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## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

### **TRANSLATIONS**

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Si tiene alguna pregunta, o le gustaria hablar sobre esta informacion que se le dio, puede contactar a Armando Constante al 715-852-4687.

### **WELCOME TO THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR**

Nothing compares to the energy of an elementary school at the beginning of the year: Five-hundred-plus students making new friends and learning new routines as we jump into fall! Your child(ren) makes Robbins a very special place. We are off to a great start, and we're eager to put the talents of our staff and the talents of your children to good use. Thank you for working with us to make Robbins school a great place for kids. Your questions, insight and support are valuable to all of us.

The entire Robbins Staff wishes you and your family a wonderful school year!

### **VISITORS TO ROBBINS**

The Eau Claire Area School District is continually implementing proactive measures that enhance safety and security in our schools. Recently 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.

### **THE ROBBINS WAY**

Students thrive in an environment where they feel safe, welcome, and respected. To this end, all students at Robbins learn and follow "The Robbins Way" -- the expectations we set for ourselves and one another to ensure students are successful.

We begin the school year going over expectations for every area of the school – from the lunchroom to the classroom to the playground. We explain, model, and practice these behaviors until they become simply “what we do” every day.

Once students understand and have practiced the expectations, we utilize ODR’s (Office Discipline Referrals, a.k.a., “minors” and “majors”) to help students focus on the preferred behaviors.

If students receive a “minor,” it simply means that a staff member took time to reteach a behavior or expectation. Typically, families are not notified of these corrective conversations. Students receiving a “major” visit with the principal or assistant principal and families are contacted. Consequences for all minors and majors are determined by the staff member or the principals.

To help us improve as a school, we document the time, location, and possible motivation for the behaviors we see in the building. By doing this, we can take a systematic look at Robbins and determine if changes need to be made in certain areas of the building, time periods, etc. We’re excited for students to show us how **The Robbins Way is Every Day!**

## **FAMILY DROP-OFF/PICK-UP**

For families who drive their students to school, our drop-off and pick-up procedure is outlined below. Remember to proceed SLOWLY AND SAFELY in our lot.

***Before School:*** You may drop off your student beginning at 8:30 AM anywhere along the curb within the "horseshoe" lane (the drop-off lane that extends past the Robbins front door). If possible, have your child exit the vehicle from the back seat of the passenger side. When school begins, best to plan for a quick hug or wave and then to morning recess or breakfast. While it can be difficult, we ask that families not go with their children to the playground or into the school. (We also ask that you do not park in the lot and/or cross to the front door; only drop off your child using the drop-off lane. It's a busy time and we want everyone to stay safe!)

***After School:*** At the end of the day, students will line up by grade level or with their oldest sibling's grade level along the horseshoe lane. Please stay in your vehicle in the drop-off lane as children exit the building. As children reunite with their family's vehicle, continue to pull your vehicle forward. (We also ask that you do not park in the lot and/or cross to the front door; only pick up your child using the pick-up lane. It's a busy time and we want everyone to stay safe!) We recognize the line of cars can get long, but we're happy to report that the whole process takes between 10-15 minutes after the final bell once we get into the swing of things. Thanks in advance for your patience!

## **BIKING TO SCHOOL**

Attention all students and parents who bike to school:

Please remember to walk your bike while you are on school property -- this includes the sidewalks around the playground and parking lots. This will help keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your cooperation!

## **LUNCHTIME AND/OR RECESS WITH STUDENTS**

We've had some questions about the option of eating lunch with students or playing on the playground with them during recess.

Because of lunchroom space and food allergies, we can accommodate two options for eating with your student(s). The first is for them to join you at a lunch table outdoors just outside our main doors. (This obviously will work for the warmer months, but not well in the winter.) The other is to check out your student from the school and take them out to eat.

For recess, we allow only staff and students on our playgrounds and fields during the school day to ensure it stays organized and safe.

Thank you for your cooperation!

## **RCU SCHOOL SENSE**

*Welcome to Royal Credit Union School \$ense 2023-2024!*

Royal Credit Union and Robbins have partnered to make saving each week **fun** and **easy** for your child. Starting in **October**, students can save money at school each **Wednesday**!

Before opening for the year, Royal Credit Union recruits fifth grade students to work as our youngest team members. Interested students participate in an authentic hiring process, complete with an application and interview. Hired students receive hands-on training with Royal's computer system to process deposits at school!

Students working at Royal Credit Union School \$ense learn valuable skills:

- Real Job Experience
- Member Service
- Confidentiality
- Professionalism
- Responsibility
- Teamwork

Watch for details on how to save at school next month!

We welcome your questions about Royal School \$ense and how you can get your child started saving at school.



## **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 6<sup>th</sup> and vision screening for kindergarten and first grade will be on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **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. We understand that plans 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. Teachers may not be able to read their email or listen to their voicemail until after the students are gone for the day. Please make all after school arrangements before sending your child to school.

**Thank you!**

## **STUDENT DIRECTORY DATA**

The below information is taken from the ECASD Parent/Student Handbook that was sent to each family this summer. To read further on the subject, please reference the ECASD Parent/Student Handbook.

In accordance with the District's designation and written notice of student directory data, the District may disclose a student's directory data to any person unless the student's parents or guardians (or adult student, if applicable) has notified the District that any or all of the student's directory data shall not be disclosed. Families can log into Family Access (Skyward) and update preferences or complete an Opt-Out Form if they wish to prohibit release of the student's directory data. If an appropriate party exercises a valid opt-out under this policy, then the District shall not disclose the directory data covered by the opt-out decision unless (1) an appropriate party provides advance written consent for the disclosure; or (2) the District determines that there is a separate and otherwise applicable exception to the confidentiality of the records that permits or requires such disclosure. Access to Directory Data Except as otherwise provided below, directory data may be disclosed to any person after the school has: (a) notified the parent, legal guardian, or guardian ad litem of the categories of information which it has designated as directory data with respect to each student, (b) informed such persons that they have 14 days to inform the school that all or any part of the directory data may not be released without their prior consent, and (c) allowed 14 days for such persons to inform the school, in writing, of all the directory data items they refuse to permit the District to designate as directory data about that student. At the end of this two-week period, each student's records will be appropriately marked by the records custodian(s) to indicate items the District will designate as directory data about the student. This designation will remain in effect until it is modified by the parent, guardian, guardian ad litem, or the adult student by logging into Family Access and updating preferences or completing a new Opt-Out Form.

## **STUDENT TECHNOLOGY UPDATE**

Per the ECASD Family Student Handbook, the district is now charging for iPad loss and damage. Please encourage your student to handle theirs with care to prevent charges. We have discovered that students can avoid the most common damage if they:

- Carry their iPad carefully with two hands.
- Place iPads safely in the middle of tables or desks, not on the edge.
- Keep iPads off the ground.
- Keep track of their chargers and not lend them to friends.
- Never stack heavy things on top of their iPads.
- Never leave a device unattended.

If your student's iPad needs repairs, please have them stop by the library. Fees will be assessed and emailed out to families via our library system. Payment (cash or check) can be taken in the library. A full list of potential fees can be found at: [go.ecasd.us/TechFees](http://go.ecasd.us/TechFees).

## **SCHOOL NURSE UPDATE**

Whenever possible, medications should be administered to school children at home, rather than at school. If a child needs to have a medication (prescription or over the counter) while at school the following procedure is to be followed to promote the safety of students.

### **The following are the responsibilities of the parent(s)/guardian(s):**

1. Notify the school of the child's needs.
2. Complete the "**Medication Consent Form (Part A and B)**," which grants the school permission to administer medication to the child in the dosage prescribed and communicate directly with the physician/licensed prescriber. The "**Medication Consent Form**" is valid only for the current school year and summer immediately following.
3. Deliver the physician/licensed subscriber written Instructions Form, the Medication Consent Form, and the initial supply of medication to the school.
4. Make sure that each prescribed medication is in its original pharmacy container with the original pharmacy label that has on it the student's name, dosage of medication, time(s) that the medication is to be administered, and physician/licensed prescriber's name.
5. Obtain additional written instructions from the physician/licensed prescriber and deliver them to the school each time there is a change in medication, dosage, or time that the medication is to be administered.
6. Assume full responsibility for the safe delivery of medications to appropriate school personnel.
7. Notify the school, in writing, if the medication is discontinued during the school year.

Students may carry and use an inhaler or epinephrine auto-injector (e.g., Epipen®) as well as self-administer their own prescription and nonprescription drugs **with the written approval of the student's physician and parent/guardian.**

Please note that the Eau Claire Area School District assumes no responsibility in circumstances where students bring and consume medication at school without benefit of the procedure outlined above.

### **Head Lice**

- Head lice can be a nuisance, but they have **not** been shown to spread disease.
- Personal hygiene or cleanliness in the home or school has nothing to do with getting head lice.
- Transmission of head lice usually occurs through direct contact with the **head** of another infested individual.
- Lice cannot hop or fly; they crawl. Nits (eggs) are attached to the hair shaft with a glue-like substance and are very unlikely to be transferred successfully to other people. In-school transmission is considered to be rare.
- When live head lice are found on a student, the parent/guardian will be notified by phone. The student will remain in the classroom, and a letter with treatment information will be sent home with the student at the end of the day.

- When nits (eggs) are found on a student, the student will remain in the classroom, and a letter with treatment information will be sent home with the student at the end of the day.
- Parents are asked to treat for head lice and remove all nits (eggs) before sending their child back to school. Most lice treatments do not kill nits, so it is important to remove all nits to prevent them from hatching into live lice.
- Treatment for lice is **not** recommended unless the child actually has lice. Parents are encouraged to make checking for head lice a part of routine hygiene, as lice is present in the community at all times of the year.
- Lice cases are tracked, and letters to parents notifying them of lice in the classroom will be sent out on an as-needed basis as determined by the school nurse and administrator.
- ECASD procedures for head lice management are based on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the National Association of School Nurses, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, and the ECASD Medical Advisor.

Contact your child's school nurse with questions.

## **BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

Have your student start their day the healthy way by eating breakfast! School breakfast is an ideal solution on busy mornings when students are running late or when parents have early work schedules. Often students are not hungry first thing in the morning but are ready to eat when school begins. Other students may have long bus rides and are hungry by the time they arrive at school. Whatever the reason, if breakfast at home is not convenient, please take advantage of breakfast at school.

The School Breakfast Program is available to all students before school from 8:30-8:45. While it is your choice of whether your child eats breakfast at home or at school, we do encourage your child to eat a nutritious breakfast.

**Breakfast and lunch menus can be found here:**

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

## **FREE AND REDUCED BREAKFAST AND LUNCH**

**As always, our families can apply for free and reduced breakfast and lunch any time during the school year.** Paper applications were mailed with the ECASD Family Handbook this August. Applications are also online at [www.myschoolapps.com](http://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.

## **WEEKEND KIDS MEALS**

Robbins Elementary is happy to offer the Weekend Kid's Meals Program. This program is offered through Feed My People Food Bank. The purpose of the program is to provide food for your child when school breakfasts and lunches are not available. There is no income guidelines or requirements. Anyone is welcome to participate in this program. The food is at NO COST to you or your child. If you choose to enroll your child, they will receive a plastic bag each week with enough food for breakfast and lunch for them for a few meals. The meals have not been screened for different allergies; therefore, parents are responsible for determining if this program meets your child's dietary and health needs.

Families are able to sign up or discontinue this program anytime throughout the year. If you are interested in having your child participate, please check out this website:

[www.ecasd.us/fmp](http://www.ecasd.us/fmp)

Families can use an online tool to sign-up for Weekend Kids Meals for this school year. Go to [Weekend Kids Meal Sign-Up](#) to sign-up your child(ren) for these opportunities. (Sign-up web address: <https://bit.ly/3y88udA> )

## **EMERGENCY WEATHER INFORMATION**

The weather in Eau Claire and across Wisconsin is famous for its changing conditions. Decisions about whether to close school due to inclement weather or to use a two-hour delay are typically made by 6:00 am. The Eau Claire Area School District, in consultation with Student Transit, will use a two-hour delay in school start times when inclement weather requires time to promote safer travel to school. As we know, weather conditions can change rapidly. In the event that a two-hour delay must be reconsidered, the decision to close school for the full day will be made no later than 8:00 am.

If schools are closed because of bad weather, all athletic, after-school and evening events are also cancelled.

Announcements of these decisions are made by local television and radio stations, on the District's website, via the District's Facebook and Twitter accounts and an email is sent to those parents/guardians who have provided an email address. The same process will be used if bad weather or a peak energy alert develops after school has started for the day. Telephone calls will not be made by the schools.

## **STUDENT TRANSIT**

If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's bus routes and times, please contact Student Transit at 715-839-5116.

## **SCHOOL PERFORMORANCE REPORT**

By state law, school districts are required to publish a School Performance Report (SPR) for parents and guardians each year by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Eau Claire's SPR data is published on our website (<http://www.ecasd.us>) under the "about" tab via District Information & Reports (School Performance Report and WISEdash portal).

## **FUTURE MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS**

All newsletters will be emailed to parents via Skyward. Please log onto your Skyward account to make sure that your email address, phone numbers, and emergency contact information is correct. This is the information that is used in the case of an illness or emergency. If any of this information changes throughout the school year, please log onto Skyward and update it accordingly.

## **FAMILY/ TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Family/Teacher conferences will be on October 12th from 8 am until 8pm. You will be receiving information from your child's teacher in the next few weeks about how to go about scheduling a conference. More information soon!

## **SCHOOL PICTURES**

School pictures are scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Picture order forms will be sent home soon. You will be able to order pictures two ways: You can fill out the order form and send it back to school with your child on picture day or you can order online at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com). Watch for more information to come home soon!

## **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.

## **2023-2024 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](https://www.ecasd.us/District/About/Community-Events/Community-Event-Flyers-(1)) 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))



## **Back to School Emotional Wellness**

Returning to school can be stressful! It's normal for children to feel anxious during this time. Here are a couple tips on how to ease their worries:

1. **Communicate:** Check in with your child(ren) often. Acknowledge your child's fears and let them know you understand and that it's normal to feel anxious.
2. **Encourage In-Person Social Interactions:** Spending time with friends outside of school can make the transition smoother and more enjoyable.
3. **Create and Continue Routines:** Establishing bedtimes, eating healthy meals, and setting aside time for homework and relaxation can help your child adjust to the school year.

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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:

[www.getinvolvedasap.org](http://www.getinvolvedasap.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.