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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 2024

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 Monday, November 11^{th} . 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

WHEN: Monday, November 11th, 2024, at lunchtime

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

OUTDOOR RECESS

One thing is for sure; the weather in November is unpredictable! We have had beautiful fall weather, but the cold will 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!

HEARING AND VISION SCREENING

Vision and Hearing screening is administered by the Eau Claire County Health Department and UWEC volunteers at the beginning of each school year for select age groups. Hearing screening for kindergarten and first grade will be on October 25th and vision screening for kindergarten, first grade, and second grade will be on November 7th.

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

<u>DISMISSAL PLANS</u>

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, kindness 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.



At Royal Credit Union School \$ense, we 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 in the cafeteria to help your child get excited about

saving and helping their school. As our way to say **THANK YOU**, we will have a **Double Stamp Day** on November 13th! All savers who bring a deposit will earn **TWO** stamps on their stamp card!

Royal donates \$250 to your school for every 500 deposits made. Did you know that **234** deposits from last year rolled over to Robbins transaction count this year and you only have **266** deposits left before your school receives \$250?

If you would like to sign up your child for our School \$ense program, follow this link to get started to www.rcu.org/schoolaccounts. If your child has a Royal Credit Union account, they should continue to use the same pouch each year, but if they need a new one, click HERE to request a pouch for your student to use to save at school! We welcome any questions about Royal School \$ense. Please contact Mariah.Wheeler@rcu.org

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!

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 will continue to use a 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.

FAMILY AND STUDENT TECH SUPPORT

If you find yourself questioning or struggling with the technology available to students and families, please visit our website for more information: <a href="https://www.ecasd.us/District/Tech-Support-and-Resources/Tech-Support-and-Reso

Additionally, this year the Eau Claire Area School District started to utilize a communication tool named ParentSquare. Please click on the link(s) below to familiarize yourself with the way the communication will come across on your device.

ParentSquare - Texts & Security Information

ParentSquare - Orientation Day Letter.pdf

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.

HUNGER & HOMELESS AWARENESS WEEK

Hunger and Homeless Awareness week is November 17th - 23rd.

The ECASD serves approximately 300 students each school year who experience a homeless situation, and approximately 43% of our district families have an income that qualifies them for free or reduced school meals.

ECASD schools are always in need of healthy pre-packaged snacks and ready-to-eat meals for students. Please consider donating items to a school of your choice or to our district office (500 Main Street) for distribution to all schools.

Other ways to give: Please consider donating your items, time or monetary gifts to Eau Claire organizations and agencies that serve food and provide shelter / housing services to families and children in need 🚳

If you have any questions or are interested in helping, please contact:



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ECASD Coordinator

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2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

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

2024-2025 BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU

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

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

Join Northwoods Elementary PTO for their annual <u>Christmas in the Northwoods Craft and Vendor</u> Fair fundraiser on Saturday, November 9, from 9 am-3 pm!

EC FOOD AND RESOURCE PANTRY SCHEDULE

Check out the Eau Claire Food and Resource Pantry schedule by clicking on the link below:

<u>Eau Claire Food and Resource Pantries Weekly Schedule.docx</u>

SPED FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NEWSLETTER

Check out the ECASD Special Education Family Engagement Newsletter!

Here's the link: https://www.smore.com/ukta9-family-engagement-newsletter

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Eau Claire Area School District offers a Community Events section on its web site. Families and students may go to <u>Community Events</u> 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)

PTO MEETING

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

MONTHLY EVENTS:

November 11th: November 25th - 29th: Veterans Day Lunch

NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break



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 TobaccolsChanging.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.