

ELEANOR **ROOSEVELT**REPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

Dear Parents:

What a good start we have had this school year! The students are doing very well with their academic responsibilities. Teachers report that the students are doing their work with a noticeable dedication to learn each day.

Reminder to parents, the school day begins at 7:38 a.m

Please arrange to have your child at ERMS and in the building by 7:35. (Earlier is better you can drop as early as 7:20) If students arrive after 7:38 they will be counted tardy.

Students riding school buses report at 7:30.

If their bus arrives late, students are not counted tardy as long as they report immediately to their classrooms upon arrival.

(Note: Fridays our arrival time is 8:35.)



Parents, we want to further improve our communication with you this year. Therefore, if you know of good ways to improve our communication with you, please email your ideas to the school or call them in.

We just completed the Fall MAP testing. Thank you to the students for all their hard work to achieve the good scores that they achieved. Our winter Map Tests are scheduled to be between Jan.11 and Jan 29. Our Spring Map tests will be from May 2 to May 20.

While on the subject of testing, our yearly Iowa Testing Program will be held on the following dates. November 9, 10, 12, and 13.

This month we will be conducting our annual school fundraiser. We want to raise money to purchase a quality projection screen for the school auditorium. Currently, we have used a scrim that leaves much lacking in terms of sharpness and brightness of the images viewed in the auditorium. A new screen will solve this problem.

I wish all a very happy and healthy October.

Dale Lass

Dale Lass, Principal

WELCOME! ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL BRENDA DUVAL



Brenda Duval has returned to Roosevelt as our new Assistant Principal. She spent the last five years as the Special Education Coordinator for our district and worked out of the central office on Chaney Road. Prior to that, for the first five years our building was open, she was our Special Education Department Chairperson. Before her days as a raptor, she worked as a special education teacher at Lincoln Elementary School. Brenda was born and raised in Dubuque. She received her Bachelor's degree in teaching and Master's Degree in Special Education from Loras College and received her Administrator endorsement from Morningside College. She has a husband, Jeremy, and two children, Ryan and Lizzy, who both attend Senior High School. She is eager to get to know the staff, students and families of Roosevelt!

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Joe Carter was named
Anderson Weber July teacher of the month



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Activity notes

HAPPY ACTIVITY GREETINGS,

As I sit at my desk writing this article in mid-September, I am amazed at the number of students that have already chosen to participate in a co-curricular and/or extra-curricular activity here at Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School. This is SUPER. This demonstrates that students want to be an active part of their school and make their middle school years a memorable experience.

At Roosevelt, all athletic opportunities meet after the conclusion of the school day. With athletics, Eleanor Roosevelt offers a skills development program for sixth grade students focusing on the areas of track, basketball, football, and volleyball. For seventh and eighth grade students, we offer opportunities in volleyball, football, cross country, wrestling, basketball, dance and track. Currently, the number of students participating in football, cross country, volleyball, and 6th grade Track are INCREDIBLE. I am so pleased to see such a wonderful turnout of students.

Many of our co-curricular groups and other clubs and activities meet with sponsors during the course of the school day. Our clubs and activities program that we will offer during eighth period will begin AFTER the Iowa Testing Program tests are completed in November. These clubs will be held on Tuesday's again this year. Also, returning again this year, Roosevelt will also offer many optional 'LEAP After-School Clubs' for students to attend. LEAP stands for Leadership Enrichment After-School Programs. The goal of Roosevelt's LEAP Programming is to allow our students to become involved in new and diverse experiences through a wide variety of after-school activities. More information on this will be coming in a future newsletter and on our school website www.roosevelt.dbqschools.org.






Co-curricular opportunities and activities offered at Roosevelt include choir, show choir, band, jazz band, orchestra, and chamber orchestra. There are also opportunities for students to participate in our many clubs, such as First Lego League, Peer Helpers, RTV Multimedia, Art Enrichment, Student Council, Special Olympics, Triple A, Young Citizens Forum, and many other opportunities just to name a few. Also meeting during school, and after the conclusion of the school day, is our Fine Arts Mentorship Experience (FAME) group. This group will begin in December and January.

It is our hope that students will become involved in a team, co-curricular, or extra-curricular activity here at Roosevelt. This is a great opportunity to make new friends and create life-long memories! Please be sure to 'LIKE' our school FACEBOOK PAGE to find many pictures of co-curricular groups, activities, and athletics!

Jeff Johl
Activities Director and Assistant Principal

October 2015 erms activities calendar

October 2015
Eleanor Roosevelt Activities Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sep 27  Have your school Face- book page?	Sep 28 10:50 AM PBS Event-"Lunch on the Lawn" 3:00 PM 6th Grade Track - Girls Team Picnic @ East Dubuque FB - 7th Purple @ East Dubuque (7R/8R) VB - 7th Silver v. WD Black (7R/8R) VB - Silver v. Jefferson Gold (7/8R)	Sep 29 3:00 PM 6th Gr. Track - Boys Team Pictures FB - 8th Purple @ WD Red (7R/8R) VB - Purple v. Jefferson Gold (7R/8R) VB - Silver v. Mazzuchelli Blue (7M/8R)	Sep 30 7:45 AM - 10:00 AM School Picture Re-take Day VB - Black v. WD Black (7R/8WD)	Oct 1 4:15 PM CC - Meet @ West Dubuque Bobcat Invitational FB - 7th Purple v. Mazzuchelli Blue (7R/8R) VB - 7th Silver @ Galena (7R/8R) VB - Purple v. Washington Blue (7R/8R)	Oct 2  7:30 AM Special Olympics Team to Davenport VB - Black v. Jefferson Red (7R/8R)	Oct 3
			LAST WEEK OF MAP TESTING			
Oct 4	Oct 5  2:00 PM Battle of the Books Club Informational Meeting FB - 8th Purple @ Mazzuchelli Blue (7R/8R) VB - 8th Silver v. Washington (7R/8R) VB - Black v. Mazzuchelli Gold (7R/8R) VB - Purple v. WD Black (7WD/8R)	Oct 6 4:00 PM CC - Meet at Manchester 5:30 PM PTO Meeting in the LRC 6th Grade Track Meet FB - 7th Purple @ Jefferson (7R/8R) VB - 7th Silver v. Mazzuchelli Blue (7R/8R)	Oct 7 VB - Black v. Mazzuchelli Blue (7R/8M) VB - Silver v. Washington Blue (7R/8W)	Oct 8 FB - 8th Purple v. WD Black (7R/8R) VB - 8th Silver @ WD Red White (7W/8R)	Oct 9	Oct 10
Oct 11	Oct 12 FB - 7th Purple @ Washington (7R/8R) VB - 7th Silver v. WD Red (7/8R) VB - Silver v. Jefferson Red (7/8R)	Oct 13 FB - 8th Purple v. Jefferson (7M/8R) VB - Purple v. Mazzuchelli Blue (7M/8R)	Oct 14 8:00 AM Pinnacle Fundraiser Kick-Off Day Trimester 1 Mid-Term Ends VB - Black v. Jefferson Gold (7/8R)	Oct 15 7:30 AM STEM Rocket Day FB - 7th Purple v. WD Red (7R/8R) VB - 7th Silver @ Washington (7/8R)	Oct 16 2:00 PM Trimester 1 Midterms Home via Courier Envelopes*** 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Gr. 6 Fun Night and Gr. 7 & 8 Dance NO AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	Oct 17
Oct 18	Oct 19  2:30 PM Gr. 7 & 8 Girls' Basketball Practice Begins 2:30 PM Gr. 7 & 8 Wrestling Practice Begins in Multi-Purpose Room	Oct 20	Oct 21 10:45 AM - 1:00 PM Fundraiser Quick Start Award Day	Oct 22	Oct 23	Oct 24
Oct 25	Oct 26	Oct 27 7:35 AM Pinnacle Fundraiser Order Turn-in Day	Oct 28  3:30 PM - 7:50 PM Parent Teacher Conferences NO AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	Oct 29 10:00 AM Jazz Band Rehearsal 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 PM - 7:50 PM Parent Teacher Conferences NO SCHOOL	Oct 30 NO SCHOOL	Oct 31
		RED RIBBON WEEK				

"The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience." - Eleanor Roosevelt (Master Calendar on Office 365)

PTO meeting minutes April 2015

ERMS PTO Minutes

April 7, 2015 5:30 p.m.

Call to Order/ Roll Call

Attendees:

PTO Officers

Jinty Montocchio – President

Shirley Butler – 1st VP

Suzanne Bernardi – 2nd VP

Jody Pfohl - Recording Secretary

Tracy Goedken (absent)- Corresponding Secretary

Crissy Thoms (absent)– Treasurer

Board of Directors

Dale Lass, Stacy Stackis (absent) (staff representative), Kerry Bowman (absent), Rachel

Kilburg, Melanie Offerman (absent), Megan Skipper (Absent), Teresa

Fitzjerrells, Tam McKeon (absent)

Committee Chairs

Teresa Fitzjerrells– Dance Chair; Jinty Montocchio - Spirit Wear Chair; Michele

Engelken (absent)-Hospitality Chair

Jeff Johl—Sports/Activities Booster;

Kelly Jo Fassbinder (absent)- Newsletter & Yearbook

Guests: Carrie Timmerman, Christa Burgess

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Susanne Bernardi to approve the minutes for the March meeting, Crissy Thoms second. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report: Jody Pfohl made a motion to approve the Treasurers report and Shirley Butler second. Treasurers Report was approved.

Principal's Report: Mr. Lass reported that there has been no budging on the allowable growth percentage at the state level yet. School officials are working on the budget assuming a 0% increase for this year. This means that the building budget for Roosevelt will be reduced by 20% for the next school year. Most likely, field trip funding will be cut and there will need to be additional items cut as well. Roosevelt placed 5th in the state at the Math Counts competition. There has been a screen installed in the library and there will soon be a projector installed to be used for professional development.

New Business/Request Forms: Request for \$210.00 to purchase 30 copies of the novel "Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie." Request was approved. There are many members who will exiting the PTO at the end of this school year. We are hoping to get some 6th grade parent volunteers at Open House. Any current 6th and 7th grade parents are welcome to join the PTO!! If you are interested, please contact Jinty Montocchio for more information.

Committee Reports: No report

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Dance: The dance was a success. Number were down for 6th grade. There were 3 reasons given for declined participation: absence of the inflatable activities that are known for being at the final dance, the kids are tired of the games that are provided—looking for different activities and they didn't like the theme (didn't want to dress up.) There were strong numbers for the 7th and 8th grades and the students enjoyed themselves.

Spirit Wear: Nothing new. T-shirts have arrived for 6th grade open house

FAME: No report.

Yearbook: The yearbook is finished! submitted.

Newsletter: No report

Hospitality: No report

PBIS: No report

School Sports and Activities: There are record numbers signed up for 7th and 8th grade track. There are over 100 girls and over 100 boys. This has resulted in a Purple and Silver team for each in order to provide adequate activities for all of those involved. 6th grade volleyball and flag football will begin on May 1st.

Reminders: Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 5th at 5:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jody Pfohl No

Attendance

BEST PROCEDURE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:

ERMS Attendance procedure for picking up your student for an appointment during school hours.

- Send a note with your student in the morning.
- The note should include: Student's name, pick-up time, reason for leaving early, and parent's signature.
- The student should bring that note to the main office first thing in the morning. He or she will be given a pass out of class in exchange for the note.
- Then your student will meet you at the east door by the flag pole. And he or she can come out when you pull up to the curb.

Option 2: If you know in advance that your child will miss school you can send an email to ERMSAttendance@dbqschools.org. Please include your child's name, pick-up time and reason for leaving early.

If you need to pick up your student due to a last minute situation, you may call the attendance line at 552-5012. If we received the information through a phone call, then you have to meet your student in the building. In that case you will need to come through the door by the flag pole. Then check in with the secretary at the window.

Please notify us as early in the day as possible so that we can better serve you.

WHO ARE THE NEW TEACHERS?

Ms. Kristina Castenada, Art Teacher

Mrs. Castenada previously taught at the Alternative Learning Center and at various elementary schools in the district. She brings with her 9 years of experience



Ms. Molly Davis, Special Education

Ms. Davis is teaching special education in house 6-3. She has taught previously at Fulton Elementary School Multi Cat department. She is in her 2nd year of teaching.



Mrs. Kerry Elliott, Guidance Counselor

Mrs. Elliott is our eighth grade guidance counselor. She previously has been a guidance counselor in high schools in California and also has worked in group homes for troubled teens. Last year she worked in the School-Within-A-School program at Jefferson Middle School.



Ms. Melissa Husemann, Science Teacher

Ms. Husemann is our 7-1 science teacher. She is a first year teacher, who is finding that middle school is a great place for the teaching of science. At her Alma matter, she was awarded as the top science teaching student in their program for 2014-2015.



WHO ARE THE NEW TEACHERS?

Mr. Lucas Link, Social Studies Teacher

Mr. Link is our 8-2 social studies teacher. He is in his second year of teaching, (previously taught at Hempstead last year). He also, coaches Freshman Football and Track at Hempstead.



Mrs. Lindsey Mohr, Special Education Teacher

Mrs. Mohr is our special education teacher of the Personal Learning Program. She is in her first year of teaching, but she has been working in the program previous years and knows our program very well.



Ms. Taylor Tierney, Math Teacher

Ms. Tierney is the house 7-3 math teacher. She previously taught math at Senior high School last year. Ms. Tierney is finding our students very eager to learn the new concepts that our new math curriculum covers.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS BOWLING



Students from Eleanor Roosevelt went to the Miller Park Bowling alley in Davenport on Friday, October 2nd. These are the following students that went bowling: Hannah Biedermann, Aaliyah Galle, Eddie Kordell, David Hermsen, Taya Cribbs, Tyler Brown, Abby Ricks, Brooke Ricks, Trevor Meyer, Maggie Hooks and Madison Sheehy. Everyone did a great job! A special thank you to our life skills teachers who assisted at the event. Super start at our first competition. Mr. Paca Special Olympic coach

from the nurses office:

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

In the near future those students who have not provided the required documentation will be receiving a letter stating the last date they may attend school.

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

Your prompt attention to this is required by Iowa State Law.

When calling in your child due to illness please inform the school of their symptoms. This information is necessary for determining what illness is in the school that needs to be reported to the State Health Department and, also, as an awareness for our students who are susceptible due to chronic illness. Your dedication to helping us with this is appreciated.

Vickie Stone RN



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Clip Box Tops, earn online or enter for chances to win Bonus Box Tops. Your school's earnings can add up fast! Look for Box Tops throughout your grocery store on hundreds of participating products.

Please bring in 10 box tops and on Friday we will give away a price for prices in total, for the participants that bring the box top. I will buy the prices and leave it at the office.

Terms contacts & office staff

Main Office: 552-5000

Principal: Mr. Dale Lass

Business Manager/
Principal's Secretary:
Ms. Christy Meyers

Receptionist:
Mrs. Karen Weber

Activities Office: 552-5010

Assistant Principal / Athletic
Director: Mr. Jeff Johl

Assistant Principal's
Secretary / Activities: Mrs. Terri
Kluesner

Attendance Office: 552-5012

Assistant Principal:
Mrs. Brenda Duvel

Attendance/Assistant
Principal's Secretary:
Mrs. Julie Banigan

Health Office: 552-5016

Nurse, Ms. Vickie Stone
Health Para, Lora Fuller

Guidance Office: 552-5013

Grade 6 - Ms. Angela Haller
Grade 7 - Mrs. Amy Glennon
Grade 8 - Mrs. Kerry Elliott

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 Policy #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 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>.

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



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