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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

TRANSLATIONS

Yog koj muaj lus nug los yog koj xav tham ntxiv, hu rau Jana Schultz, tus xov tooj yog 715-852-4687.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, o le gustaria hablar sobre esta informacion que se le dio, puede contactar a Armando Constante al 715-852-4687.

VISITORS TO ROBBINS

The Eau Claire Area School District is continually implementing proactive measures that enhance safety and security in our schools. This year the district implemented a new Visitor Management System called "RAPTOR." RAPTOR is a visitor registration system that enhances school security by reading a driver's license, comparing the information to a sex offender database, and then printing a visitor badge that includes a photo. Additionally, the system allows the schools to have instant, electronic access to a list of visitors in case of emergency or evacuation. We understand that this is new to ECASD parents and visitors to our schools. The safety of our students, staff, and guests is our highest priority and RAPTOR allows every school to know who is in the schools at any given time.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and support in enhancing the school safety protocols of the Eau Claire Area School District.

WEATHER INFORMATION

December is here! Please be sure that your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor recess. During the winter months please be sure that your child has a hat, mittens, a warm coat, boots, and snow pants. Snow pants and boots are required to play in the snow. If snow pants and boots are forgotten, students will be required to stay on the blacktop area.

Temperature Guidelines:

- ❖ If the actual temperature reaches 0 degrees or colder, students will stay inside for recess.
- ❖ If the wind chill temperature reaches 10 degrees below zero or colder, students will stay inside for recess.

SCHOOL NURSE UPDATE

Schools are public buildings and cannot be allergen free. The following guidelines are to be followed to provide a safe learning environment for students with severe food allergies. The school cannot be responsible for food brought to the school by other students and/or parent/guardians.

Family Responsibilities

- Provide the school nurse with all necessary documentation from the student's healthcare provider
- Provide emergency medications and supplies as ordered by the healthcare provider
- Work with the school nurse and school staff to develop and implement the allergy emergency plan
- Provide the school with current contact information for use in an emergency
- Educate your child in self-management (as age-appropriate) of his/her allergy including: safe and unsafe foods, how to read food labels, symptoms of allergic reactions, location and availability of his/her epi-pen

Student Responsibilities

- Never trade food or share utensils with other students
- Avoid consuming food products known to contain the specific allergen or with unknown ingredients
- Be aware of the signs and symptoms of a reaction to known allergens
- Notify an adult immediately if he/she has eaten something that may contain the known allergen

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 only, 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 3:45 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!

FAMILY DROP-OFF/PICK-UP

For families who drive their students to school, our drop-off and pick-up procedure is outlined below. Remember to proceed SLOWLY AND SAFELY in our lot.

Before School: You may drop off your student beginning at 8:30 AM anywhere along the curb within the "horseshoe" lane (the drop-off lane that extends past the Robbins front door). Have your child exit the vehicle from the back seat of the passenger side. When school begins, best to plan for a quick hug or wave and then to morning recess or breakfast. While it can be difficult, we ask that families not go with their children to the playground or into the school. We also ask that you do not park in the lot and/or cross to the front door; only drop off your child using the drop-off lane. It's a busy time and we want everyone to stay safe! Our entry bell rings at 8:45 am and our school day begins and attendance is taken at 8:55 am.

After School: At the end of the day, students will line up by grade level or with their oldest sibling's grade level along the horseshoe lane. Please stay in your vehicle in the drop-off lane as children exit the building. As children reunite with their family's vehicle, continue to pull your vehicle forward. (We also ask that you do not park in the lot and/or cross to the front door; only pick up your child using the pick-up lane. It's a busy time and we want everyone to stay safe!) We recognize the line of cars can get long, but we're happy to report that the whole process takes between 10-15 minutes after the final bell. All students must be picked up prior to 4:00 pm as we do not have student supervision past that time. Thanks for your help in keeping all of our students safe!

RCU SCHOOL \$ENSE

Get ready for Royal Credit Union's *All Student Challenge*!



fun!

All Robbins students have an opportunity to take part in the Royal Credit Union **All Student Challenge** to strengthen their money skills. Students can pick up an activity sheet at the School \$ense table and can return completed sheets to their teacher by **December 13th** to be entered in a drawing for one of two shopping sprees at the Royal School \$ense prize table!!

Students do NOT need to be a member of Royal to participate in the challenge – **EVERYONE can join in on the**

'Tis the Season for Saving!

Remember that Royal donates \$250 to Robbins for every 500 deposits made. We are off to a great start and already! Your Royal School \$ense location is open on Wednesday each week to help your child get excited about saving and helping their school. If you are already a saver, please fill out the transaction slip inside your blue pouch before you make a deposit. You can even practice counting your deposit on the back of the transaction slip!

If you want to know how to start saving at school with Royal School \$ense, please contact us at: Mariah.Wheeler@rcu.org

Happy Holidays from your Royal School \$ense Team!

HOLIDAY HELP

Listed below are organizations and program specific details that offer winter and holiday season assistance. If your family needs assistance in providing cold weather outerwear (coats, snow pants, boots, hats/gloves), please contact Clarissa Malecha-Freitag at 715-852-4603, cmalechafreitag@ecasd.us or Katrina Raskie at 715-852-4656, kraskie@ecasd.us.

Additionally, if you are able to give back to our great community, please consider a donation to any of the organizations listed below or the ECASD Closet which provides resources to all students and families in need throughout the school year.

Holiday Help Directory

Agency	Activity/Program	Date/Time	Contact	Guideline
The Community Table 320 Putnam Street	Thanksgiving Lunch	November 23rd 11:30-1:00	715-835-4977	Everyone is welcome. Carry-out or dine-in meal. No registration required.
The Community Table 320 Putnam Street	Thanksgiving-In-a-Box <small>*Box will include a turkey + Thanksgiving sides. Food included will be uncooked, so families can prepare in their homes.</small>	Pick-up Tuesday, November 14 th @ The Community Table at scheduled time	Email outreach@thecommunitytable.org to reserve your box or via Facebook.	Boxes will be granted on a first come, first serve basis. Orders must be placed by November 13 th at noon.
Hope Gospel Mission 2650 Mercantile Drive	Thanksgiving Lunch	November 23rd 11:30-1:00	715-552-5566	Everyone is welcome. Inside sit-down meal offered or drive-through, take-out meal is also an option.
Hope Gospel Mission 2650 Mercantile Drive	Christmas Meal	December 16 th 11:30-1:00	715-552-5566	Everyone is welcome. Inside sit-down meal offered or drive-through, take-out meal is also an option.
The Community Table 320 Putnam Street	Christmas Eve Late Lunch/Early Dinner	December 24 th 3:00-4:00	715-835-4977	Everyone is welcome. Carry-out or dine-in meal. No registration required.
The Community Table 320 Putnam Street	Christmas At The Community Table	December 25 th 9:00-11:00	715-835-4977	Everyone is welcome. Carry-out or dine-in meal. No registration required.
Salvation Army 2211 S. Hastings Way	Toys for Tots Christmas Toy Assistance Program	Sign up: Oct. 9-Nov. 22 rd <small>*No late sign-ups will be accepted. *</small> M-Th both weeks, 10:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00	Amanda 715-834-1224	Application required. Must be picked up at site. Identification for all family members & proof of residency required in application process.

Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley 309 E. Lake Street	Festival of Toys	Sign-up: Oct. 23-Dec. 1 *No late sign-ups will be accepted. * Application Drop-Off/Pick-Up Hours: M-Th 9:00-3:00	Scott 715-834-4357 toys@familypromisecv.org	Application required. Can be picked up at site or printed from Family Promise website: www.familypromisecv.org Identification for all family members & proof of residency required in application process.
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CHARACTER STRONG/PURPOSEFULL PEOPLE

PurposeFull People is CharacterStrong's Pre-K-5 social-emotional learning toolkit. This curriculum is a universal tool that the teachers implement during the school day. The PurposeFull People curriculum was designed by veteran teachers, school counselors, play therapists, and many other incredible voices. PurposeFull People is packed with tons of practical and easy-to-use tools that focus on developing character and social-emotional skills in students, staff, and families.

The FAMILY component includes conversation starters, simple activities, and Family character challenges ("PurposeFull Pursuits") related to the monthly trait.

Each month we discuss and dive into a new character trait - during the month of December we will be focusing on EMPATHY. Take a look and give it a try – ask your child about it!

[FamilyStrong | CharacterStrong](#)

FREE AND REDUCED BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Our families can apply for free and reduced breakfast and lunch at any time! Paper applications were mailed with the ECASD Family Handbook this August. Applications are also online at www.myschoolapps.com. Questions? Call Food and Nutrition at 715-852-3021.

If you fill out an online application, there is no need to fill out a paper application.

We are dedicated to providing high quality, nutritious foods to every student. We believe that proper nutrition plays a vital role in the academic and overall success and health of children.

ELEMENTARY STUDENT CELL PHONE POLICY

Students are to leave all personal items at home which may be a distraction to the learning environment. At Robbins, cell phones and watches must be kept off and in backpacks throughout the school day. They are not to be used during school hours.

SICK CHILD GUIDELINES

If a child exhibits any of the following symptoms at school, a parent/guardian/emergency contact will be notified to come and pick up the student:

- Fever-Temperature of 100.4 F or more
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Persistent coughing
- Draining or spreading rash

Please keep your child home if he/she currently has or has had any of these symptoms in the last 24 hours.

SPED FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NEWSLETTER

Check out the ECASD Special Education Family Engagement Newsletter!

Here's the link: <https://www.smores.com/u1c5p>

2023-24 BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS

Breakfast and lunch menus can be found here:

<https://www.ecasd.us/District/Departments/Food-and-Nutrition/Breakfast-and-Lunch-Menus>

2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

<https://www.ecasd.us/District/About/Events>

ECASD AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Please click on the link below to view many community resources available to families within the ECASD.

<https://www.ecasd.us/District/About/Community-Events>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Eau Claire Area School District offers a Community Events section on its web site.

Families and students may go to [Community Events](#) to view flyers for upcoming events in our community that apply to school-age students and families. Click on the link below to learn more.

[https://www.ecasd.us/District/About/Community-Events/Community-Event-Flyers-\(1\)](https://www.ecasd.us/District/About/Community-Events/Community-Event-Flyers-(1))

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL COOKIE WALK

Memorial High School Orchestra Cookie Walk! Free admission - everyone welcome!

Saturday, December 9, from 12 pm-2:30 pm

Holiday music performed by MHS Orchestra and friends
Kids crafts, games, and an instrument petting zoo!
Cookie Sale: \$9.00/pound of cookies
Learn more at [Memorial High School Orchestra Cookie Walk and Carnival](#)

PTO MEETING

The next PTO meeting will be held in our library on December 12th at 4:15. We hope to see you there!

Having Small Talks to Make a Big Impact

Short, frequent conversations with your kids about preventing underage drinking and other drug use can make a big impression. This winter holiday season, talk with your kids about the risks of substance use and set expectations for them.

Why Small Conversations Make a Big Impression

- ✓ Short, frequent discussions can make a real impact on your child's decisions about alcohol.
- ✓ Talking can build an open, trusting relationship with your child.
- ✓ Many little talks are more effective than one "big talk."

Visit these resources to get tips on how to starting talking:

www.underagedrinking.samhsa.gov

www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/small-talks

This information is provided by the Eau Claire Health Alliance - Substance Misuse Action Team, which works to prevent alcohol, tobacco, and other drug misuse. Learn more at: ehealthalliance.org

MONTHLY EVENTS:

December 25th – January 2nd: NO SCHOOL – Winter Break

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Check out our website for more information!

<http://www.ecasd.us/Robbins-Elementary/Home>

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<http://www.ecasd.us/District/Home>

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.