



ROBBINS

Elementary School

3832 EAST HAMILTON AVENUE

715-852-4600

NOVEMBER 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.

VETERANS DAY 2023

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

This year we are inviting Veterans (and a guest) who are relatives of our Robbins students to dine with their student(s) on, Friday, November 10. They will have the chance to eat and visit with students during their lunchtime, which is one of the highlights of our entire year. It should be memorable!

WHAT: Veterans Day Lunch Invite ([CLICK HERE TO OPEN THE SIGN-UP FORM](#))

WHEN: Friday, November 10, 2023 at lunchtime

WHO: Veterans who are relatives of our Robbins students (and a guest)

Please complete the form by Monday, November 8

OUTDOOR RECESS

One thing is for sure; the weather has changed! We have had beautiful fall weather, but the cold has come. Please be sure that your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor recess. Students are outside for about 15 minutes in the morning before school and have a longer outdoor recess during the day. 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.

It is also a great idea to make sure that all of these items are labeled with your child's first and last name. You wouldn't believe how many black boots or black snow pants are in our building!

A NOTE FROM YOUR SCHOOL NURSE

Be aware, wash with care!

We are aware now, more than ever, that 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 Grateful for?

An attitude of **gratitude** can help children find contentment instead of always asking for more, more, more. As a way to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday this month, consider making a gratitude list with your child. It can be fun and nothing is too small to add to the list! Maybe you start with big things like family, friends, or health, and then realize the joy of the sun on your face, a smile from a stranger, or the opportunity to try a new skill. See how many ideas you can add to your list this month! You can even save the list from year to year and reflect on how your child grows in their gratitude as they mature.



We at **Royal Credit Union School \$ense** are **grateful** for all of our Super Savers! We do a little happy dance each time we see students get excited about saving money and working to build strong financial skills

Your Robbins Royal School \$ense is open every Wednesday during lunch to help your child get excited about saving and helping their school. As our way to say **THANK YOU**, we will have a **Tootsie Roll Promotion** during the weeks of November 13-17 and November 27-December 1! All savers who fill out the folded transaction slip in their pouch will receive a tootsie roll!

Did you know that 129 transactions from last year rolled over to the Robbins transaction count this year and you only have 371 transactions left before your school receives \$250? Remember that Royal donates \$250 to your school for every 500 deposits made.

If you would like to get your child signed up for our School \$ense program, follow this link to get started to www.rcu.org/schoolaccounts. We welcome any questions about Royal School \$ense. Please email Mariah.Wheeler@rcu.org.

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 <small>*No late sign-ups will be accepted. *</small> 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.

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 November we will be focusing on GRATITUDE. Take a look and give it a try – ask your child about it!

[FamilyStrong | CharacterStrong](#)

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.

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.

AN UPDATE FROM YOUR FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL (FAC):

The first meeting of the 2023-2024 Eau Claire Area School District Family Advisory Council (FAC) was held on October 3. After initial introductions from the family volunteers representing schools and organizations within the district and the sharing of news and events, election of this year's officers took place: Katie Sideri (Longfellow) — Chair; Jamie Kampf (Putnam) — Vice Chair; and Nicole Everson (North) — Secretary. Superintendent Johnson then provided his monthly district update, and the meeting concluded with an agenda-setting session for the remainder of this year's FAC meetings that resulted in the following topics: Attendance Policy (overview, issues, educating staff and families); Grading & Reporting (update, AI and integrity, accelerated and enriched programming); State of the District Update; Safety & Security Update; Mental Health/Behaviors/Student Supports/Special Education Update; Upcoming Referendum/Demo & Trends/District Long-term Vision Update; and District Year in Review/Looking Ahead to 2024-2025.

The second FAC meeting will be held on November 14, and the district's Attendance Policy will be the main topic of discussion.

About your FAC: The FAC fosters communication between families and district administration and presents family concerns, opinions, and perspectives to the superintendent and school administrators. To learn more about your FAC, please visit: <https://www.ecasd.us/District/About/Family-Advisory-Council>

FALL CONFERENCE SURVEY

We want to know what you think about Robbins Elementary school! Please take our quick family engagement survey at the following link or using the QR code.

https://ecasd.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bgyYAzP8oJuKXaK



This is the same survey that was out on conferences night (October 12). Only one survey per family is needed.

SPED FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NEWSLETTER

Check out the ECASD Special Education Family Engagement Newsletter!

Here's the link: <https://www.smores.com/69sh1f>

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))

PTO MEETING

The next PTO meeting will be held in our library on November 14th at 4:15. We hope to see you there!

MONTHLY EVENTS:

November 10th:	Veterans Day Lunch
November 20th – 24th:	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break
November 27th – 30th:	Dental Sealants



November 16th is The Great American Smokeout



The Great American Smokeout is a nationwide campaign to raise awareness about the dangers of smoking and support smokers who are ready to quit.

You don't have to be an expert to talk to your kids about tobacco use. Let your kids know how you feel about tobacco and make sure they have

the facts they need to make healthy decisions on their own. Learn more at TobaccosChanging.org.

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: ECHealthAlliance.org

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.