



# Media Quick Tips

**A quick look at news and upcoming events in  
the Eau Claire Area School District  
from the Office of the Superintendent of Schools  
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**Every two weeks the ECASD sends out information about upcoming events. Please contact those listed below or Teri Piper Thompson at [tpiperthompson@ecasd.us](mailto:tpiperthompson@ecasd.us) for more information.**

**The Eau Claire Area School District and Eau Claire Chamber of Commerce** have scheduled ribbon cuttings for the District's completed referendum projects. All ribbon cuttings will take place in the main entrance areas of the schools.



- January 22 at noon      Memorial High School, 2225 Keith St.
- January 25 at 9:30 am      Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School, 400 Cameron St.
- January 31 at 9 am      North High School, 1801 Piedmont Rd.
- February 5 at 10 am      Manz Elementary School, 1000 E. Fillmore Ave.
- February 8 at 1 pm      Lakeshore Elementary School, 711 Lake St.
- February 19 at 9:30 am      Northstar Middle School, 2711 Abbe Hill Dr.

**Contact Superintendent Mary Ann Hardebeck at 715-852-3006 for more information.**

**The Eau Claire School Board** has changed the time of the January 21 School Board Meeting from 7 pm to 4 pm to allow the Board and community to attend the Martin Luther King Jr. Remembrance event at 6 pm. Students and faculty from area elementary, middle and high schools, along with UW-Eau Claire students and community members, will participate in the remembrance ceremony.

**Want to learn more?**



The Eau Claire Area School District will be having three informational sessions for families with students entering kindergarten in Fall of 2019. The Spanish Dual Immersion program is still in the preliminary stages with the School Board considering final approval in March. If approved, this program will be an option for all students entering kindergarten in 2019. These sessions will inform families of the determined location, daily schedule, assessment comparison, updated timeline, and answer any questions. All sessions will be delivered in English and Spanish. **If you have any questions, please contact Dave**

**Oldenberg at 715-852-3034.**

Sessions are as follows:

- Tuesday, January 22, 7 am – 8 am, Longfellow library, 500 Balcom
- Thursday, January 24, 5 pm – 6 pm, Longfellow library, 500 Balcom
- Friday, January 25, 12 pm-1 pm, Longfellow library, 500 Balcom

The Great Kindness Challenge will be happening at **Roosevelt Elementary School on Monday, January 14, and the week of January 28-February 1.** On the



**The Great Kindness Challenge.**

14<sup>th</sup> students will show that kindness matters by writing notes for Roosevelt adult crossing guards. Then during the week of January 28-February 1 they will expand to other groups that students have contact with. Students will be challenged to complete “The Great Kindness Checklist” at school, at home and around the community. According to <https://thegreatkindnesschallenge.com/>, “The Great Kindness Challenge is a proactive and positive bullying prevention initiative that improves school climate and increases student engagement. The Great Kindness Challenge is one week devoted to performing as many acts of kindness as possible on campus. Using the provided checklist of 50 kind acts, students accept the challenge and show the world that KINDNESS MATTERS!” **Contact principal Ben Dallman at 715-852-4710 for more information.**



ARCTIC Zone students from **Northstar Middle School** will be presenting their solutions to the nationwide National Geographic Challenge “Tackling Plastic!” on **Monday, January 14, from 5:30-6:30 pm in the Northstar Commons**. After receiving authentic feedback from family, friends, Northstar staff, school board members and community members, students will be submitting their project portfolios to National Geographic for regional competition. Students have engaged in this project-based learning during second quarter after being challenged to find an innovative solution for a waterway’s current or potential plastic pollution problem. **Contact teacher Andy Brown at 715-852-5140 for details.**

**DeLong Middle School Best Buddies** pairs will go sledding together on the school grounds on **Friday, January 25, from 12:30-1:45 pm**. Best Buddies matches special needs and regular education students together for activities and friendships all school year long. **Contact Teri Piper Thompson at 715-852-4907 for more information.**



**Sherman Elementary**

**Sherman Elementary School** will review its CORE value of Cooperation **during the week of Jan 21-25**. During this time students will focus on how they can cooperate in the community and make a difference in the life of someone else- specifically other kids.

The week will be centered around a fundraiser to raise awareness and donations for the Children’s Miracle Network and Children’s Hospital of WI. Many kids do not get to go to school or experience life the same way because of an illness or issue that needs to be addressed at the hospital. Helping students realize this and how they can help others like them in need of support and encouragement will be the theme of Cooperation for the week.

Sherman students will participate in a three-day Change Challenge (Wed-Fri) where they are encouraged to donate to help someone like them. **To end the week, on Friday, January 25**, Sherman students will celebrate with a whiteout and glow stick dance party. Here students will make cards for patients at the hospital, color motivating signs and create a handprint mural showing their support. **Contact Rebecca Sanderfoot at 715-852-4876 for more information.**