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



Hello Roosevelt Families and Friends!

It is hard to believe that we have entered the second half of our school year. February brings us our final round of parent-teacher conferences. As a parent or guardian, you play an integral 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 greater success. We also have a parent survey focused on "*Student Perseverance & Self-Regulation*" available for you to provide feedback before or after your conference. As we approach your **February 21<sup>st</sup>** conference day, please take a moment to consider the following components of a successful parent-teacher conference:

### 1. Expect a two-way conversation.

Like all good conversations, parent-teacher conferences are best when both people talk and listen. The conference is a time for you to learn about your child's progress in school. But it is also a time for the teacher to learn about what your child is like at home. When you tell the teacher about your child's skills, interests, needs, and dreams, the teacher can build better connections with your child.

### 2. Emphasis on learning.

Good parent-teacher conferences focus on how well the child is doing in school, as well as areas for improvement. To prepare for the conversation, please bring a list of questions you would like to ask their teacher.

### 3. Opportunities and challenges.

Just like you, teachers want your child to succeed. You will likely hear positive feedback about your child's progress as well as areas for improvement. Be prepared to share what you perceive to be your child's greatest strengths and areas of need, sharing ideas used to overcome similar challenges at home.

If you are unable to attend conferences on **February 21<sup>st</sup>**, please contact your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible to arrange another time.

### Highlights from January:

- After a much-appreciated winter break in December, our students did well transitioning back into regular school day routines. Now that we have experienced a very surprising stretch of inclement weather days more recently, we have been working very hard at transitioning back into a normal schedule again. Thank you for helping your child get enough sleep, nutrition, and exercise at home. All three of these ingredients help set your child up for success!
- We recently celebrated another all-school PRIDE meeting where we reviewed what we have learned so far (*self-control, mindfulness, empathy, grit, and integrity*) and introduced our new goal, *embracing diversity*. This will be our new focus between now and March 1<sup>st</sup>. We described *embracing diversity* as "*knowing, respecting, and valuing our differences.*"

### Announcements for February:

- Beginning on **February 8<sup>th</sup>**, every Roosevelt Elementary classroom will set aside 30-minutes each Friday to provide a lesson focused on social-emotional learning. To learn more about some of the resources being used, please click on the links below:
  - [dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/sspw/SEL-Competencies-Guide-web.pdf](http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/sspw/SEL-Competencies-Guide-web.pdf)
  - [secondstep.org](http://secondstep.org)
  - [socialthinking.com](http://socialthinking.com)
  - [ascd.org/Publications/Books/Overview/The-Formative-Five.aspx](http://ascd.org/Publications/Books/Overview/The-Formative-Five.aspx)
- Thank you to the many families who attended last Wednesday's Listening Session. If you were unable to attend this, you may click [HERE](#) to view a video of the Listening Session. The next session will be on Wednesday, **February 13<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00-8:30pm at North High School. If you have any questions, please call me or visit this website for more information <http://www.ecasd.us/District/Board-of-Education/4K-Elementary-Enrollments>. Thank you for staying engaged in the process as our school district explores options.
- Classroom holiday parties will be taking place on **February 14<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you in advance to our volunteers who help these activities run smoothly for our kids.
- Because Roosevelt students have been showing great *kindness* and *integrity*, they have earned an all-school **Glow Dance Party** as a PBIS incentive. On Thursday, **February 20<sup>th</sup>**, please dress them in their new blue Roosevelt T-Shirts to wear during this school-wide celebration. THANK YOU to the Roosevelt Elementary PTA for providing every student and staff member this student-designed t-shirt!



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- Please join us on Tuesday, **February 26<sup>th</sup>** for presentations from 1<sup>st</sup> grade and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students who will be sharing something they are excited about learning this year. This is a reschedule of the PTA meetings previously scheduled to take place in January. We will also welcome ECASD Superintendent Dr. Hardebeck to share information about our school district as it pertains to Roosevelt Elementary School. Although there will be a Q&A session available, this is not in place of the listening sessions focused on potential ECASD boundary changes. Please join us for our student presentations and to learn more about our school district.
- We will kick-off “*Read Across America Day*” on March 1<sup>st</sup> with an all-school assembly, then celebrate “*Read Across America Week*” from March 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. This will feature “*Mystery Readers*” during announcements, dress-up days, and our Scholastic Book Fair throughout the week. We will be hosting families for our “*Roosevelt Family Reading Night*” on Thursday, **March 7<sup>th</sup>** with a free dinner and guest author Jerry Morris. Please join us! THANK YOU to the Roosevelt Elementary PTA for sponsoring this community-building event!

#### Mark your Calendars:

- Because of our multiple inclement weather days, we will be running school with students as normal on Monday, **April 22<sup>nd</sup>** instead of using this as a staff development day. More information will be available after our February 18<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting as to our ECASD plan for providing students their required amount of instructional minutes for the current school year for the loss of instructional time.
- Our “*End-of-Year Carnival*” is scheduled for **June 6<sup>th</sup>** (last day of school for students). Although last week’s organizational meeting needed to be cancelled, we will still be looking for several parent-volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please contact our partnership coordinator Tammy Rud.
- The Roosevelt Summer School program will take place **June 10-27** (8:30-11:45am) with summer library on Mondays (June 10 – July 18, 12:15pm – 2:15pm) and Tuesdays (June 11-August 13, 5:45-7:15pm). We are thrilled to be able to provide **free** breakfast and lunch to all children under 18 years old throughout our summer school programming in June! We will also be working in partnership with the Boys & Girls Club and the Eau Claire Parks & Rec Program to provide afternoon options for students attending our morning summer school program. Please let me know if you have questions about any of these great opportunities for your kids.

#### From the University of Wisconsin-Extension:

*Parenting and Family Relationships: Trustworthy resources to improve the quality of family life*

## Respecting Differences Makes Us Stronger

español: *Respetar las diferencias nos hace más fuertes*

### *A Person's a Person, No Matter How Small – Dr. Seuss*

*Diversity is many different types of things, including different types of people, families, and communities.*

*The ability to respect others is a skill that will help your child forever. It is important to teach children to respect and stand up for people who may seem different from themselves. Children can learn that people are more alike than different, and that everyone deserve to be treated with respect and kindness.*

*They learn from the words they hear and what they see. You can help them learn by the way you talk about or react to what you see in the world.*

#### What We Know:

When children respect themselves and others, they

- feel good about who they are,
- value people who are different from themselves, and
- become adults ready to live peacefully in a diverse world.

#### Try This:

Teach your child about the value of diversity, and who them that differences in race, abilities, beliefs, and cultures can enrich their lives through new experiences and relationships. Help them make friends with a new student that comes from a different country. Invite new neighbors to a cookout or picnic and share family stories. Visit museums that focus on other cultures and talk about differences and similarities.

#### Just for Fun:

Watch the short film, **The Present**, with your child and talk about the characters in the story. How are they alike? How are they different? Ask them why they think the little boy didn't like is present at first and what might have changed is mind. (You may suggest to your child that he liked it once he got to know it better.) Help your child connect this story with people they know or situations they have experienced in their lives.

Thank you for being an active part of your child’s education. We look forward to seeing you at parent-teacher conferences. Stay warm!

Sincerely,

*Ben Dallman*

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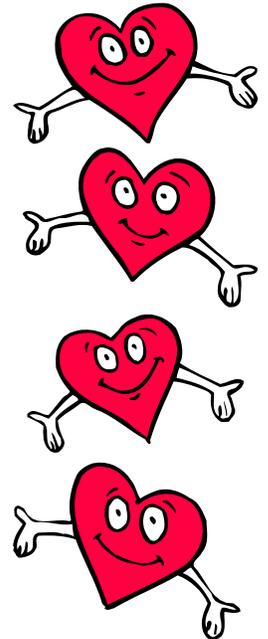
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## Mark Your Calendar.....

February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Listening Session - Elementary Boundary Changes at North High School from 7-8:30
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Valentine's Parties - Look for Classroom Specific Info
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	Listening Session - Spanish Presentation at Delong Middle School from 5-6:30
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	NO SCHOOL - Conferences - Watch for Time Reminder Soon!
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	NO SCHOOL - MID WINTER BREAK
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	NO SCHOOL - Staff Development
February 28 <sup>th</sup>	Rescheduled PTA Meeting with Guest Dr. Hardebeck 6-7:30
March 4 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	Read Across America Week Begins
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Listening Session - Expansion of Elementary Schools at South Middle School from 4:30-6 Culver's Night
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Listening Session - Supporting Families During Transition at Memorial High School from 5:30-7
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to the CV Museum
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Listening Session - Middle School Boundaries at Northstar Middle School from 6:30-8
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Listening Session - Hmong Presentation at Northstar Middle School from 6-7:30
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Final Day of After School Math Club
March 25-29	NO SCHOOL Spring Break



## Kindergarten Enrollment!

The Eau Claire Area School District welcomes all children turning 5 years old on, or before, September 1, 2019 to enroll in Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year. Enrolling is easy!

### Step 1:

Visit our website at [www.ecasd.us](http://www.ecasd.us).  
Click on "Enrollment".  
Complete the online application.

### Step 2:

Visit the Enrollment Office, located at 500 Main Street.  
Provide proof of address, and proof of your child's age.

Enrollment Office Hours:  
Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.  
No appointment needed!

## Schedule Reminder!

Roosevelt students are welcomed into the building for breakfast at 8:15. If you are not having breakfast, please head directly to the playground. Parents, please note that there is no supervision until 8:25.

### Roosevelt Start and End Times:

**8:35 am** – First Bell Rings

**8:40 am** – Classes Begin

**3:35 pm** - Dismissal



## Valentine Day Party Reminders!

If you are planning on sending treats for Valentine's Day, please remember that we have a number of students with peanut allergies. Please select treats that do not contain peanuts, peanut butter, or other peanut products. Also, as you are writing out Valentine cards, please make sure there is a card for each student in your child's class. If you need a complete list, or have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Thank you!

### Are you questioning whether your child is well enough to attend school?

#### Here are some helpful guidelines to consider...

We encourage and expect regular attendance, however in an effort to maintain the good health of all our students, please refrain from bringing your child to school if they are sick. This will reduce the overall number of illnesses among the students.

#### A child should remain home if he or she has any of the following symptoms:

- Temperature of 100.5° or more
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Persistent coughing
- Rashes – Any child that has a rash draining or spreading will need to be kept at home.

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:

Your cooperation with these guidelines can lead to fewer illnesses for your child. If you have any questions, please contact your primary care provider.

## Wisconsin Public School Open Enrollment

### **Public School Open Enrollment: February 4 – April 30, 2019**

Wisconsin residents in grades 4K -12 may apply to attend school in a school district other than the one in which they live. For example: a child that lives in the Altoona School District could apply to attend the Eau Claire Area School District (ECASD). Students in pre-kindergarten may participate in limited circumstances; parents should call Sandy LaValley at 852-3003 to find out if their preschool-aged child(ren) qualify.

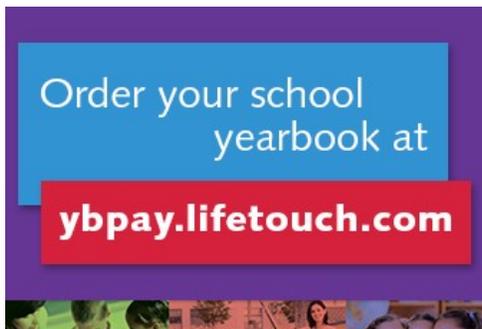
**Students who are currently attending the ECASD through open enrollment DO NOT need to reapply.**

The open enrollment application for the 2019-20 school year is February 4 – April 30, 2019. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction no longer provides paper application forms to the school districts. An online application will be available to the public beginning, February 4, and closing at 4:00 pm on April 30, 2019. For more information about open enrollment, please go to: <http://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>

Have you moved outside of the Eau Claire School District this year? If so, you need to complete a **Tuition Waiver** form. Contact 715-832-3003 for more information.

## Roosevelt Yearbooks!

We are excited to announce that yearbooks will be for sale this year! If you are interested in purchasing a yearbook, you can do so online at [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com). Yearbooks will only be available through 3/30/19. No late orders will be taken, and there is no guarantee that extra books will be sent. Please order early if you do wish to have a yearbook.



## *Student Conferences Are Coming Soon!*

Conferences are scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Doors will be locked between 11:40-12:40 and 4:20 - 5:00 for lunch and dinner.

Your February conference will be scheduled for the same time as your October conference. Watch for a conference reminder slip to come home in your student's folder. If you have questions regarding conferences, please contact your student's teacher.

## *A Note About Parking...*

Every year, as the snow piles grow, we receive questions regarding the limited parking set-up and back pick-up area at Roosevelt. Thank you for your questions, and we appreciate your patience with our unique situation! We wanted to take a moment to share some important information regarding our parking situation. The Eau Claire Area School District is allowed use of the lot behind school, however the City of Eau Claire actually owns and maintains it. This makes for a unique partnership! While we recognize that this is not the most ideal situation, we appreciate parents working hard to be flexible during pick-up time in an effort to make the most of the limited space we do have available.

To help with the crowded after school hours, we invite parents to also utilize the parking available along Folsom Street and Truax Boulevard, as we do have adult crossing guards stationed at in areas on these streets to assist in maintaining safe crossing for all students. As always, when picking-up and dropping-off, please observe the crosswalks and utilize the adult and student crossing guards. We ask when you are in the school zone that you always remain aware of your surroundings, and refrain from using cell phones. Thank you for helping us keep your kids safe!