

OUR MISSION

The mission of Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School is to develop respectful, responsible learners through a rigorous curriculum in a caring, diverse community.



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OUR NEWSLETTER

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.

OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS



NOTES FROM MR. JOHLL

Dear Roosevelt families:

Happy November! I hope that this newsletter finds you and your family doing well, enjoying the seasonal fall weather.

TRIMESTER 2 | It's hard to believe that in a few days we will begin the second trimester of the 2020-2021 school year. The first day for Group 2 (Hybrid B) students is Thursday, November 19, and the first day for Group 1 (Hybrid A) will be on Friday, November 20. Because your child(ren) will have a new specialist class (Art, Health, or Gen. Music), I recommend that you take some time next week to review their schedule on Infinite Campus. For our Fully-Online students, their new courses will be made available and ready on Thursday, November 19.

PBIS | For both our hybrid and fully-online families, you may have heard your child use the acronym PBIS. If you are new to Roosevelt this year, you may be wondering what that means. PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports. It's an organizational structure that we have implemented with our staff and students that allows us to create a positive learning community. It's not a curriculum, nor is it a lock-step program, but instead it's a structured approach for positively interacting and working with our students. The emphasis of PBIS is built on a school-wide philosophy that our staff will teach, model, and reinforce the positive student behaviors needed to be successful in learning.

We have been a PBIS school for many years, and we are continuing to use it this year with our hybrid students. We are also in the planning stages to expand our use with fully-online students during the second trimester.



My guess is that you might have overheard talk about some of the monthly PBIS activities that we offer to promote and encourage a positive culture at Roosevelt, or maybe you've heard about the three guiding principles for our program. Here at Roosevelt we strive to promote a culture where students can

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demonstrate that they are **Ready** to learn, **Responsible** for what they do, and **Respectful** in their actions. These three guiding principles are known as the "3 R's" of our PBIS program. Students who demonstrate the "3 R's" are recognized by our staff members with a Raptor Recognition Ticket. These tickets are not a reward, but instead a recognition shown to the student for their appropriate display of behavior or for following the expectations of the school. Students can then use these tickets for the monthly PBIS events, or other special activities provided by their house teachers. In September we had a "Lunch on the Lawn" day for our students, and in October the PBIS team sponsored "Costume Day" for students.

We continue to use the PBIS approach with our students because it works! PBIS is led here at Roosevelt by a staff leadership team, which in turn is led by two staff coaches, Mrs. Rigdon and Mrs. Ligeralde. I want to publicly thank both of them and our team for their leadership of this work. It is also important to note that this is a school initiative that our PTO continues to support each year, and I want to publicly say thank you for their help with our events and activities.

BULLYING, HARASSMENT, & DISCRIMINATION ARE NOT ALLOWED | With this newsletter I want to share a new electronic reporting option that anyone may use to report a concern. The new online concern form can be found at this district link: <https://www.dbqschools.org/parents/say-something/>. It is available to all students, staff, parents, and community members to use, and it can be submitted anonymously. If a concern is shared electronically, it will be routed directly to me as the school principal as well as to our district office. Please know that this new form is not intended to replace the current communication channels we have in place to let us know of any bullying, harassment, or discrimination. We are committed to creating a safe learning environment for all of our hybrid and fully online learning students.

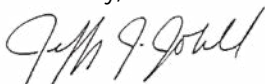
LOCKERS | By the time you are reading this article, all hybrid students will have received a school locker to use. With colder weather approaching, we are utilizing the lockers for coats, hats, and gloves. It can also be used to store after-school athletic practice gear. We will not use them for any other purpose, and our plan is to continue with books bags during the school day. In the morning your child(ren) should still report directly to their homebase classroom Monday through Thursday, and their first period class on Friday, and from there they will be dismissed in small groups to go to their locker, if needed. A similar process will be used at the end of the day.

AT HOME LEARNING | For our hybrid parents and guardians, we need your help. It would be wonderful if you could have another conversation with your child(ren) regarding their routine/schedule on the days they are learning from home. As you know, the work being assigned by our teachers on those days is critically important to providing your child(ren) with a full-year of academic standards and learning. We are noticing that some students are not logging in to Canvas on the at-home learning days, and some are coming back to school the next day with tasks unfinished. Your emphasis to them on the importance of completing their assigned tasks is very much appreciated! We also greatly appreciate your efforts in monitoring their work from home!

ERMS FACEBOOK | If you have not done so already, please consider following the Roosevelt Facebook page. We share pictures of learning, activities, athletics and much more, along with other important information. Many of our PBIS activities are featured on our Facebook page. See the link at the bottom left.

Have a great Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,



Jeffrey J. Jöhl, Principal

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ERMS Houses each have their own Instagram accounts. On a computer type in the following website and add the house user name after the "/" without the "@" symbol. Go to:

Instagram.com/_____

OR

via the free Instagram app, create an account if you don't already have one, then search for the user name listed below. Make sure to include the "@" symbol.

THEN

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RAPTOR RAVES: NOVEMBER



House 6-1 has chosen **Sophia Gomez-Lopez** as the Raptor Rave for Group 1. Sophia demonstrates all of the qualities that we like to see in a Roosevelt Raptor. She shows respect daily by being helpful to her peers and teachers. She will always greet you with a smile and a hello at the start of class. She is friendly to all of her classmates and is always willing to work hard to be successful. She is a very responsible student who continues to complete all of her homework assignments on time and completes them well. If she does not understand something, she will email or ask her teachers for help. She will also participate in class and is a great leader for her peers. She has continued to do her best work daily. We can see that Sophia cares about her schoolwork and learning. She is always ready for the day and comes to class prepared and ready to work hard. Sophia has been a joy to have in class and has such a kind heart. All of the House 6-1 teachers agree that she is very deserving of this recognition!



House 6-1 names **Grace Eichhorn** as our Group 2 Raptor Rave for this month. Grace is a learner who is ready, respectful, and responsible both at school and at home. She wants to do well and puts in the work to make that happen. She engages with her learning activities, asks questions when needed, and participates in class discussions. She is friendly and polite and helpful. Congratulations, Grace! Keep up the good work.



House 6-2 nominates **Alex Konrardy** as our November Raptor Rave. Alex is a dedicated and hard worker in class. He is also super helpful to other students that may need a little extra help. His attitude is always positive and appears ready to learn on a daily basis. We are excited to have Alex in our house!



House 6-2 is proud to announce **Calista Vogt** as one of our Raptor Raves for November. Throughout her 6th grade year thus far, Calista has shown what a hard-working student represents. She has persevered through many obstacles to be successful in many areas of our rigorous curriculum. Calista is a hard-working student who never gives up. She is a kind, sweet young lady and we are proud of what she has accomplished so far this year. Keep up the great work Calista!



House 6-3 is proud to nominate **Grace Kleiner** for our Raptor Rave! Grace is a true Raptor. She is always Ready to learn. She is a great problem solver and ready to help others when she has the opportunity. Grace is also Responsible; she completes her assignments on time with excellent quality. She has her materials for class, is on time and takes responsibility for her own learning. She is extremely Respectful—something we love to see in a Raptor! Grace treats other students well, is appropriate with equipment and her surroundings, and is always respectful with adults in the building. For demonstrating all three R's, all the time, House 6-3 is happy to recognize Grace Kleiner as our Raptor Rave!

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House 6-3 nominates **Sophia Brauhn** for October Raptor Rave for day B. In each of her classes, Sophie has a ready mindset to learn. She shows respect for others, her teachers, and our classroom norms—both at school and online. She models responsibility with the attention she devotes to completion of her assignments accurately and on time. Sophie is a frequent contributor to classroom discussion and will assist those around her. Congratulations Sophie on a great start to 6th grade!



House 7-1 would like to recognize **Hunter Melde** as one of our Raptor Raves this month. He is a dedicated student who consistently uses his time wisely, and accepts feedback and direction very well. Hunter is kind to both peers and adults, and is willing to lend a helping hand wherever it is needed. Keep it up, Hunter! We are happy to have you here!



House 7-1 also nominates **Lotus Friedman** as our Raptor Rave. Lotus puts forth her best effort both in class and while working at home. She perseveres through tasks, reaching out for help when needed. Lotus consistently looks for opportunities to improve on any skill. Lotus is a kind student with a bright personality, and we are grateful to have her here with us in 7-1!



House 7-2 proudly nominates **Elijah Kerns** as this month's Raptor Rave. Elijah comes to class each day eager to learn with all his at-home work completed. Elijah always puts forth his best efforts and participates in class. He is a such a positive role model for his peers as he leads by example. Elijah's kind spirit never goes unnoticed and we are grateful to have him in our house this year!



House 7-2 is proud to announce **April Theisen** as our Raptor Rave. April comes to class each day with a smile and positive attitude. She is eager to learn and works hard every day to do her best. April is RESPECTFUL to everyone, adults and peers alike. She's READY to learn with all her materials and completed assignments. Our favorite thing about April is her positive attitude and the RESPECTFUL and kind way she treats everyone.



House 7-3 nominates **Fernando Moran** as our Raptor Rave. Fernando works hard on his at-home learning and participates in class with excellence. He asks quality questions that benefit the whole class. He is respectful to his teachers and classmates and has a positive attitude about school and learning. Way to go Fernando!

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House 7-3 has chosen **Evie Wood** as one of our November Raptor Raves. Evie is always responsible in completing her academic work, both in school and at home. She always comes to class prepared and works hard. Evie is kind and helpful to other students and to staff. Keep up the great work, Evie!



House 8-1 selects **Kaitlyn Hendricks** as a great representative of the 3 Rs! She is always prepared for class, always logs in on her online learning days, is a fantastic advocate for her own learning and is kind to everyone. She is eager to learn and always has a smile under the mask! She is a great participant in class and is willing to help others. She represents all of the great Raptors in House 8-1 and we are so happy she is in our 8-1 Family!



House 8-1 recognizes **Robert Glab** as what every Raptor should be! He is respectful, responsible and always ready to learn. He has a pleasant disposition about him and he is always willing to lend a helping hand. Robert always logs in on his online learning days and in class he is a great participant, always ready to share his thoughts. He is a good friend and sets an excellent example for everyone in House 8-1! We are so glad he is an 8-1 Raptor!



House 8-2 proudly chooses **Bryant Knopp** as this month's Raptor Rave for Group 1. Bryant is a hard worker and is eager to accept any challenge that he is faced. Bryant has held himself accountable during his online learning days and is not afraid to ask for help when needed during his days at school. It is a pleasure to have Bryant in class and we thoroughly enjoy having him in house 8-2!



House 8-2 chooses **Karlee Winter** as this month's Raptor Rave for Group 2. Karlee always has a positive demeanor and is kind and patient to those around her. Karlee makes class light hearted, silly and is well liked by her peers and teachers. We are so glad Karlee is in house 8-2 and cannot wait to see what the rest of the year brings for her.

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House 8-3 teachers are extremely pleased to recognize **Praneel Chotubhai** and **Emerson Glaser** as our Raptor Raves this month!

Both of these amazing students give 110% effort in everything they do. They seek to be the very best versions of themselves every day and in every way. They personify the three R's of ERMS and go out of their way to be kind, respectful, and helpful to others. Praneel and Emme, we recognize how hard you work and what you put into all you do.



We appreciate you and are so thankful that you are part of the 8-3 family! Thanks for being you!



Fully Online—Edgenuity nominates **Ella Hopf** as our 6th grade Raptor Rave for being very dedicated and working hard to finish her coursework. Ella has a very colorful personality and very kind to peers. She also has great motivation and drive to succeed. She demonstrates the Roosevelt values through her presence, work, dedication, and her attitude. She is respectful at all times during zooms and meetings. Ella is hardworking and always ready for school. She demonstrates great responsibility by preserving through the hard work of Edgenuity.



Fully Online—Edgenuity has chosen **Paige Krier** as our other 6th grade Raptor Rave. She is a brave student who is making great strides. She works hard to finish a task, she demonstrates responsibility by asking for help when she needs it. She is very strong in her work, and is very patient. Paige has a great attitude about her coursework, she puts in many hours every week on her studies. She also has a great love of life, and is a lot of fun to work with. Paige is very respectful because she waits her turn, and raises her hand during class; she is also always ready for her meetings. She comes prepared with the right questions and materials.



Fully Online—Edgenuity recognizes **Queenie Xue** as our 7th grade Raptor Rave this month as she constantly demonstrates the 3 R's every single day. Queenie demonstrates great drive and perseverance in her studies, she also exemplifies what a successful student needs to do to accomplish their goals. Queenie is very quick, smart, and dedicated. She demonstrates the values of Roosevelt by being prepared and ready to learn at all times. Queenie asks questions, and works hard to be efficient. She is very respectful by demonstrating values of patience, perseverance, and hard work. Queenie is also very responsible, she is self-motivated at work, and is very kind to her peers.

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Fully Online—Edgenuity also names **Felicity Send** as our 7th grade Raptor Rave this month for being dedicated each and every school day. Felicity is very caring, calm, focused, and dedicated to her work. She is very responsible because she works hard and puts in over 30-40 hours a week in her schooling. Felicity was one of the first students to complete all of her courses weeks before the end of the trimester. She is also always ready for a zoom meeting, a 1:1 meeting, assisting other students with their courses; Felicity is a great leader amongst her peers. I enjoy having her in class, she is very patient, dedicated, and highly self-motivated. Felicity also works hard to get a perfect score on her tests, assignments, and quizzes. She takes great pride and responsibility in her work.



Fully Online—Edgenuity nominates 8th grader **Mazin Imran** for working very diligently in his online courses. His work ethic is over the top. He works very hard at getting his course work completed on time. His accuracy shows through in both his academics and his log sessions.



Fully Online—Edgenuity has also nominated 8th grader **John DSouza** for his consistent hard effort in completing his online work. He is very accurate and is extremely responsible when it comes to his online studies. When needing assistance, he is very polite. He also participates in our SEL zoom sessions.

ERMS ATTENDANCE PROCEDURE

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, 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. When picking up your student, you will need to wear a mask and enter the building 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.

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Submitted by: Mrs. Glennon (6th), Mrs. Elliot (7th) and Mrs. Kaiser (8th)

We acknowledged Brain Health with all students during raptor time! Students learned that brain health is just as important as physical health, and what they should do if they need help.

According to Teen Mental Health.org, 1 in 5 young people suffer from a mental illness—that's 20% of our population. If you need assistance regarding your student's mental health, please contact your student's grade level counselor.

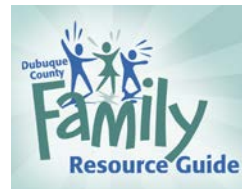
Also, during raptor time, 6th grade continues to learn about Zones and 7th and 8th grade learned about self-care and coping skills. Guidance class this month focused on time management. Students were to complete a schedule for their at-school days and their on-line days. Hopefully, a visual schedule helps students with completing schoolwork and staying organized during this unique school year.

Click on the images to link to helpful resources:

Start the conversation



Family Resource Guide



Meal pick-up sites

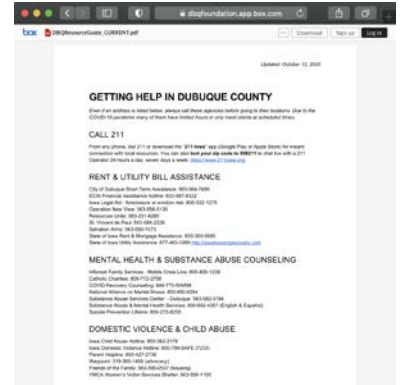


RESOURCE CENTER

Submitted by: Mrs. Glennon (6th), Mrs. Elliot (7th) and Mrs. Kaiser (8th)

If you or someone you know needs assistance in the below areas, check out the accompanying link for an up-to-date list of available resources:

- Rent & Utility Bill Assistance
- Mental Health & Substance Abuse Counselling
- Domestic Violence & Child Abuse
- Sexual Assault
- Food Assistance
- Baby Supplies, Personal Hygiene Products
- Feminine Hygiene Products



Click on the following link to open the up-to date PDF:

<https://tinyurl.com/DBQHELPPDOC> OR **CALL 211**

From any phone, dial 211 or download the "211 Iowa" app (Google Play or Apple Store) for instant connection with local resources. You can also text your zip code to 898211 to chat live with a 211 Operator 24-hours a day, seven days a week. <https://www.211iowa.org/>

Please make sure to share this information with those that may benefit from the above resources.

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MATH MASTERPIECES

Submitted by: Mrs. Leitzen

Students were asked to design a creative construction based on an equilateral triangle, a square and a regular pentagon. They created some amazing masterpieces that would be great graphic designs.



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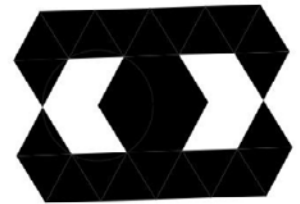
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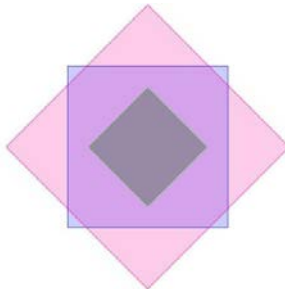
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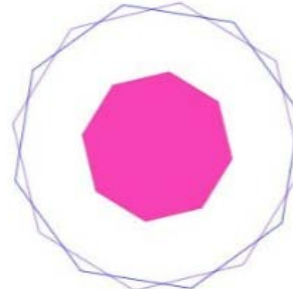
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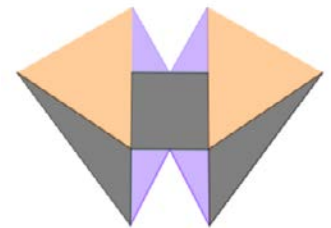
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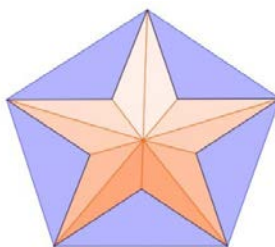
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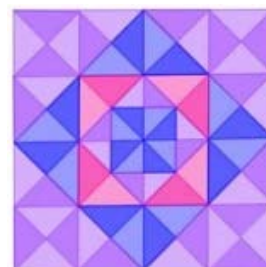
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STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

Submitted by: Mrs. Winger, Student Council Advisor

Congratulations to the following students who were elected to Student Council last week! And thank you to all of our great candidates who ran.



6-1 Ashley Nank



6-1 Lucy Moore



6-1 Makayla Zelle



6-2 Sanders Cox



6-2 Emmie Loeffelholz



6-2 Gustavo Nava



6-2 Sam Wertzberger



6-3 Mara Deutsch



6-3 Mara Hinz



6-3 Spencer Meyer



6-3 Emmy Mihalakis



6-3 Isla Steckel



7-1 Hadyn Phelan



7-2 Becca Bergfeld



7-2 Seamus McDonald



7-2 Eden Thomas



7-3 Aubreigh Cockrell



7-3 Rowyn Kay

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7-3 Payton Markham



8-1 Max Hoden



8-1 Mitchell Pins



8-2: Colin Kurt



8-2 Calvin Lueken



8-2 Reagan Goldstein



8-2 Ty Loeffelholz

8-3 (NONE)

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

The Student Council will be collecting donations for the Dubuque Food Pantry through Friday November 20th. Students can contribute by bringing a nonperishable, canned, or boxed food item and placing it in the collection boxes found in their house area. Thank you for promoting this community support event being sponsored by our Student Council.

MILK CAP COLLECTION

As we make our way through this year, we are starting to collect Prairie Farms milk caps. As your family enjoys glasses of milk, rinse out the caps, let them dry and place them in a bag. Then drop them off at the school office. One of our PTO volunteers will pick them up weekly to redeem for the ERMS PTO to support our school.



AMAZON SMILE

If you use Amazon, remember to use the Amazon charity site so a percentage of your purchase will be donated back to our ERMS PTO to benefit our school.

HOW IT WORKS:

1. Go to smile.amazon.com
2. Login
3. Scan the QR code to find "Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School PTO Inc" in Dubuque IA and make it your charity.
4. Shop as you normally do!



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ERMS PTO

Hello Roosevelt Families! I wanted to start out by thanking everyone who donated items for the Staff "treat bags" and meal for last month's conferences. It was wonderful to see the amount of generosity provided by the Roosevelt families.

The Roosevelt Winter Spirit Apparel store is now open with new items added! Place your order at <https://ermswinter20.itemorder.com/> The store closes on Monday, November 16th. Orders to be distributed early December.

SPIRIT NIGHT | Please mark your calendars for the November Spirit Night at "Freddy's" on Tuesday, November 17th from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. Please be sure to mention or show a digital copy of the below flyer for Roosevelt PTO to receive a percentage of sales between the event hours.

The flyer features a red and white color scheme. At the top is a circular logo for Freddy's Fundraisers. The main text reads "ENJOY Fresh FOOD & RAISE Funds". Below this, it says "Join your friends and family at Freddy's" followed by the address "2589 NW Arterial, Dubuque, IA 52002" and the date and time "Tuesday, November 17, 2020, 4:00 - 9:00 PM". A red speech bubble contains the text "Be sure to tell the cashier you're part of this group!". At the bottom, it says "Roosevelt Middle School PTO will receive a percentage of the sales from this event!" and features the Freddy's logo with "FROZEN CUSTARD & STEAKBURGERS". The footer includes the website "FreddysUSA.com" and social media icons for Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.

Thank you to those of you who have joined the PTO. If you have not done so and are interested in supporting Roosevelt PTO, you can pay annual dues online through the Dubuque Community School District online payment portal or send a check for \$10 made out to Roosevelt PTO to the main office at Roosevelt.

The next PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. We will also have the option to join the meeting via Zoom. Please message our Facebook page or email us ERMSPTO@outlook.com for the Zoom link.

Thank you,
Becky Kemp, *PTO President*

ERMS PTO MINUTES

PTO MEETING MINUTES: 10/06/20

Attendees: Principal Jeff Johl, Becky Kemp, Stephanie Wolter, Tammy Rausch, Michelle Hingtgen, Cassie McDonald, Kim Davis, Val Loewenberg, Beth Hoden, Barb Coakley, Cathy Haylock

Approval of June minutes: Motion to approve the minutes made by Steph and Beth seconded the motion. Motion approved.

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NEXT PTO MEETING

Join us for our next meeting. All are welcome to attend on **Tuesday, December 1, 2020** from 6:30–7:30 p.m. in the Library or via Zoom.

If you need the Zoom link for our next meeting, follow our Facebook page and send us a personal message OR email us at:

ERMSPTO@outlook.com

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Treasurer's report: Tammy presented the Treasurer report. Motion to approve the reports made by Becky and Steph seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Principal's Corner: Principal Jeff Johll indicated that the hybrid learning method is going great. Students are doing great with the 3 W's and wearing masks properly. Parent teacher conferences are later in October. Conferences will primarily be through zoom. There are going to be 2 other options which are a phone conference or receive info via email from teacher. If nothing works then an in building option is a last resort.

Information on School Plan: Principal Jeff Johll explained the school plan which drives the professional learning offered to teachers. Roosevelt is currently a targeted school with the state based on students with IEP's and people of color having lower than the states average for reading scores. After 3 year plan, when Roosevelt was tested all targeted goals were met. Will be tested after this school year and based on goals set after last testing, there is hope that Roosevelt will no longer be in the targeted group. Roosevelt has been recognized by the state as one of the top schools based on overall performance. The school plan includes two goals. The 1st goal is to enhance teaching and learning for all students in all content areas through professional learning on best practices through universal instruction. The 2nd goal is to enhance teaching and learning for all students in all content areas through professional learning on best practices in equity and inclusion and PBIS/Trauma Informed Care.

Dance: Christy Heller and Hayley Taylor stated all dances are cancelled at this time.

PBIS: Principal Jeff Johll stated he moved forward with raffles and they will be monthly. Very thankful for the support PTO is giving them for PBIS. One activity already this year for a PBIS activity was "lunch on the lawn" and was very well attended.

Hospitality: Cassie McDonald & Tammy Rausch discussed the meal for parent teacher conferences. Doing one meal for staff of a box lunch (sub sandwich, fruit, chips, and cookie) which is being purchased through the district. A sign up genius will be sent out requesting drinks and snack packs.

Newsletter & Social Media: Kim Davis indicated that newsletter is being targeted to go out Friday. She indicated all PTO meetings are scheduled to post on Facebook a week before. She gave a reminder if anyone has anything they want posted on Facebook to let Kim know at least a week ahead of time and she will put the reminder out on the ERMS PTO page.

Spirit Nights: Brittany Winders & Stephanie Wolter indicated that the October spirit night will be at Your Pie. Brittany will set up date on Friday 10/9/20. She is trying to schedule it on a Thursday night. There will be a flyer to present the flyer and 15% will go back to ERMS PTO. She will confirm if the 15% includes delivery, curbside and/or carryout. The November spirit night will be at Freddy's on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 from 4-7 p.m. There will be a flyer to present. Kim offered to put an event on Facebook for both events. Pizza Ranch was very successful. Parents like that it included drive thru and carry out.

Spirit Wear: Brenda Nank & Becky Kemp indicated that fall profit check was received. Becky stated that 43 masks were sold via special mask only sale. The staff only store is open currently and is planned to be reopened during the school-wide winter store. Currently planning to open winter store in late October or early November. Depending on availability of items at current vendor, if certain items cannot be offered another vendor will be considered for those items.

Yearbook: Val Loewenberg & Beth Hoden indicated pictures are off to a good start for the yearbook. This year there were fewer kids that had their picture taken than in prior years. They are working on how to handle this.

Volunteer database launch: 20 plus people signed up and volunteered, which is great to start the year.

Vote in co-chairs for Committee's: Tammy Rausch for Hospitality, all in favor. Stephanie Wolter for Spirit Nights, all in favor. Becky Kemp for Spirit Wear, all in favor.

PTO Funds Request: Math teacher Ms. Nielsen requested \$130 for access to a premier math program that provides real time instruction for the new standards based learning math program. School is currently moving to the standards based learning math program. All PTO members in attendance agreed to defer the expense to be reviewed to be paid out of the school building budget, due to the fee being related to instruction.

Open discussion: Reminder to everyone at the meeting that the box top app can be utilized to earn money through box tops by just scanning your store receipt with participating products on it. The app will automatically credit the schools box tops account. A check is sent twice a year to the school automatically. This is a quick and easy way to support the ERMS PTO. Requested that a reminder be put on Facebook about the box tops app and using it when shopping.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the library with a Zoom video option. All are welcome to attend. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Hingtgen, *Secretary*



ELEANOR ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2020 | LEAP

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	December 1 7/8 th Grade GBB @ Jefferson 7/8 th Wrestling at Washington 4:00 PM PTO Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm in the cafeteria	December 2	December 3	December 4 Late Start	December 5
December 7 7/8 th Grade GBB @ Jefferson 7/8 th Grade Wrestling @ Roosevelt 4:00 PM	December 8 7/8 th Grade GBB @ Washington	December 9 7/8 th Grade GBB vs Washington	December 10	December 11 Late Start	December 12
December 14	December 15 7/8 th Grade GBB vs Jefferson 7/8 th Grade Wrestling @ Jefferson 4:00 PM	December 16	December 17	December 18 Late Start	December 19
December 21	December 22	December 23 No School	December 24 No School	December 25 No School	December 26
December 28 No School	December 29 No School	December 30 No School	December 31 No School		

DISTRICT INFORMATION

SAFE ZONE

This school is free of harassment, bullying and discrimination. The Anti-Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination Assurance Statement and School Board Polycys #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 ERMSAttendance@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>.