



# 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  
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We are excited to celebrate the ECASD classes of 2019! Commencement ceremonies for the Eau Claire Area School District are as follows:

**TONIGHT, Thursday, May 30**, Memorial High School graduation at UWEC Zorn Arena at 7 pm.

**FRIDAY, May 31**, North High School graduation at North High School at 7 pm.

**WEDNESDAY, June 5**, McKinley Charter School graduation at DeLong Middle School at 7 pm.



**Robbins Elementary will host an Author's Party on May 30 (TONIGHT) from 4 pm-5 pm.** Second grade and special education students who have been working with Willow, the Robbins Therapy Reading dog, wrote stories about how her first year went. After the students wrote and illustrated their feelings about Willow, the school had the stories published in a book. The authors will be sharing their book, *At the End of the Day...*, with families and friends and will each receive a copy to keep. Willow is a 1-year-old Black Labrador Retriever. She was certified a Canine Good Citizen with The American Kennel Club (AKC) at the age of 6 months. This fall, Willow began her career as the

first Robbins Therapy Reading dog. She has supported students by listening to reading, comforting students who are struggling with fears and/or behaviors, aiding students in the area of adaptive occupational therapy, and being a calming presence in the classroom. In addition, students taught Willow sign language so she can communicate with students who are deaf and hard of hearing. All classroom teachers have "Willow Passes" to use as a reward for hard work or when a student needs extra support. By April 2019 she completed 100 visits with students which moved her to the status of AKC Therapy Dog Advanced.

**Please contact partnership coordinator Sarah Johnson at 715-852-4607 for details.**



**More than 100 DeLong Middle School 6th graders from Team G** have had a great opportunity to connect with DeLong alumni through their fourth quarter DeLong Career Pride Passport Project.

DeLong reached out to more than 50 former DeLong students who are now in the workforce and paired them with sixth grade students who researched their jobs, wrote them letters asking questions and asked them to take a photo of themselves with the DeLong Pride Passport bandana in their workplace. Students then wrote about the former DeLong Knights and their writings with submitted photos are displayed in DeLong's main hallway. Jobs included everything from a professional water skier in Florida to a plant ecologist in Minnesota. This was a cross-curricular project which included English and social studies classes along with Academic and Career Planning concepts. **Please contact partnership coordinator Teri Piper Thompson at 715-852-4907 for more information.**





**Twice each year Roosevelt Elementary** participates in Reading Is Fundamental by offering a book to each student in our building. Funds for the books are donated by their business partner Nestle. On Wednesday, June 5, Roosevelt will feature two presentations by the LE Phillips Memorial Public Library and then invite classes to come to the art room throughout the day to select a new book. Additionally, they will be having a Pride Meeting with the entire student body, two 3<sup>rd</sup> grade author celebrations and a 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation celebration throughout the day. **Please contact partnership coordinator Tammy Rud at 715-852-4707 to learn more.**