

ROBBINS ELEMENTARY

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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Every year for Veterans Day, Robbins honors those brave men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Our recognition has taken on many forms over the years.

This year we are offering students an opportunity to invite a veteran to lunch on November 11, 2019. We will be decorating our entire Robbins' Commons and making arrangements for veterans to enjoy lunch with their special Robbins' student and classmates. We will have patriotic music playing in the background! It should be memorable.

If you are interested in participating, please talk to your student about signing up to be a part of our lunch. Each veteran in attendance will be provided a free lunch compliments of the Robbins PTO!

Veterans should plan to arrive at Robbins at the same time their Robbins' student goes to lunch. (Again, coordinate with your student prior to November 11th) If a veteran is here with a couple Robbins students, we will try to have all those students available at the same time. Lunches last about 20 minutes before the next grade level comes in.

In addition, we will be creating a Robbins Honor Wall to thank veterans. For the Honor Wall, please send a **labeled picture of the veterans** if possible. We recommend copies of originals. To protect your picture, we ask that you place it in a Ziploc bag with your student's name and homeroom information included in the bag. These items will be returned to your student on November 18th.

ABSENCE AND EXCUSE FROM SCHOOL

We want your child with us every day and on-time to give us the opportunity to help them learn and achieve at high levels. Children are required by state law to be in attendance every day. If, however, if your child needs to be absent, parents are required to call the school between 7:45 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. to report an absence. Families must inform the school of a necessary vacation in advance. Vacations not approved ahead of time by the principal will be marked unexcused. Please know that lost time in the classroom can never be made up sufficiently, even with homework over the vacation.

We encourage a limit on days students miss school. We hope that your child will not miss more than a total of 10 days (all or part of a day) during the entire school year for illness, vacation, etc.

With the district's attendance guidelines in place, the following rules will be followed:

- Attendance will be taken 4 times per day 5 minutes after the start of each period as listed below.

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| Period 1 | 8:55 - 10:35 |
| Period 2 | 10:35 - 12:20 |
| Period 3 | 12:20 - 2:05 |
| Period 4 | 2:05 - 3:45 |

- Please be sure to bring a note from any professional appointments for it to be considered excused.

BRRRRR

The weather is changing! Please be sure that your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor recess. Students are out at recess for about 10 minutes in the morning before school and 25-35 minutes during their lunch break and recess. 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.

A NOTE FROM YOUR SCHOOL NURSE

Be aware, wash with care!

There are many types of germs (viruses, bacteria, parasites, fungi) that cause many types of illnesses. These germs can spread easily from one person to another and have wide-reaching effects.

One of the most common ways people catch colds is by rubbing their noses or eyes after touching someone or something that's contaminated with the cold virus. Nearly 22 million school days are lost annually due to the common cold.

A study involving Detroit school children showed that scheduled handwashing, at least four times a day, can reduce gastrointestinal illness and related absences by more than 50%.

Handwashing with soap and water is the most effective and inexpensive way to prevent illness.



As winter season is approaching, remember the importance of handwashing. Please remind your children and model good habits.

<https://www.cdc.gov/cdctv/healthyliving/hygiene/wash-your-hands.html>

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 or voice mail messages sent directly to teachers during the day 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!

RCU SCHOOL \$ENSE

"What are you saving for?"

Start the conversation about setting and reaching savings goals with your child. You can prepare your child for their future by asking them to choose something to save for. First, encourage them to choose a small short-term goal, and work up to larger long-term goals.

After they choose what to save for, have your child draw a picture or print an image of it. Help them write words to describe their goal and how they will feel when they reach it. Display the picture and words somewhere they see often to encourage them and make their goal feel real.

Next, have your child write down how much it will cost, how much they have already saved, and how much they still need to save. Break the total into small amounts to save weekly and celebrate each small step in the right direction!

Help your child celebrate the excitement and feeling of success that comes with reaching their goal!

Royal Credit Union School \$ense wants to help your child create the habit of saving each week for life. The Robbins Royal School \$ense is open on Wednesdays at lunch to help your child get excited about saving and helping their school. Remember that Royal donates \$250 to your school for every 500 deposits made.

As a special incentive, we will have **Double-Stamp Day on November 13!** Savers will receive two stamps on their Super Saver cards, instead of one, helping them earn prizes more quickly!

If you want to know how to start saving at school with Royal School \$ense, please contact Diana Rohlik at 715-855-5471 or diana.rohlik@rcu.org



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

This is the season for thanks and celebration in many homes. It is also the season of increased heating and clothing expenses. Please review the Holiday Help Directory below and consider how these programs may assist you and your family. The Eau Claire County Resource Guide is also a helpful tool and it can be accessed at www.eauclaire.uwex.edu/family-living/resource-directories or by calling 1-800-362-8255.

Every organization has limited resources, so please make note of the sign-up dates and bring any necessary information to complete the application process. If you are fortunate enough to be in a position to give, please consider a donation to any of the organizations listed below.

If your family is financially unable to provide winter outerwear for your child(ren), we do have limited resources donated by community organizations to our school. If you would like to confidentially discuss your child(ren) or your family's needs, please call Katrina Raskie at (715) 852-4656 or email me at kraskie@ecasd.us.

Holiday Help Directory

| Agency | Activity/Program | Date/Time | Contact | Guideline |
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| The Community Table 320 Putnam Street | Thanksgiving Lunch | November 28 th 11:30-1:00 | 715-835-4977 | Anyone can attend. No reservation 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 will be the week of Thanksgiving @ The Community Table during meal times (see website or call) | Email volunteer@thecomcommunitytable.org to reserve your box | Boxes will be granted on a first come, first serve basis. |
| Trinity Lutheran Church 1314 E. Lexington Blvd. | Thanksgiving Lunch | November 28 th 11:30 and 12:30 meal | 715-832-6601 | Anyone can attend with a reservation. |
| Hope Gospel Mission 8 South Farwell Street | Thanksgiving Lunch | November 28 th 11:30-1:30 | 715-552-5566 | Anyone can attend. No reservation required. |
| Hope Gospel Mission 8 South Farwell Street | Christmas Meal | December 14 th 11:30-1:30 | 715-552-5566 | Anyone can attend. No reservation required. |
| The Community Table 320 Putnam Street | Christmas Eve Lunch | December 24 th 11:30-1:00 | 715-835-4977 | Anyone can attend. No reservation required. |
| The Community Table 320 Putnam Street | Christmas Day At The Community Table | December 25 th 8:00-10:00 | 715-835-4977 | Free event. Santa will be there and have gifts. |

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| Salvation Army 2211 S. Hastings Way | Christmas Toy Assistance Program | Sign up: Nov. 4 th – Nov. 14 th M-Th both weeks, 10:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00 | Amanda 715-834-1224 | Identification for all family members, proof of residency, and income verification included in application process. |
| Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley 309 E. Lake Street | Christmas Gift Assistance | Any time prior to Christmas | Amy 715-834-1379 | Application required. |

WELCOME BACK DAY SURVEY

Welcome Back Day Family Survey

Planning for next fall, we're gathering some input about how our Welcome Back Day on the first day of school could best serve our families. Please help us by following the link to a SUPER BRIEF survey (two questions). The survey is anonymous and will be open through November 29. Thank you!

[TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

OR:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yJx4JY1EYkWhTa1b6ljuh4UB6LPXplZPk0ba55eE9C5UNjJaWENaRzVJNkc5Uk1VTEwxU0xBNTdMWC4u>

MONTHLY EVENTS:

November 5th: PTO Reading Night at Robbins 6:30-7:30
November 11th: Veteran's Day Lunch
November 15th: PTO Buddy Breakfast 7:30-8:40 am
November 25th – 29th: NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Check out our website for more information!

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