

ROBBINS ELEMENTARY

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APRIL NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Reestablishing a Reading Routine

"It's not even dark outside, Dad."

With sunlight (thankfully!) now lasting longer into the evening, I've noticed my own kids struggling to accept that bedtime is still the same time it's always been. This also means they aren't as willing to start winding down for bed as early, which can translate into missing out on or shortening their before-bed reading time.

It's no secret that life tends to speed up in the spring. With the weather getting warmer and activities going later into the afternoon and evening, it seems our only two speeds as a family are *Turbo* and *Sleep*. Yet despite all the parenting realities of springtime, it's still important to make reading a part of our daily routine. Here are some things that might be worth trying (if you are struggling as well):

- If your child ends up a spectator at a sibling's activities or needs to ride-along to pick kids up, encourage them to bring a book or a fun magazine to read instead of playing on an electronic device.
- Make before-bed reading with your child a priority for you as the adult, and it will likely become a special part of the day for them as well. Quiet time with your children is more and more a rarity as they get older, so schedule some time (away from your phone) to spend reading together as they wind down. It's a great excuse to forget about the world and focus on your children, their day and how they're doing. (Research shows that people enjoy being read to far beyond elementary school, so it's never too late!)
- If your child is into chapter books and enjoys reading independently, read the same book as your child so you can talk it over. We all want students to grow up reading for pleasure, and one of the best parts about books can be the experience of talking about them. Plus, lots of children's literature and young adult books are enjoyable and meaningful for adults, too.

Happy Spring, everyone! (And good luck with bedtime when the sun's still out.)

Jake Donze
Robbins Elementary Principal

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Public School Open Enrollment: February 4 – April 30, 2019

Wisconsin residents in grades 4K - 12 may apply to attend school in a school district other than the one in which they live. For example: a child who lives in the Altoona School District could apply to attend the Eau Claire Area School District (ECASD). Students in pre-kindergarten may participate in limited circumstances; parents should call Karen Larson at 852-3003 to find out if their preschool-aged child(ren) qualifies.

Students who are currently attending the ECASD through open enrollment DO NOT need to reapply.

The open enrollment application period for the 2019-2020 school year is February 4 – April 30, 2019. An online application will be available to the public beginning Monday, February 4, and closing at 4:00 pm on April 30, 2019. For more information about open enrollment, please go to: <http://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>.

Have you moved outside of the Eau Claire School District this year? If so, you need to complete a [Tuition Waiver Due To Move](#) form which can be found on the DPI website. Contact Karen Larson for more information at 715-852-3003.

2019-2020 CLASS LISTS

During the spring, Robbins staff carefully begins the process of creating class lists for the upcoming year. Staff members most involved in your child's education sit down and review his/her academic and behavioral strengths. Attention is given to create classroom environments with matching teaching/learning styles. Consideration is also given to gender and relationships.

If you would like to provide additional information about your child please stop by the office for a Student Description Form. We will review your input prior to placement. This form will be very helpful, but it does not guarantee any particular placement. **Consideration will not be given to forms that include the names of staff members.**

All forms must be submitted to Jake Donze, principal, Robbins Elementary School, by April 12th, 2019. Forms submitted after this date cannot be accepted.

DISMISSAL PLANS

Please make all arrangements for after school with your child before sending your child to school for the day. The office can take messages in the case of an emergency, but not on a regular basis, as dismissal is an extremely busy time of the day. We understand that plans do change, so if your after school arrangements are different than normal please write your child's teacher a note. If you have a dismissal schedule please share that with your child's teacher in writing. You may place calls to teachers before 8:30 a.m. or after 3:40 p.m. Emails sent directly to teachers during the day or voice mail messages may not be read or heard until after school. For the safety of the students, please make all after school arrangements before sending your child to school.

Thank you!

PLANNING ON MOVING?

ARE YOU MOVING OR DOES SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAVE A NEW or INCOMING STUDENT FOR NEXT YEAR?

If you have moved, it is important that you update your address immediately. If the new address is not in the Robbins attendance area, you must complete enrollment for your new neighborhood school. Please contact the ECASD Enrollment Office with questions regarding boundaries. If you wish to remain at your current school, you may complete an Alternate School Request form (found on the website or by asking the school secretary). This request is subject to approval and may be denied.

- Enrollment applications can be submitted via your Skyward Family Access Account. If you do not know how to log in to your account, please contact the Enrollment Office.
- Enrollment is NOT complete until you visit the Enrollment Office at 500 Main Street. You must bring proof of residency for your new address.

New families can start the enrollment process by visiting www.ecasd.us/enrollment and completing the enrollment application. After submission, they must visit the ECASD Enrollment Office at 500 Main Street to show proof of residency, immunization records and birth certificate.

Enrollment Office Information

(715) 852-3063

enrollment@ecasd.us

School Year: Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Summer: Monday – Thursday, 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Just a reminder... families can apply for free or reduced price meals ANYTIME during the school year. Also, if you have applied and been denied benefits, or if your child receives reduced price meals and your family income decreases or family size increases; call the Food and Nutrition Office 715-852-3023 or Robbins kitchen 715-852-4606. Applications for Free and Reduced Price Meals are available in the school or kitchen office, or at the Board of Education Office, 500 Main Street.

Food and Nutrition will also provide bag lunches for any student going on a field trip including students eligible for free or reduced price meals.

RCU SCHOOL \$ENSE TEAM IS “WILD ABOUT SAVING!”

April is National Credit Union Youth Month!

Every child dreams about their future. Some of those dreams may require money to come true. How do you help your children achieve their dreams?

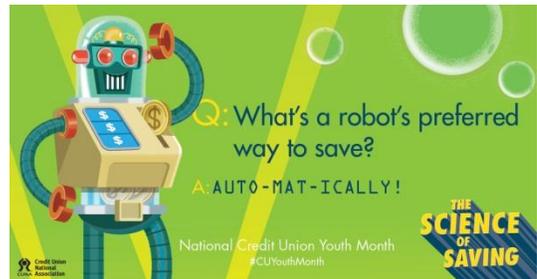
One way is to help them learn how to save their money.



To help your children get into the savings habit, start by having them cut out pictures of something they'd like to have someday and post the images where they'll see them often. Encourage your child to make regular small deposits into their savings account each week. Tell them their money will earn interest while it's in their account. If they keep this routine going, they'll quickly see their savings grow.

This April, Royal is celebrating National Credit Union Youth Month, which is a program that helps teach and encourage kids to develop good financial habits. The theme this year is "The Science of Saving." Science has proven that if you start with small goals, saving your money can become a regular habit. We work to inspire children to save their money so they can attain their dreams of a happy future.

In April, each class at Robbins will have a chance to win a classroom basket filled with **fun activities** and **supplies** to share! Participating classrooms will simply need to submit their class activity sheet by **April 25** in order to be entered in the drawing. Also, Super Savers will receive **Double Stamps** on April 25 to celebrate and help them earn more fun prizes!



Remember Robbins Royal Credit Union School \$ense is open Wednesdays at lunch to help your child develop good saving habits. If you have any questions about the program, please contact: Diana Rohlik at 715-855-5471 or diana.rohlik@rcu.org

ECASD SUMMER PROGRAMS 2019 AT ROBBINS

The Eau Claire Area School District Summer Program office and Robbins Elementary are planning another summer full of exciting opportunities for students to participate in.

The STEAM Program is for **all** ROBBINS students entering grades K – 5 who want to have fun during the summer and learn about interesting topics. These classes will be held at **Robbins**, TBD – June 27th from 8:30-11:45, Monday – Thursday.

Robbins Elementary does not have busing available to and from summer school. For 3rd -5th graders, there is an option to sign up with the Boys and Girls Club. Families must fill out the Boys & Girls Club application. If you would like to learn more, please refer to the Summer School catalog that you received in the US mail or visit www.ecasd.us/summer .

Signup deadline is April 16th

If you have any questions, please call Robbins Elementary or the Summer Program office at 715-852-3035.

DON'T DELAY—ENROLL FOR KINDERGARTEN TODAY!

Now Enrolling for Kindergarten!

Now Enrolling for Kindergarten! The Eau Claire Area School District welcomes all children turning 5 years old on or before September 1, 2019 to enroll in Kindergarten. (NOTE: Students already enrolled in the EC4T program do not need to reapply.)

Step 1: Visit our website — www.ecasd.us

- Click on Enrollment
- Complete an Online Application

Step 2: Visit the Enrollment Office anytime between now and March 2018 to provide:

- Proof of address
- Proof of your child's age

Please note that the enrollment process is not complete until steps 1 and 2 are complete. If you are unable to access the application or have difficulties submitting it, please contact the Enrollment Office at (715) 852-3063 or visit 500 Main St. 54701 Downtown, Eau Claire

SWEETS & TREATS ART SHOW

Please join us as we celebrate our amazing Robbins artists in our art and music show!

When: Thursday, April 4th from 5:30pm until 7:30pm

Where: Robbins Elementary School



FIFTH GRADE FAMILIES



South Middle School

Invites

5th Grade Parents to

Parents' Night at South Middle School
April 16, 2019

6:00 P.M.

South Middle School Auditorium

Please plan to join us on this evening, as we..



Introduce you to our staff



Share our Vision and Mission



Explain a typical 6th grade student schedule



Highlight some extracurricular offerings



Tell you about further orientation opportunities



Inform you about opportunities for parent involvement



Wrap-up with time for Questions & Answers

The Falcon Advisory Council at South Middle School would like to invite 5th grade parents to their May meeting **on Monday, May 13th** in their **library**.

A little information about the Falcon Advisory Council (FAC):

The Falcon Advisory Council (FAC) is comprised of a group of South parents who meet once per month. The primary goal of the FAC is to open dialogue about strengthening the home-school connection to improve the educational experience for all students. Each month the group meets to discuss current issues in the district and school. We also generate ways that we can involve families and meet needs that exist in our school. FAC provides important insight for our school improvement process and helps the school achieve its goals so all students CONNECT, DISCOVER and SUCCEED.

Questions? Contact:

Jen Whatley
Partnership Coordinator
South Middle School
715-852-5207

FAMILY SURVEY

Just a friendly reminder to all our families to make sure to take the Family Survey by April 12th. You may have received emails from ECASD Superintendent, Dr. Hardebeck, encouraging you to take the survey. The information you provide is vital for our district and our school, so please take some time to give your input. Paper copies of the survey are available at school or you can click on the link below, and it will take you to the ECASD homepage. <http://www.ecasd.us/District/Home>

EARLY LEARNING

The Eau Claire Area School District Early Learning Program is now accepting online applications for the 2019-2020 school year. Your child must be 3 or 4 years of age by September 1, 2019. If you have questions regarding the application process, please contact the Early Learning office at 715-852-3600.

NURSES NOTES

As spring approaches, the weather gets warmer and children become more active outdoors. Please take some time to review the information below about concussions.

- A concussion is a brain injury that affects how your brain works.
- A concussion is caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body.
- Even a "ding," "getting your bell rung," or what seems to be a mild bump or blow to the head can be serious
- A concussion can happen even if you haven't been knocked out.
- Signs and symptoms of concussion can show up right after the injury or may not appear or be noticed until days or weeks after the injury
(WWW.CDC.GOV/CONCUSSION)

ALL CONCUSSIONS ARE SERIOUS. IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE A CONCUSSION: DON'T HIDE IT. REPORT IT. TAKE TIME TO RECOVER.

WHY SHOULD I REPORT MY SYMPTOMS?

- Unlike with some other injuries, playing or practicing with concussion symptoms is dangerous and can lead to a longer recovery and a delay in your return to play.
- While your brain is still healing, you are much more likely to have another concussion.
- A repeat concussion in a young athlete can result in permanent damage to your brain. They can even be fatal. (WWW.CDC.GOV/CONCUSSION)

For more information on Concussions please click on the website below.

<https://www.cdc.gov/traumaticbraininjury/basics.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/TraumaticBrainInjury/>

If your child suffers a head injury, please follow up with your primary care provider and bring in the necessary concussion activity restrictions and academic accommodations forms to the school attendance office.

Please contact your school nurse if you have any questions or concerns regarding head injuries and concussions.

MONTHLY EVENTS:

April 4th: Sweets and Treats Art Show from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm

April 19th: **No School**

April 25th: Incoming 2019-2020 Kindergarten Visitation Night and Chicken Feed

Nondiscrimination Clause

The Eau Claire Area School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability.

