



ROBBINS

Elementary School

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OCTOBER 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.

PAJAMA/COZY DAY ON OCTOBER 31ST!

It's an exciting time of year! To celebrate the beginning of the school year, Halloween, and everything Autumn, we will have a school-wide Pajama/Cozy Clothes Day on Tuesday, October 31st with individual classrooms doing something special within their classrooms later that afternoon. You'll likely receive more information from your child's classroom teacher later this month.

INFLUENZA INFORMATION FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE

Influenza (also known as the flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by flu viruses. Influenza claims the lives of about 100 children in the US every year and hospitalizes approximately 20,000 children annually. The best way to protect your family from influenza (flu) is to get everyone in your household vaccinated.

- Influenza vaccination is especially important for people with compromised immune systems or certain underlying medical conditions, such as asthma, diabetes, and heart disease.
- Vaccines are safe and are subject to extensive testing in the US. Vaccination is the best way to prevent influenza. The influenza vaccine can reduce chances of getting the flu by 70 to 90 percent and, if someone gets vaccinated but still gets the flu, chances are they will get a less severe case. <http://www.preventchildhoodinfluenza.org/>

Influenza Symptoms:

- Fever or feeling feverish/chills
- Cough
- Sore throat

- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue (tiredness)
- Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults

https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/updated/fluquideforparents_brochure.pdf

Considering the current Pandemic, as your child's school nurse(s) we now more than ever urge families to become vaccinated against influenza. There are many similarities between COVID-19 and influenza symptoms and acquiring one of these viruses may also increase the risk of acquiring and/or recovering from the other.

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.

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.

FALL INTO SAVINGS WITH RCU SCHOOL \$ENSE

Royal Credit Union School \$ense Opens this Month!

Starting October 18th, Royal Credit Union School \$ense will be open at Robbins every Wednesday during lunch! Student team members have been hired from 5th grade classes and are being trained to help young savers with their deposits.

Why should you SAVE with Royal School \$ense?

- ✓ Saving at school is **fun**!
- ✓ Kids earn a **prize** for every fourth deposit!
- ✓ It's **easy** to bring a deposit to school each week!
- ✓ It's a great way to raise **money for your school**!

How does saving at school help raise money for Robbins?

Your school earns \$250 for every 500 deposits. Last year Royal Credit Union donated **\$750** to your school, because of student deposits!



How can I get my student started saving at school?

There are two easy ways to get started:

1. **Open accounts online:** Use this link www.rcu.org/schoolaccounts and click: *Open an Account with Royal.* –or–
2. **Stop by any Royal Credit Union office:** Our friendly team members will be happy to help!

Bonus! When you sign your child up for a new School \$ense account, **Royal deposits the first \$5!**

If my child already has a Royal Credit Union account, how can they start saving with School \$ense?

Good news – your student is ready to save at school! Just email us with your student's full name, teacher name, and grade, and we will deliver a new pouch to them at school.

We welcome your questions about Royal School \$ense and how you can get your child started saving at school. For questions please contact: Mariah.Wheeler@rcu.org 715-563-8752

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 your student, please make all after school arrangements before sending your child to school.

Thank you!

SCHOOL NURSE UPDATE

A reminder from our school nurse: Wisconsin State Law requires that all immunizations be up to date within **30 days** of entering the school system. New students will be asked to provide proof of immunization prior to the start of school; all others are requested to notify the school when your child receives additional immunizations. (Medical providers and Clinics do not notify the school).

Immunization Requirements for Elementary Age Children:
• DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus and acellular Pertussis), dose 4
• Hepatitis B , dose 3
• MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella), dose 2
• Polio , dose 4
• Varicella (Chickenpox), dose 2

*Waivers for personal, religious or health reasons remain an option for parents.

Students with Health Conditions

If your child has a health condition that may or will require special monitoring, a health plan, and/or medication to be administered during the school day, please contact your school nurse. Some examples of health conditions could be, but are not limited to:

Allergies, Asthma, ADHD, Cardiac Conditions, Diabetes, and Seizure Conditions. All medical forms and health plans must be updated at the start of each school year as they do not carry over from year to year.

Medications in the School

All medications should be administered at home, rather than at school, whenever possible. When medications are needed during the school day, the ECASD policy and guidelines must be followed. These guidelines are in place for the protection of all students.

For ANY medication (prescription or over the counter, cough drops) to be allowed in school, written authorization by a physician/licensed prescriber and parent/guardian must be on file with the school nurse. **Medication Management Forms** can be downloaded from the district website: <http://www.ecasd.us/District/Departments/School-Nurses>

The Eau Claire Area School District assumes no responsibility in circumstances where students bring and consume medication at school without benefit of the procedures outlined within the medication policy.

Contact your child's school nurse with questions.

CHARACTER STRONG/PURPOSEFULL PEOPLE

PurposeFull People is CharacterStrong's Pre-K-5 social-emotional learning Toolkit that the ECASD implemented in the 2021-22 school year. 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 October we will be focusing on RESPONSIBILITY. Take a look and give it a try – ask your child about it!

[FamilyStrong | CharacterStrong](#)

SPED FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NEWSLETTER

Check out the ECASD Special Education Family Engagement Newsletter!

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

FAMILY/ TEACHER CONFERENCES

Family/Teacher conferences will be on October 12th from 8 am until 8 pm. Conferences will be scheduled via Microsoft Bookings. You should have received information from your child's teacher about scheduling a conference via email. Sign up as soon as you can, spots fill up quickly!

SCHOOL PICTURES

School picture RETAKE Day is scheduled for October 25th.

If you have questions regarding your order or pictures, please visit mylifetouch.com.

The picture day ID for Robbins is EVTVJBVZN.

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 6th and vision screening for kindergarten and first grade will be on October 27th.

STUDENT DIRECTORY

The ECASD may release student directory information unless the adult student, parent, legal guardian, or guardian ad litem issues a written exception. Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. You may log onto your Skyward account to "opt out" of any of these categories (Military, Higher Ed, District, Family Directory, Media, Sales and Marketing). Please note that this information will be in effect on the date it is changed and will be valid indefinitely unless you notify the school with an "opt out form" or log back onto Skyward to update the information.

We publish a Robbins School Directory each year with each student's name, parent's email address, and home phone number. The reason we publish a directory is to help families and students connect with each other outside of school. This directory will be published later this school year. Each family was given a form at the beginning of the school year to opt into having your information published in the directory. You must complete the "Opt Out form" or log onto Skyward and update your student demographic information if you do not want your directory information published. This will need to be done by October 20th if you do not want your student's name, your email address, and phone number to be printed in our school directory that is distributed to all families later this year.

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.

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 October 10th at 4:15. We hope to see you there!



National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Unused or expired medications should never be flushed, poured down the drain, or tossed in the garbage. Safely dispose of prescription medicine, over-the-counter medications, ointments,

patches, creams, non-aerosol sprays, vials, and pet medications at a Prescription Drug Take-Back event on Saturday, October 28th from 10a.m. to 2p.m.!

Get more information on the take-back at [ECHHealthAlliance.org](https://www.echealthalliance.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](https://www.echealthalliance.org)

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL BASED MENTAL HEALTH COORDINATOR

October 10th is World Mental Health Day. It is an international day for global mental health education, awareness and advocacy against social stigma. It was first celebrated in 1992 at the initiative of the World Federation for Mental Health, a global mental health organization with members and contacts in more than 150 countries. This day, each October, thousands of supporters come to celebrate this annual awareness program to bring attention to mental illness and its major effects on people's lives worldwide. Attached is a resource to help support our efforts in eliminating stigma around mental health.

Learn more about our School Based Mental Health Program at <https://go.ecasd.us/schoolmentalhealth> or by contacting Shannon McRaith at smcraith@ecasd.us or 715-852-3067.

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.