



A note from Principal Ben Dallman... PRIDE, Respect, and Responsibility



Happy October Roosevelt Families and Friends!

It is hard to believe we have already turned the page on September with the leaves beginning to change. Our students have been learning school routines and while demonstrating pride, respect, and responsibility throughout their busy school day. What an amazing group of kids!

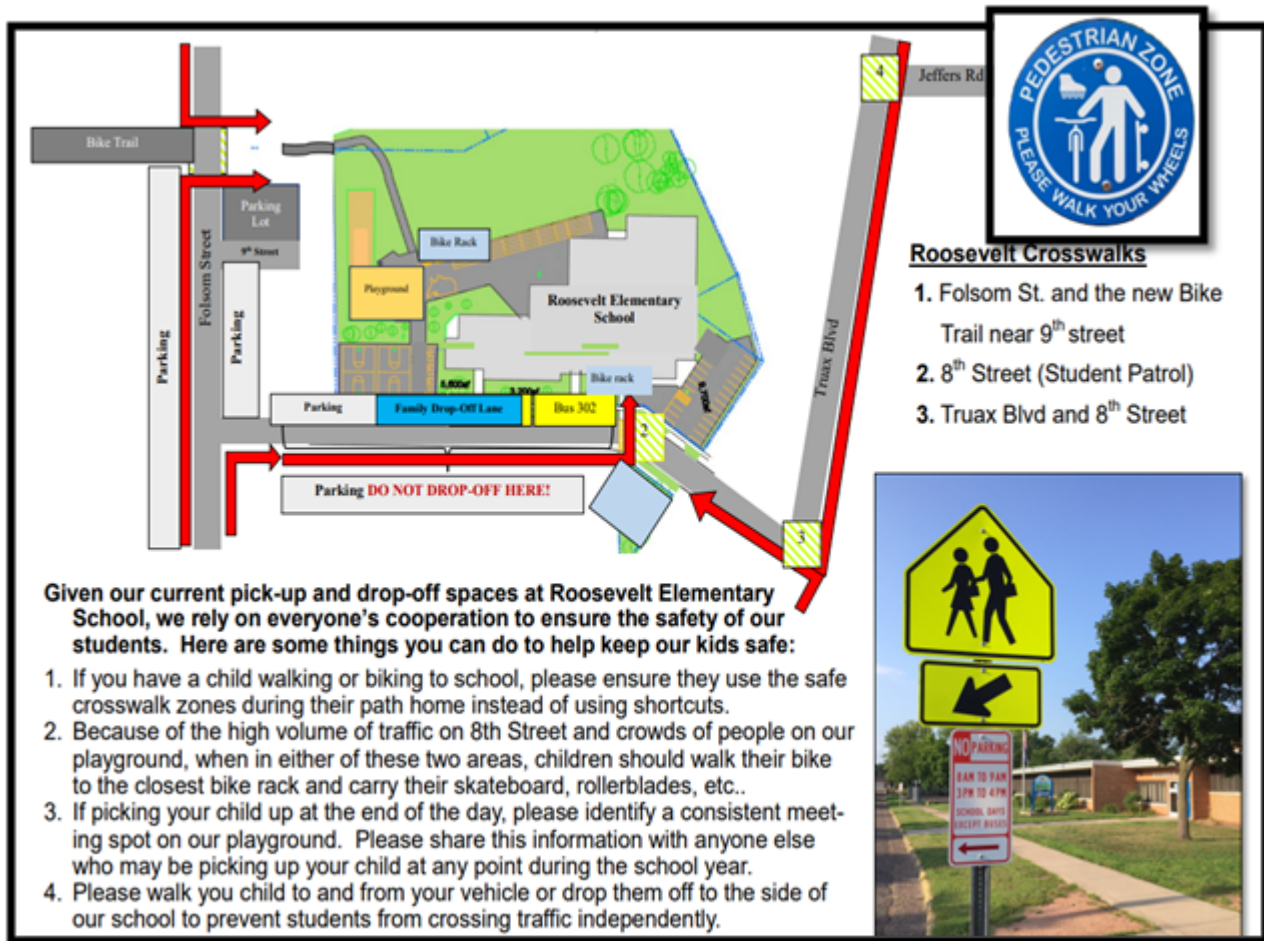
Thank you for your support this past month. Whether you have connected with your child's new classroom teacher, chaperoned a field trip, joined us for our Back-to-School Night, read a book with your child, or checked your child's agenda or communication folder each night...you deserve a great deal of thanks! This kind of support exemplifies what makes Roosevelt a great place to work, play, and learn.

As parents, you play an important role in the education of your child. Your involvement in your child's education will help them feel more confident as a student and experience more success. Here are a few tips that may be helpful to you and your child:

- **Communication:** Please check your child's folder each day. Often there are papers sent home directed for you. The notes we send home contain important information about deadlines for aspects of your child's school program such as: field trips, programs, and after school events.
- **Support:** *Roosevelt Family Calendar* contains information about school events and as well as materials we will use throughout the year to help students continue to develop healthy social-emotional skills (PBIS, *The Zones of Regulation*, etc.). We will also continue our focus on specific skills such as respect, responsibility, cooperation, gratitude, empathy, kindness, courage, honesty, and perseverance. If your family did not receive one on *Welcome Back Day*, or if you would like an additional calendar, please contact our partnership coordinator Tammy Rud at trud@ecasd.us.
- **Engagement:** Along with communicating with your child's classroom teacher using your child's agenda or communication folder and joining our upcoming *Family-Teacher Goal Setting Conferences*, there are other ways to get involved. We are always looking for additional volunteers for a variety of different needs such as volunteer crossing guards, student mentors, PTA Officers, *Playground Fundraising Taskforce* members, *Holiday Craft Fair* volunteers, etc. If you are interested in learning more about Roosevelt volunteer opportunities, please contact our partnership coordinator Tammy Rud at trud@ecasd.us.

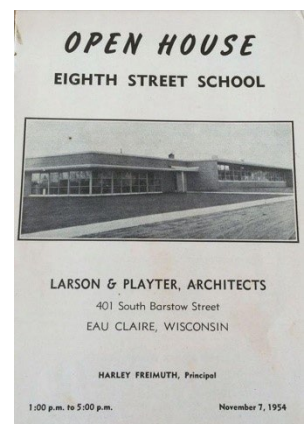


- **Safety: Along** with providing a warm and welcoming school environment, safety is one of our greatest priorities at Roosevelt Elementary. As a reminder, please walk with your children before and after school or be sure to direct them to the nearest crosswalk when needing to cross any of the busy roads surrounding our school. Thank you for your help in keeping Roosevelt kids safe!



Highlights from August and September:

- Thank you to the many families who were able join us for our amazing *Back-to-School Night* on **August 30**. Along with celebrating our ribbon cutting for our new playground equipment addition, we are also celebrating our school's 70th Anniversary this fall! Thank you to our volunteers and PTA for setting this up, where we welcomed 300+ students and their families on what was a beautiful evening, filled with good food, music, laughter, and joy. Thank you again to those of you who were able to join us for delightful community-building event! If you were unable to make it, please plan on joining us next year when it takes place during the final week of August again.
- Instead of asking students to sell pizzas, cheese bread, and gift wrap as our PTA's primary fundraiser, we promoted an active lifestyle and held our second-annual *Roosevelt Walk-a-Thon* on **September 15**. Thank you to the many families who were able to join us to cheer their kids on. Our goal was 100% participation regardless of the speed, with students collecting **\$6,312.50** in sponsorships! 100% of the proceeds from this fundraiser will go to our PTA budget, which is used to support the following:



- Student designed Roosevelt T-Shirts (one for each student and staff)
 - Family Evening Events
 - Additional Field Trips for each Grade-Level
 - Recess Supplies
 - Holiday Craft Night supplies
 - VIP Morning supplies
 - Staff Appreciation Week supplies
 - Fifth-Grade Track Meet
 - Safety Patrol Celebration
 - Teacher Mini-Grants (to enhance student learning in the classroom)
 - End-of-Year Carnival supplies
- [National Hispanic Heritage Month](#) is celebrated from **September 15- October 15**. Signed into federal law in 1988 under President Ronald Reagan, it began two decades earlier as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon B. Johnson. While it's unusual to start commemorative weeks or months mid-month, there's a reason the timeframe was chosen; within this thirty-day period, seven separate Latin American countries will celebrate their Independence Days. The purpose of marking Hispanic Heritage Month is to bring a spotlight to the positive, important influence Hispanic Americans and Hispanic cultures have contributed to the story of America— its past, present, and future.
 - All our students (K-5) completed their universal screening (*STAR*) for math and reading at the end of September. This information about each individual child plays an important role in planning instruction to meet their specific learning needs. If you have any questions about your child's learning support this school year, please connect with your child's classroom teacher.
 - During the month of September, our kids learned and successfully practiced their PBIS expectations for every location in our school. We have also been focusing on strengthening social-emotional skills that will be important to your child now and throughout their adult lives. To help support social-emotional learning for all Eau Claire students, every school in the ECASD (PreK to 12) has a common resource provided by *Character Strong* called **PurposeFull People**. Throughout the month of September, our school-wide focus has been on **respect**. We define *respect* as *seeing good in people and things, treating them with care*.

Responsibility is the character trait we will be focusing on throughout the month of October. We define *responsibility* as *taking action and understanding how our choices affect others, ourselves, and the world*. Please ask your child about some of the activities they have been using to learn more about *respect* or *responsibility*. You may find more information by clicking on this [PurposeFull People Informational Video link](#).

- During the week of **September 25**, all 240+ Roosevelt students completed their individualized *Diversity Art Projects* that will be on display in the hallway for families to see when attending Family-Teacher Conferences October 12.

Announcements for October:

- **October 4** is *National Walk-to-School Day*! The purpose of this event is to inspire the entire Roosevelt community to come together and promote health and safer routes for students to walk and bike to school.
- **October 9** is *Indigenous Peoples' Day*, which is a day for our school and schools across the state of Wisconsin to engage students on the importance of Native American history and culture. Native Americans in Wisconsin and

throughout our country have suffered unjust treatment, and *Indigenous Peoples' Day* is focused on recognizing that Wisconsin would not be all that it is without Indigenous people.

- S.E.N.S.E. is our school district's Special Education PTO. All families are invited and encouraged to attend each of the monthly meetings, with the first meeting taking place this past Thursday. S.E.N.S.E. will hold monthly meetings during the school year to talk about various topics and to be a resource and support for families and/or caregivers with children that have special needs or learning differences. Families do not need to have a child receiving special education services to be a part of this group, and we encourage families and school staff from our district and the surrounding communities to join us. In the past they have met on the first Thursday of the month but will be changing our meeting dates to the second Tuesday of each month. If have any questions, please email septoecwi@gmail.com.

Related to this, S.E.N.S.E. will be hosting the *ADHD Dude*, Ryan Wexelblatt, **October 9 from 7:00-8:30pm** over Zoom. Ryan runs a YouTube channel and membership site that are devoted to helping adults help children with ADHD build their executive function skills, social skills and better manage emotional regulation. To join this Zoom meeting, please click here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84984881564> You may find more information by visiting his website <https://adhd dude.com/> or YouTube channel: <https://youtube.com/@ADHDDude?si=xDb77g3rQ7CqudV7>

- Our fall *Family-Teacher Goal Setting Conferences* are scheduled to take place in person on **Thursday, October 12 from 7:45-8:15pm**. Unlike the past two school years, conferences will be held in person with virtual conferences available by request. This is a great opportunity for you to learn about your child's academic and social-emotional growth. If you have not scheduled your conference time yet, please contact your classroom teacher as soon as possible. Along with visiting your child's classroom teacher, please visit your child's additional teachers (Music, Art, Phy Ed, Library, SPED, Interventionists, etc.) and check out our *Scholastic Book Fair*.
- During the month of September, all Roosevelt students in grades 2-5 were asked to share their level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements. This feedback serves as an indicator to us as to how welcoming and equitable our learning environment is for our students.
 1. *I feel cared for and safe at school.*
 2. *I feel adults at school expect me to do my best at school.*
 3. *I feel adults at school treat all students with fairness and respect.*
 4. *I have chances to be a part of class discussions and activities.*
 5. *I understand my teacher's directions and I know what my job at school is.*

When you attend conferences on **October 12**, you will be asked to complete a short six-question survey on behalf of each of your children who attend Roosevelt Elementary School. The questions you will be asked to respond to include:

1. *My child feels safe at school.*
2. *School staff treat my child with care and compassion.*
3. *School staff help my family identify goals and support my child in reaching them.*
4. *School staff communicate positive messages with my family as well as concerns if needed.*
5. *School staff work to ensure our school community is inclusive for all families and community members of diverse backgrounds.*
6. *School staff treat my child, my family, and others with respect regardless of race, ethnicity, language, gender, disability, age, religion, or socioeconomic status.*

You will be asked to complete **one survey per Roosevelt student** in your household knowing that feelings and perceptions about school may vary for each child. If you would like to take this survey early, you may do so by using this QR code:

Please use this QR code to complete the survey electronically.



- We will be running our first *Professional Learning & Instructional Planning* (PL/IP) Day of the year on **Monday, October 16**. This is an important day for our staff members to learn, develop, and plan effective instructional strategies to meet the diverse needs of our students.
- Please join us for our next PTA meeting on **Thursday, October 19 at 6:00 pm** in person in our library or virtually using this [Roosevelt PTA meeting link](#) . You may view the agenda leading up to the meeting by clicking on this link: [Roosevelt PTA Agenda 2023-2024.docx](#)
 - 6:00-6:30 pm
 - PTA business work session
 - 6:30-7:30 pm
 - Playground Task Force work session
- Our *Fall Harvest Festival* is scheduled for the afternoon of **Tuesday, October 31**. Families are invited to join us on our playground for our *Fall Harvest Festival Costume Parade* beginning at 3:00 pm. Please watch for information in your child's folder related to preparing for this day.

We are looking forward to having a wonderful year working with you and your family. We aim to provide your child with the fun, rigorous, and relevant education they need to become lifelong learners. With your help and support, we will ensure that our children are on the right path towards *educating our Roosevelt community in a safe, nurturing, and responsive environment*. If you have questions or would like to learn more about the great things happening at Roosevelt Elementary, please check out our [Roosevelt Elementary website](#) or [Roosevelt Elementary Facebook page](#). If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call. Thank you for the positive support you provide your child each day!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ben Dallman".

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"Collectively committed to educating students in a safe, nurturing, and responsive environment."

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Thank You for Keeping Roosevelt Safe!

Arrival and dismissal times have looked fantastic as we have transitioned from the beginning of the year. Thank you for helping to keep our Roosevelt community safe and sound!

As the weather turns chilly, we ask that you keep a couple of key things in mind...

1. Dress in layers! Cooler mornings make way for warmer afternoons. Help your students to wear warmer layers that they can remove as the day progresses.
2. Help your child get to school at the right time! Those joining us for breakfast are welcome to enter through Door 1 at 8:15am. All other students should head to the playground no earlier than 8:20am.
3. Students not riding the bus after school should be picked up on the playground. For the safety of everyone, and unless accompanied by a parent, all students should head home after the 3:35pm bell.
4. Our student crossing guards have been doing a great job this year! Please help your children learn how to respect and listen to these students, just as they would the adult crossing guards!
5. When raining or sub-zero temperatures, students may enter the building as soon as they arrive. Doors #1, #5, and #7 will be accessible after 8:15 AM. For security reasons, family members will not be allowed to enter the building to walk their child to class.

Sick Child Guidelines for the 2023-24 School Year

If a child exhibit 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 they currently have or have had any of these symptoms in the last 24 hours.



Visit RCU on Thursday right here at Roosevelt!

Your child can learn about saving while helping Roosevelt! Visit the RCU Roosevelt Branch to deposit funds on Thursday mornings! Need information about signing up? Contact Mrs. Rud at trud@ecasd.us



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