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News from the Tiger's Den

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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 and the leaves have begun to change. The Roosevelt school year is off to a great start! Our students have been learning school routines and are 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 already connected with your child's 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.

Highlights from September:

- We enjoyed some beautiful weather and a great turnout for our indoor Back-to-School Night. Thank you to our amazing families for organizing and running this delightful community-building event.
- Every student has completed their universal screening (*PALS*, *AIMS Web*, *STAR*) for math and literacy. This information about your child plays an important role in planning instruction to meet their specific learning needs. If you ever have any questions about your child's learning support this school year, please connect with your child's classroom teacher.
- Our kids have learned and successfully practiced their PBIS expectations for every location in our school. We have also been focused on strengthening success skills that are important to your child now and throughout their adult lives. During September, our school-wide focus was on strengthening our student's "self-control" skills. Layering on top of this skill, we are concentrating on increasing our "mindfulness" skills throughout the month of October. Ask your child about our "Mindfulness Minute" taking place each Friday.
- We are entering the fourth year of our four School-Improvement-Plan (SIP) Goals. The goals focus on helping students learn **1)** specific math standards, **2)** specific writing skills, **3)** student perseverance skills, and **4)** student behaviors (specific to reducing physical aggression). More information can be found on our website.

Announcements for October:

- In case you missed the October 8th School Board meeting, a proposal was made to our School Board by the *Demographic Trends & Facility Planning Committee*. The recommendation presented to the School Board would have a direct impact on Roosevelt Elementary School. Here is some information related to this recommendation:
 - Any proposed change would first need to be approved by our School Board. This vote may take place at some point this spring.



- If any changes are approved by our School Board, these changes would likely take place during the 2020-2021 school year at the earliest.
 - You will be invited to *Listening Sessions* this winter and spring where you will have the opportunity to ask questions and School Board members will be gathering information to factor into their decision making.
 - The recommendation that was presented to the School Board can be found here: [https://www.boarddocs.com/wi/ecasd/Board.nsf/files/B5CVL381342B/\\$file/Demo%20%26%20Trends%20October%202018.pdf](https://www.boarddocs.com/wi/ecasd/Board.nsf/files/B5CVL381342B/$file/Demo%20%26%20Trends%20October%202018.pdf)
 - You are also able to access the recorded video of the October 8th School Board meeting once it is uploaded using this link: <https://www.boarddocs.com/wi/ecasd/Board.nsf/Public>
 - Thank you in advance to all families for continuing to stay engaged in the process!
- Please join us for our first PTA General Meeting of the school year on Thursday, October 11th at 6pm. Along with a presentation focused on ways to support our “Student Success Skills” at home, we will have a group of 2nd grade students and 5th grade students share examples of exciting things they have learned this year.
 - Our *National Walk to School Day* originally scheduled for October 10th has been postponed to the morning of Wednesday, October 17th. We will be pairing this with our *Kindness in Chalk Event* that has been rained out a few times already. When students arrive at school, they can leave messages of kindness on the sidewalk or blacktop. We hope for sunshine and that your child or family will be able to participate in this fun event!
 - We will be running our first Professional Development & Instructional Planning day on Friday, October 29th. This is an important day for staff members to learn and develop better instructional strategies to meet the needs of our students. This built-in time allows teachers to improve the important work they do without missing as much time with their students during the school year.
 - Our *Halloween Parade* will be held on the playground on Wednesday, October 31st (3:00-3:15). Please watch for information in your child’s folder related to preparing for this day.

If you have questions or would like to learn more about the great things happening at Roosevelt Elementary, please check out our website, Facebook page, or follow us on twitter (@Roosevelt_Pride). If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call, email, or stop by to visit our school. Thank you for the positive support you provide your children each day!

Sincerely,

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Mark Your Calendar...

October 1	PTA Boxtop collection Drive Begins (ends 10/19)
October 1-5	Blugold Beginnings After School Robotics Club for Grade 5 3:30-5:00 - Watch for More Info!
October 2	Culver's Night Fire Prevention Programs for Grades K-3
October 10	Walk to School Day - Watch for More Info
October 11	PTA Meeting at 6 pm in the IMC
October 16	Burrachos Benefit Night for Roosevelt - Water Street Location
October 18	1 st Day of RCU Clubs Choice Fundraiser Delivery Day
October 19	PTA Boxtop Contest Ends
October 21-25	Scholastic Book Fair After School and During Conferences
October 25	NO SCHOOL - Conferences 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
October 26	NO SCHOOL - Fall Break
October 29	NO SCHOOL - Staff Development Day
October 30	Pumpkin Carving Contest - Pumpkins Due by 10:00 am
October 31	Halloween Parade - 3:00 pm - Viewing from the Playground Only

Future Planning...

November 6	After School Math Club Begins Culver's Night
November 8	PTA Officers Meeting at 6 pm in the IMC
November 9	Picture Retake Day Veterans Day Observed at School (November 11 th is Veterans Day) - Program Info to Come!
November 12	Blugold Beginnings After School Adventures Robotics for Grade 4 Begins and Runs 3:30-5 through Friday 11/16/18
November 14	Intruder Alert Drill Practice My Local Deals Fundraiser Begins and Runs through 11/29/18
Nov. 19-23	NO SCHOOL (Monday and Tuesday = Staff Professional Development, and Wednesday through Thursday = Thanksgiving Break)
November 29	My Local Deals Ends
November 30	Hearing Screening for Grades K and 1 Culver's Night
December 4	Culver's Night
December 6	PTA Holiday Workshop Volunteer Meeting - Watch for Details!
December 13	PTA Holiday Workshop - Watch for Details!



Halloween Parade and Parties



It has been a long-standing tradition to have a Halloween Parade at Roosevelt. The parade will take place on October 31st at 3:00, on the playground. Parents are welcome to attend, but due to space constraints, and for the safety of our students, we ask that you do not enter the building. Please head to the playground to view the parade.

Costumes are welcome at school, but students will need to be able to dress themselves independently. Parents are asked not to come into school to assist with dressing children in costumes. No real or toy weapons are allowed during the parade or parties. Please do not send make-up to school with your child, as students will not be allowed to apply any make-up during the school day.

Many classrooms will host parties for Halloween. If you are interested in helping, or providing a treat, we ask that you connect you're your classroom teacher to learn more about the happenings on that day. They have a limited number of spots for volunteers, and specific volunteer paperwork will need to be completed.

If you don't wish to have your child participate in the Halloween activities, please let your child's teacher know in advance. Have a fun and safe Halloween!

A Helpful Note from Nurse Kayla Regarding Influenza...

Influenza (also known as the flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by flu viruses. Influenza claims the lives of about 100 children in the US every year and hospitalizes approximately 20,000 children annually. The best way to protect your family from influenza (flu) is to get everyone in your household vaccinated.

- Influenza vaccination is especially important for people with compromised immune systems or certain underlying medical conditions, such as asthma, diabetes, and heart disease.
- Vaccines are safe and are subject to extensive testing in the US. Vaccination is the best way to prevent influenza. The influenza vaccine can reduce chances of getting the flu by 70 to 90 percent and, if someone gets vaccinated but still gets the flu, chances are they will get a less severe case.

Influenza Symptoms

- Fever or feeling feverish/chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue (tiredness)
- Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults

For more information, please visit...

<http://www.preventchildhoodinfluenza.org/>

http://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/updated/a_flu_guide_for_parents.pdf



Lunchroom Visitors

Occasionally parents like to visit and have lunch with their children. When you arrive, please sign in at the office and wait there for your child to enter the cafeteria. Adult lunches can be purchased in the cafeteria for \$3.55. Please have the exact amount, as we are unable to make change in the lunchroom or office. Lunch times at Roosevelt are as follows:



Grade 3 – 11:40-12:00	Grade 2 – 11:45-12:05
Grade 4 – 12:05-12:25	Grade 1 – 12:10-12:30
Grade 5 – 12:30-12:50	Kindergarten – 12:35-1:00

Conferences are Quickly Approaching!

Watch your student's blue folder for an important conference time reminder. This pink piece of paper will list the conference time scheduled with your child's teacher. Don't miss this opportunity to touch base with school, and find out how your child is doing with academics, friends, etc! Need to reschedule? Please contact your student's teacher directly. Thank you!

*** Please Note: Your October conference time will be the same time scheduled for your February Conference***

Thanks 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 8:15. All other students should head to the playground no earlier than 8:25.
3. Students not riding the bus should be picked up on the playground. Please keep safety in mind as you navigate any construction. Unless accompanied by a parent, for the safety of all, all children should head home after the 3:35 bell.
4. Our student crossing guards have been doing a great job! Please help your kiddos learn how to respect and listen to these students, just as they would the adult crossing guards!
5. Please pick and drop your child off outside. Additional adults in the building make for congested halls. Congested halls pose a safety concern for our student friends! 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.

**Mark Your Calendar!
Fundraiser Pick Up**

Fundraiser items will be available for pick up on Thursday, October 18th from 3:35 to 5:30 pm in the cafeteria.

All items must be picked up on October 18th, as there is no storage for perishable items.

If you have questions, please contact Kelly at gugarjuice@djcricket.com or Crisinda at hls5210@gmail.com

Thank you for your amazing support in raising funds to support the students at Roosevelt!

Are you or anyone you know looking for a little extra income with a flexible schedule?

Do you enjoy being out-doors and working with children?

If so, check out this opportunity at ECASD!

The Eau Claire Area School District is seeking Substitute crossing guards. This position requires an hour of your time in the morning and an hour in the afternoon to monitor traffic and assist children with safely crossing streets. Training and supplies are provided. If interested, please pick up an application at the Board of Education building at 500 Main Street in Eau Claire.



Visit RCU on Thursday's Right 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



Keep up to date with all of the Roosevelt happenings! Visit us on the web at www.ecasd.us/Roosevelt-Elementary/Home or on Facebook!