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News from the Tiger's Den

June 2019



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

Congratulations on a great school year!

As our school year begins to wind down, this seems like the perfect time to thank our Roosevelt friends and families for their ongoing support throughout the school year. Many thanks for the time and energy you put into volunteering at school, checking folders at home, attending special events, connecting with teachers, supervising field trips, assisting our crossing guards, helping with fundraising, and all of the other 'behind the scenes' work you do for our kids. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

In addition, thank you for joining us for our many activities this past month. It was great to see so many families join us for our *Date with Dads*, *Morning with Moms*, *Arts Nights*, and *Kindergarten Round-Up*. Thank you for the plentiful treats donated during *Staff Appreciation Week*! Our *5th Grade Graduation*, *Moving-Up Day*, and *End-of-Year Carnival* are just around the corner. Spring can be an extremely fun and busy for young families!

Congratulations to our graduating 5th grade class! It has been enjoyable watching you grow as individuals and we feel privileged to have had the opportunity to work with you!

Our kids have shown great grit this school year and will need the opportunity to recharge this summer. With that, we don't want to lose anything this summer that we worked so hard to attain. The 'summer slide' can be a very real concern but can also be minimized when families are proactive about it. Studies have found that "access" and "choice" are two of the most powerful ways to help your child strengthen their love of reading during the summer.

1. Access to Interesting Books

Across grade levels, the most popular books are series books. As children read through the series, they develop important skills and increase reading fluency while also identifying themselves as 'readers' which can be very powerful way for kids to identify themselves.

Here's what Roosevelt will do:

- A representative from our local public library (L.E. Phillips) will be joining us on June 5th to share more about their summer reading program with our kids.
- We will host our summer library from June 17th-27th (M-Th, 8-12pm) as well as every Monday from June 17th-July 15th 12:15-2:15 pm (5-weeks). We are also the only school in the ECASD to offer an Evening Library Program to families. This will take place from June 18th-August 13th (6-7pm). No registration is required, and all family members are welcome!
- There are still openings for our summer school program which runs from June 17-27th (M-Th, 8:30-11:45 am). If you have any questions or are still interested in having your child attend, please give us a call so we can help with registration.

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Here's what You can do:

- Schedule a weekly visit to Roosevelt's Library or the L.E. Phillips Library. Our public library offers many incentives for kids who sign up for their library program. Students can earn these incentives through Roosevelt's Library program as well! This program is very flexible and free to participate in! There are also several "Little Free Library" boxes around Eau Claire that might have what your child is looking for.

2. Choice of Books

Instead of choosing *whether or not* to read, choosing *what* to will read can be empowering to your child. Dav Pilkey (Author of the extremely popular *Captain Underpants* series) made this great comparison.

"What if all of your reading material was selected by, or restricted by people who believed that they know what was best for you? Wouldn't that be awful? Wouldn't you resent it? And isn't it possible that you might begin to associate books with bad things like drudgery and subjugation?"

Here's what Roosevelt will do:

- Your child will be receiving another free book of their choice to add to their home library during our upcoming *R.I.F. (Reading is Fundamental)* day on June 5th.
- We will be running another *Scholastic Book Fair* in our IMC hallway during the week of June 3rd and during our *End-of-Year Carnival* on June 7th!

Here's what You can do:

- Even though your child should have choice as to what they read, you can still help guide them to topics they have an interest in that are written at their approximate reading level. Kids tend to pick books because of their visual features, humor, and specific topic more often than because of genre.

Whether you read **to** your child, **with** your child, or **model** your own love of reading when you are around your child, you can make a big difference! With your help this summer, your child can improve their own reading stamina, independence, confidence, and most importantly, their genuine love of reading! May you find a warm beach, an abundance of sunshine, and a good book! Happy summer!

Sincerely,

Ben Dallman

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2019-20 School Year

Looking for updates about the coming school year. Check out the below link for information regarding back to school events!

<https://www.ecasd.us/Roosevelt-Elementary/About/2018-19-Back-to-School-Information>

Mark Your Calendar.....



June 3rd	Book Fair Begins!
June 4th	Last Culver's Night Until September!
June 5th	5 th Grade Graduation 2:15-3:30
June 6th	5 th Grade Field Trip to Crystal Cave
June 7th	Last Day for Students! Moving Up Day - 9:30 - 10:00 End of Year Carnival from 1:30-3:30
June 10th	Report Cards Mailed Home
June 17 th	Summer School Begins! See below for more info!

A Note from Mrs. Bladl....

Dear Roosevelt Families and Friends,

It is with mixed emotions that I am writing this. I have had the opportunity to work as a Roosevelt Tiger since March of 2013. The past six and a half years have taught me so much and provided the opportunity to work with the absolute best students, families, teachers, and staff around. I was told when I began at Roosevelt, that this little school building was truly the best kept secret on the West side of Eau Claire. I had no idea, at the time, exactly how true those words were.

In my time at Roosevelt I've had the privilege of getting to know your families, helping your children when they were sick, hurt, or homesick, assisting our teachers and staff as they provide the critical foundation for our Tigers to move forward towards post-secondary success, and working with two of the best school Principals the Eau Claire Area School District has, and will, ever see.

Many of you know that shortly after starting at Roosevelt I decided to pursue my master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. It has been a long journey, but I've reached the point in my training where I must transition into clinical fieldwork. While I am excited about achieving this life-long dream, doing so also means that I will need to leave my role at Roosevelt. I will finish this school year, but I will not be returning in the fall. After a year of fieldwork, I will move into clinical practice and begin the process of starting my doctoral program in Counseling. I hope to return to the schools in Eau Claire through the School Based Mental Health Program at some point. Until then, I look forward to seeing all my Roosevelt friends around Eau Claire. If we do see each other out and about, please say hello!

I will miss you all greatly! Thank you for your kindness and love over the years, and remember...once a tiger, always a tiger!

In Roosevelt Pride,

Mrs. Bladl



END OF THE YEAR MEDICATION REMINDER



If your child takes medication at school, please send only enough pills to get your child through the last day of school. All medication will need to be picked up by a parent or guardian **on or before June 7TH** – the last day of school. Any medicine that is not picked up will be disposed after school on June 7TH. This will include all daily medications and emergency medications such as: inhalers, epi-pens, etc. Thank you for noting these dates in advance!

Day Care Options for the 2019-20 School Year

**Interested in the before
or after school care
options? Contact:
Grace Child Care at
715.832.3039
to register.**

Final Lost and Found Call!

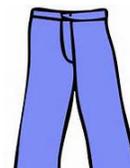
Please remember to visit the Lost and Found by the last day of school. Items that are unclaimed will be donated on June 7th.

The School Office.....

The office at Roosevelt will be closed related to anything for the regular school year, beginning mid-June. If you are attending summer school, a staff person will be available for needs related specifically to summer school classes.

If you have questions regarding the regular school year, please contact Mr. Dallman at 715-852-4710. Mr. Dallman will be available throughout the summer months. If you are interested in meeting with him, please contact him directly to schedule an appointment.

If you need enrollment information, or have any other questions, please contact Enrollment Services at the Board of Education at 715-852-3060.



Attention Families Who Have Registered for Summer School!

A mailing regarding your summer school registration was sent via U.S. Mail in mid-May. It contained a lot of information, and forms, required for summer school. We are excited to welcome so many kids to our summer school program. Below is some information, also included in the mailing, that will help you plan for the summer school session. If you are unable to attend or have questions, please contact Mrs. Bladl at (715) 852-4701, by Friday, June 7th.

Class	Building	Time	Room
<p style="text-align: center;">Roosevelt Summer School</p> <p>*Please note this is for the summer school portion at Roosevelt only. If you registered for a library program or an athletic camp, you will receive a separate mailing providing program specifics.</p>	Roosevelt	<p>8 - 8:45 AM Breakfast</p> <p>8:30 -11:45 AM Class</p> <p>11:45-12:15 PM Lunch</p> <p>*Breakfast and lunch are free for all students UNDER 18.</p>	<p>Kindergarten: Room 181-Ms. Frederick</p> <p>Grade 1: Room 183 – Mrs. Fortner-Bush</p> <p>Grade 2: Room 187 – Mrs. Berg</p> <p>Grade 3: Room 179 - Ms. Jeannie Miller</p> <p>Grade 4: Room 177 – Mr. Drescher</p> <p>Grade 5: Room 185 – Mrs. Krueger</p> <p>*Please Note: Your child will attend the grade level that he/she will be in for the coming (2019-20) school year. For example, if your child just finished 1st grade, he/she will attend the 2nd grade summer school program.</p>

Classes run Monday through Thursday from June 17th through June 27th.

Our school library will be open June 17th – June 27th from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm for check in/out, and also on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm from June 18th to August 13th.

The library will be closed the week of July 4th .

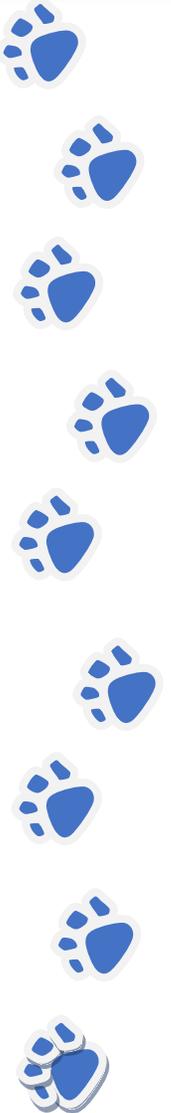
A few important notes about our summer session:

- All students will enter, and exit, through Door 5, located off our playground. DO NOT attempt to enter through Door 1, as no one will be there to open the door.
- All students are welcome to join us for breakfast from 8:00 am to 8:45 am, and lunch, from 11:45-12:15 pm. Breakfast students will need to enter through Door 5 also.
- Breakfast and lunch are free for all children under the age of 18.
- Our summer school office will be staffed by Mrs. Polus, and will be in Room 164, which is Mrs. Wilkom’s normal office (The Speech Room). To report an absence, you may still call the regular school number at 715.852.4700.
- Families are responsible for transporting their students to summer school. If you are picking up your child, or he/she is walking/biking home, they will be released out Door 5 on our playground.
- Parents, please confirm and/or send a note with your child that details his/her plans AFTER class is over. Since summer is so different from the normal school day, it can be very confusing for students. Making sure they are aware, and that they have a note with them will help with their worries and help us get your kiddo to the right spot!
- **Those who registered with the River City Adventures Program**, through Eau Claire Parks and Recreation, will be released to program staff after lunch. This program is held at Roosevelt, and there is no transportation after the program is over. **You MUST be pre-registered to participate in this program. Please contact Eau Claire Parks and Recreation with questions at 715.839.5032.**



Woof, woof! Roosevelt's Pet Policy gets Unleashed!

While we love pets here at Roosevelt, for the safety of our students, staff and four legged friends, we ask that you refrain from bringing dogs onto the school playground. If you do bring your pet friends to school, they should remain outside the fence and on a leash. Pets can react unexpectedly when crowded by excited children. We appreciate your help in keeping our kids, adults and furry friends safe!



Fun In the Sun... Great Summer Fun for the Entire Family!

There are so many great resources for summer fun in the Chippewa Valley! If you're looking for something fun to do, check out these sites!

- ❖ **LE Phillips Public Library:**
www.ecpubliclibrary.info
- ❖ **Eau Claire Parks and Rec:**
www.ci.eau-claire.wi.us/index.aspx?page=55
- ❖ **Eau Claire Children's Theater:** www.ecct.org
- ❖ **Chippewa Valley Museum:**
www.cvmuseum.com
- ❖ **Paul Bunyon Logging Camp Museum:**
www.paulbunyncamp.org



It's hard to believe that our 5th graders will be leaving Roosevelt in just a few short days.

It feels like just yesterday; we were welcoming them at kindergarten orientation. How fast the time does go!

We wish all of our 5th graders the best as they make the leap to middle school. Remember what you've learned at Roosevelt! You're a learner that believes in pride, respect and responsibility. With those principles, you will go far!

Congrats to the Class of 2026!

Summer is a great time to develop reading skills. Whether you're reading on the beach, by the pool, in a hammock or under your favorite tree, enjoy the lazy days of summer with a good book! You'll come back the next school year already set to learn and succeed! Check out the summer reading program at the library for lot of reading, fun and prizes too!

Here's wishing you a great summer! The last day of school is June 7th. We have enjoyed having your children be part of our days this school year! We look forward to seeing you all in the fall!

Big Summer Smiles ~ The Roosevelt Staff