Julia Johnson represent House 7-3 as this month's Raptor Rave. Julia follows the three R's and is always ready and willing to learn. She brings a great attitude with her every day! Julia is a wonderful example of a successful student!



Max is a great example of a student who follows the 3 R's. He is always respectful, not only to the teachers but to his classmates as well. Max is always ready to learn and comes prepared to class. He is responsible, staying on top of what is expected of him and he makes sure he understands those expectations. He can often be found contributing to class discussions or being kind to his fellow Raptors. We are very lucky to have Max Pins in House 8-1 and he is well deserving of being November's Raptor Rave.



House 8-2 is proud to recognize Skylynn Reding. Skylynn perfectly exemplifies Roosevelt's Three R's. First, she is always ready, making academics a top priority. She also gives her all to her athletic and musical ventures. Next, Skylynn demonstrates responsibility every single day. She is a natural leader, who will always stand up for what is right. Finally, and most importantly, Skylynn is absolutely respectful. She treats everyone with the utmost courtesy, and she is willing to help anyone with anything. She shares her bright smile with everyone she comes across, and her positive attitude is contagious.



It is with great pleasure that House 8-3 recognizes Lexi Lonning as our first Raptor Rave of the year. Lexi has already proven that she is a kind, conscientious student who goes out of her way to be helpful to others. We are so happy that she is a part of our house. Thanks Lexi for being who you are!

**The FAME (Fine Arts Mentorship Experience)** program will begin 2nd trimester. The first informational meeting for parents and students will be November 24 from 7 PM to 7:45 PM in the ERMS auditorium. At the meeting application forms for crews, cast, and pit orchestra for this year's spring musical will be distributed. Those interested in being a part of the cast or pit orchestra will have auditions after school in December. Those interested in being a part of a crew will not audition for a position on a crew, but need to turn in their application forms in December. The rights for one specific musical have been applied for. By the first meeting, the directors should know if we were granted these rights and will make an announcement. This year Ms. Sue Fogel is joining the FAME team as cast director. Mrs. Marlene Schollmeyer will continue in her role as the music director. Mrs. Margee Loebach has agreed to come on board again as our technical director. Mrs. Lori Kizer will be our accompanist and rehearse the pit orchestra. Mrs. Barb Waugh will mentor the makeup crew, Miss Ashleigh Wilson will mentor the house management crew, and Mrs. Lisa Lenstra-Norman will serve again this year as the program director.

We are looking for one or two parent volunteers to donate 25 hours of their time to mentor the publicity crew. We are also looking for a community member who is willing to receive a humble stipend to mentor the costume crew. The hours this individual would invest in the program would be 66 contact hours with students. Time will also be spent planning for these contact hours, assembling costumes, and communicating with parent partners to organize their assistance with the assembling of costumes. If you know of anyone who would be a great mentor, please contact Mrs. Lenstra-Norman at [LLenstranorman@dbqschools.org](mailto:LLenstranorman@dbqschools.org).



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## trees for kids

On October 12, 21 students from 6th and 7th grade from Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School performed a service project along with students from Bryant School, Loras College, and the University of Dubuque by participating in Iowa's DNR program of "Trees for Kids". This program was established by the Department of Natural Resources in 2001 and awards applicants with grants up to \$5000 to plant landscape trees on school or organizational grounds. In 2014, 1600 trees were planted that involved 5,200 youth in Iowa. The program was at the Mines of Spain and the recreation area received 32 trees to be used in their prairie project and landscaping around their new workshop. The students were chosen by Mr. Dolan and Mrs. Specht. Mr. Dolan sits on the board of the Friends of the Mines Spain and was asked by Wayne Buchholtz DNR Ranger to help with the planting. The following 21 students participated in the project. They are: Dylan Abitz, Beth Johll, Kaeli Wagner, Luke Tressel, Olivia Fessler, Ava Terwilliger, Logan Ellis, Jared Thomas, Maddie Herrig, Jaelyn Tigges, Kyra Townsend, Emma Hilkin, Payton Weber, Riley Weber, Sydney Hall, Reggie Porter, Brady Davis, Colin Koot, Mackezie Lessears, Colton Bries and Payton Fay. The students were taught about the types of trees they were to plant, how to plant trees, and the challenges that the state of Iowa faces with invasive species that attack Iowa with the latest pest the Emerald Tree Borer attacking the White Ash. It was a beautiful day and the task was finished in approximately two hours. Great job RAPTORS !!!





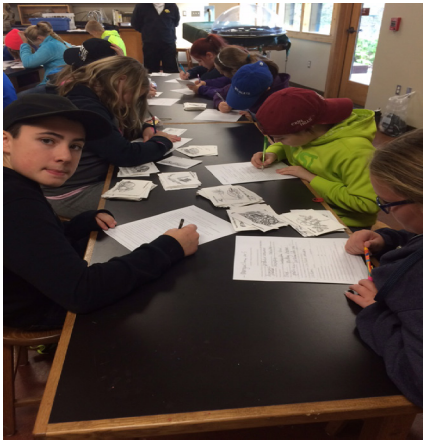
## service day at Mines of Spain!!

### Service Day At Mines of Spain Recreation Day

On October 19th, House 6-2 traveled to the Mines of Spain for a day of historical and environmental activities. House 6-2 over the years has had a fall field trip to the Mines of Spain to learn more about one part of Dubuque's heritage the E. B. Lyons Mines of Spain Recreation area. The day has looked at the prairie ecosystem in the park. One hundred and fifty years ago, 85% of Iowa was covered with prairie. Today less than one tenth of one percent still remains. Efforts across Iowa to reclaim land for prairie have attempted to bring back this natural resource to Iowa's environment. Our day is divided up into four parts. One part deals with the ecosystem know as a prairie. Student learn about the organisms that inhabit the prairie and the food chains that contribute to the complex food webs in the ecosystem. Students also participate in a scavenger hunt to look at the history of the Mines of Spain and its contribution to the history of Dubuque. Next, the students are shown some of the plant organisms that are invasive species challenging the ecosystem of the Recreation Area. They are also shown plant species native to the prairie. Students are prepped on how to pick grass and forb seeds to be used in the reclamation of prairie from farmland. In the afternoon, students are transported to a mature prairie in the park. There they pick seed to save the park thousands of dollars in seed costs. A pound of various prairie seed can cost hundreds of dollars. The day teaches stewardship of the land that we must practice if we are to save Iowa's environment for future generations of Iowans. Way to go RAPTORS of House 6-2.



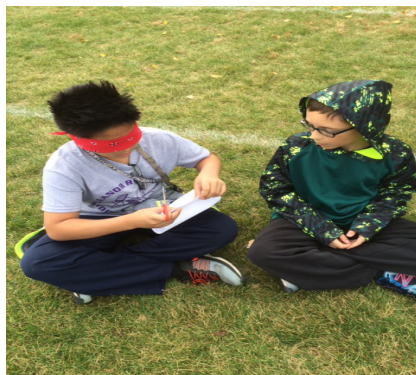
service day at Mines of Spain.



## stem day 2015!

The skies were filled with the trails of smoke from the Viking rockets that sixth graders had built in preparation for Eleanor Roosevelt's Middle School's second annual STEM DAY on October 15th. The STEM DAY replaced Rocket Day, in an attempt to broaden sixth graders exposure to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Besides rockets and CEV (Crew Escape Vehicles) which are the base activities that all sixth graders participate in, Roosevelt was visited by people whose occupation has a STEM connection.

IIW PC had our students building skyscrapers and bridges as their contribution to the day. The Catfish Creek Watershed group taught our kids the importance of conservation in a watershed. Jason Martin-Hiner from Keystone AEA showed how 3-D printing is becoming an important part of our everyday lives. Swiss Valley Nature Center showed how a GPS could be used in a recreational activity by caching objects for sport. We also had another representative of Keystone who showed the importance of robotics and coding in the 21st century. Our partners from the University of Dubuque under the leadership of Dr. Debra Stork led her pre-service teachers in activities in ecology, engineering, aerospace science, and environmental science. With this wide number of classes and activities, students were exposed to what careers in science, technology, and engineering might look like. The demand for the filling of STEM occupations in the future will be a challenge that the world will face. Hopefully this experience will spark our students in considering a STEM career. The sixth grade teachers want to thank all who made this day a great success.





# stem day pictures!



## ERMS Class Instagram Accounts

Type in your browser: [Instagram.com/](https://www.instagram.com/)\_\_\_\_\_ (username listed below, without the @ symbol.

OR

Download the Instagram free app on your smart phone, create an account, then search for the accounts below using the @ symbol. Click on FOLLOW on each of their pages!

| House 6-1    | House 7-1                  | House 8-1  | Additional ERMS Accounts  |
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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 Iowa 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant from the Iowa Department of Education.

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



## 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 Parent Newsletter Committee 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: [fassbinder@mchsi.com](mailto:fassbinder@mchsi.com)



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