



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

Happy Spring, Roosevelt Families and Friends!

April marks the beginning of numerous spring activities, more daylight, and hopefully...warmer weather! I hope you and your family were able to enjoy some quality time together during spring break. After enjoying an extremely mild winter, I was surprised to be shoveling snow on my first day of spring break!


With only a few months remaining in the school year, we still have a great deal of important work to accomplish. Time will fly by quickly, especially for our outgoing fifth grade students. With only 25% of the school year remaining, thank you in advance for the support you will provide your child during our upcoming spring that is sure to be busy!

Highlights from March:

- Roosevelt celebrated **Read Across America Week** with *mystery readers* and dress-up-days, in addition to many classroom activities. Thank you for the work you do to reinforce your child's love of reading at home!
- Roosevelt students took part in our annual **Read-a-Thon**, combining for more than 16,000 minutes of reading in the span of two weeks! Through our student's reading efforts, they raised over \$4,000 in donations for our PTA and hopefully experienced an even greater love of reading!
- On **March 18**, Roosevelt students enjoyed a presentation from Wisconsin author Bob Allen about all things fishing, writing about what you love, and the steps you can take to become an author. You can learn more about Bob Allen and his works by visiting BobAllenAuthor.com.
- Throughout the month of March, students focused on the character trait *cooperation*. We describe *cooperation* with our students as "*working together and helping others.*" On **April 2**, our 40 students who were recognized for their cooperation in March will be delivering the 400+ non-perishable items to our local *St. Francis Food Pantry*!

Announcements for April:

- Throughout the month of April, our school will be focusing on the character trait *courage*. We describe *courage* as "*choosing what is good, right, and kind, even when it is difficult or scary.*" How does your child need to show courage throughout their day? When is this most challenging for them? When is this most important? Thank you for your help in supporting your child's social-emotional learning at home and in the community throughout the year!
- April is Hmong Heritage Month! You may learn more about the challenges some people have experienced as Hmong Americans, juggling life and identifying between two worlds by viewing this short video narrated by a young girl named Nakita: [Hmong American Experience: Life Between Two Worlds \(2:49\)](#)

- April is also Limb Loss & Limb Difference Month! “With more than 5.6 million Americans living with limb loss and limb difference, it is something that affects people of all backgrounds, socioeconomic statuses, genders, races, ages, and other demographics.” Click here to find more information: [Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month](#)
- On **Friday, April 5**, our Third Grade will be enjoying their *Chippewa Valley Museum & Wisconsin Logging Museum* field trip!
- Fourth quarter clubs begin the week of **April 8**! Families who registered by the March 21 deadline will either be receiving an email from their After School Club Teacher to confirm their child’s enrollment, or a phone call from our office notifying them that registration is full, and their children will be placed on a waiting list.
- Please join us for Roosevelt Night at Culvers on **Tuesday, April 9**. When we reach our food order goal of \$5000, our PTA receives 10% of all sales between 4-7pm (Folsom Street location only).
- **April 8-12** is *Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week* in Wisconsin with a statewide tornado drill on **April 11** at **1:45pm** and 6:45pm. As a school, we will be discussing and practicing our plans on what to do during a tornado warning. For more information, you may visit <https://wem.wi.gov/ready240228/>.
- On **Friday, April 12**, all students will enjoy a bonus recess with their Buddy Classroom and a frozen treat for meeting our schoolwide Read-a-thon goals!
- Our third, fourth, and fifth grade students will be working on their **Forward Exam** (WI State Assessment) beginning **April 9**. Although this is only one measuring tool used to gauge student learning, the results garner a great deal of attention compared to other assessments used to measure your child’s learning. Please help your child do as well as they can by making sure they get plenty of rest, enjoy a healthy breakfast, and schedule your family’s upcoming appointments around your child’s testing schedule as much as possible. This is the schedule for each grade-level:
 - **Grade 3:** April 16-18 9:00-12:30pm (5 sections, times will vary)
 - **Grade 4:** April 9-11 and April 16-18 9:00-1:30pm (10 sections, times will vary)
 - **Grade 5:** April 9-11 10:00-12:00pm (5 sections, times will vary)
- Students will not attend school on **April 15** because of professional development.
- On **Thursday, April 18**, all students in grades 3-5 will enjoy Dilly Bars during their afternoon recess as a celebration for completing their Forward Exam.
- Please join us for our next Roosevelt PTA Meeting on Thursday, April 18 from 6:00-7:30 pm. PTA meetings focus on PTA specific times for the first half of the meeting before shifting our focus to Playground fundraising topics with the time remaining. All Roosevelt families are welcome to join us to ask questions, provide suggestions, and offer support. We plan to meet in person in our library with a virtual option also available. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please email our PTA at roosevelt.pta.eauclaire@gmail.com. You may access the virtual meeting and link to the agenda here: [Roosevelt PTA Meeting link \(6:00-7:30pm\)](#)  [Roosevelt PTA Agenda](#)
- On **Friday, April 26 (8:00-8:30am)**, we will be celebrating our first of two VIP Days at Roosevelt Elementary School! *VIP Day* celebrates the **Very Important People** in our student’s lives. Students are encouraged to invite a parent, grandparent, family member, neighbor, or other VIP to join them in their classrooms before school begins for a donut, beverage, and possible classroom activity. A second VIP Day is scheduled for **Friday, May 10**, allowing student to invite someone else as a second VIP if they would like. Soon, you will be asked to return your child’s RSVP for planning purposes. If your child does not have a VIP available to attend, or if your family requires a unique plan for the morning, please call Mrs. Rud at 715-852-4707 to make arrangements so that every child is paired with an adult if interested in inviting a current Roosevelt staff member to join them.

- On **April 26 (3:05pm)**, you and your family are also invited to cheer on your child(ren) during our schoolwide culminating activity celebrating *courage*, as they run in the *Rainbow Run*. Each grade-level will be dressed in a different solid color, running laps, and competing as a team with their buddy classrooms (Kindergarten with 3rd Grade, 1st Grade with 4th Grade, and 2nd Grade with 5th Grade). With each lap, students will collect another popsicle stick. The buddy classroom teams with the highest lap per student ratio will win a reward recess together the following week. More information will be shared in late April.
- On **Friday, April 19**, our First-Grade students will enjoy a live show of *“The Berenstain Bears”* at the *Eau Claire Children’s Theater*! Thank you to our Roosevelt PTA for sponsoring this great experience for our kids!
- On **Tuesday, April 23**, our Fourth Grade and Fifth-Grade students will be learning about *“Water Safety”* from our local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) staff and local Fire Department Inspectors.
- On **Wednesday, April 24**, our Fourth Grade and Fifth-Grade students will be learning about *“Internet Safety & Cyberbullying”* from our school resource officer and other local police officers.
- On **Tuesday, April 30**, our First-Grade students will be attending their annual field trip to the L.E. Phillips Library.
- On **Tuesday, April 30 (4-7pm)**, our Playground Fundraising Committee will be hosting their second annual ***Spaghetti Dinner*** at the *Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd*, 1120 Cedar Street, Eau Claire with dine-in or carry-out options. Tickets include spaghetti (vegetarian option available), *Olive Garden* break stick, small salad, and beverage. A free-will donation bake sale and silent auction baskets will also be available for purchase at the event. We are asking interested families to reserve their meals ahead of time to help us estimate how much food to prepare. Thank you to the many donors and volunteers for coordinating and running this event, with 100% of the proceed going towards phase 2 of our playground project. You may find additional information at our Roosevelt Elementary PTA Facebook page: [Roosevelt PTA Facebook page](#)



Other Announcements:

- Roosevelt Elementary School will host in-person summer school **June 10-27** (Monday-Thursday, 8:30-11:45am) with free breakfast, free lunch, and library times available. Our summer school program is free to families and designed for ALL students going into grades Kindergarten through fifth grade regardless of their academic or behavioral needs. For more information, please visit the [ECASD Summer School Program Guide](#) link. Here, you will find information about our June Summer School and Summer Library opportunities on pages 11-13. You will also find 24 more pages of options in the Eau Claire area through our Community Partnerships on pages 32-55. Registration was due on March 29, so please call our office at **(715) 852-4701** if you missed the deadline but are still interested in having your child attend. Depending on your child’s bussing or support needs, we may still be able to add your child to our summer school program.

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- Summer School Programming at Roosevelt:
 - *Roosevelt Summer School* (free breakfast and lunch for children 0-17)
June 10-27 (M-Th), 8:30-11:45am * Requires pre-registration.
 - *Roosevelt Open Library*
June 10-27, 8:00-12:00pm * Does not require registration.
 - *Roosevelt Summer Library Program* (for students and their families)
June 10, 17, and 24, 12:15-2:15pm * Requires pre-registration.
 - *Roosevelt Evening Library* (for students and their families)
June 11, 18, and 25, 6:00-7:00pm * Does not require registration.
- Community Partnership Options Available
 - *Park & Rec River City Adventures* (grades K-5, page 55), 12:00-4:00pm
 - *Boys & Girls Club Afternoon Programming* (grades 2-5, page 50), 12:10 pm bus time
- Thank you to all our families who took the time to complete the *Roosevelt Family Equity Survey* last month. With 107 responses, we now have enough information to review, analyze, and plan around the feedback you provided us. Your valuable feedback is factored into our school goals, professional development planning, and hiring practices. Thank you again for your response. You will be asked to respond to the same survey during our *Family-Teacher Conferences* in October 2024 and February 2025, providing us with more long-range comparison data.

All Roosevelt Elementary families were asked to respond to six specific questions focused on providing students a high-quality, equitable school with either (a) strongly agree, (b) agree, (c) disagree, or (d) strongly disagree. Below are some of the results:

- **Strength:** 99% of our responding families agree or strongly agree that *“my child feels safe at school”* with 78% strongly agreeing.
- **Strength:** 99% of our responding families agree or strongly agree that *“school staff treat my child with care and compassion”* with 82% strongly agreeing. This has raised 3% since beginning this survey in 2022.
- **Strength:** 99% of our responding families agree or strongly agree that *“school staff help my family identify goals and support my child in reaching them”* with 78% strongly agreeing.
- **Strength:** 99% of our responding families agree or strongly agree that *“School staff work to ensure our school community is inclusive for all families and community members of diverse backgrounds”* with 77% strongly agreeing.
- **Strength:** 100% of our responding families agree or strongly agree that *“school staff communicate positive messages with my family as well as concerns if needed,”* with 79% strongly agreeing.
- **More room for growth:** With a goal of 100% for each area, our lowest score was 97% of our respondents either agreeing or strongly agreeing that *“school staff communicate positive messages with my family as well as concerns if needed.”* This percentage has lowered by 3% since last fall and last winter when both were at 100%, with those who strongly agree dropping from 79% to 71%. Thank you to our families who provided this constructive feedback. To be responsive as a school, communication between school and home will be a schoolwide focus of ours moving forward.

Mark your Calendars:

- Please sign up to join us on **Monday, May 6** for our second-annual *Roosevelt Family Arts Night*! Families will be invited to enjoy time together making an acrylic paint and canvas creation to take home with them. RSVP information will be shared in April for this exciting event!
- The *Fifth-Grade Track Meet* will take place at Memorial High School on the morning of Friday, **May 17**. Families are welcome to attend and cheer on their athletes.
- We plan to host our *Fifth-Grade Graduation* on **June 3** beginning at 2:45pm. All family members are welcome to attend this event with a short reception afterwards.
- Our students will celebrate their *End of Year Carnival* on **June 5** beginning at 1:30pm. If you would like to volunteer for this family-fun event, please contact our partnership coordinator Tammy Rud at trud@ecasd.us.

Sincerely,



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

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Important Safety Reminder!

As winter melts away and the grass turns green, the number of Roosevelt students who bike and walk to school increases. Please take a few extra precautions to help keep all of our students safe during drop off and pick up times.

- Remember that only bus students will be leaving through the front door. Please plan on picking your children up on the playground. All cars can park on Folsom St. or Truax Blvd. Please do not park in our bus lane on 8th Street. Thank you!
- Keep an eye out for the Crossing Guards and Safety Patrol members. Please always follow their directions.
- Be alert and aware of walkers, bike riders, buses and other cars.

Thank you for helping to keep our school environment a safe one!

Attendance Counts!

Good attendance counts from the first day of school to the last! You can help at home by encouraging your student and helping them to understand the importance of regularly attending school. Studies show that students with regular attendance perform better academically and feel more comfortable socially at school. Help us finish the school year strong with great attendance for all our Tigers!

Wisconsin Public School

Open Enrollment is February 5 through April 30, 2024

What is Public School Open Enrollment?

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows students and families who don't live in our district to open enroll into the Eau Claire Area School District.

Who May Participate?

Wisconsin residents in grades K-12 may apply to participate in open enrollment. Students in pre-kindergarten may participate in limited circumstances; parents should call the Executive Director of Business Services at 715-852-3010 to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify.

How and When May Parents Apply?

The regular open enrollment application window will be February 5, 2024, through April 30, 2024, for the 2024-2025 school year. Parents may submit online applications beginning February 5, 2024, at the Wisconsin Department of Instruction website at <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>. Please call 715-852-3127 or email districtadministration@ecasd.us for more information.

Have you moved out of the district during the 2023-2024 school year?

If so, you must apply for a Tuition Waiver to continue attending the Eau Claire Area School District for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. Contact the Enrollment Office at 715-852-3127 or email districtadministration@ecasd.us for an application.

Students Currently Attending the ECASD Through a Tuition Waiver

Students who have moved outside of the district during the 2023-2024 school year and are currently attending school under a Tuition Waiver must apply for open enrollment during the regular application window, February 5, 2024, through April 30, 2024, to continue attending during the 2024-2025 school year.

Current Open Enrollment Students

Students currently attending the Eau Claire Area School District under the open enrollment law do not need to reapply.

Other Information

Students who move into the district after January 2024 and anticipate moving out of the district before the 2024-2025 school year will not be eligible for a Tuition Waiver. Students must apply for open enrollment during either the regular open enrollment or alternative open enrollment period to be eligible to attend the Eau Claire Area School District during the 2024-2025 school year.

School Placement

By completing an open enrollment application, you are applying to attend the Eau Claire Area School District. You have the opportunity to indicate which school your child would prefer to attend; however, the district will determine placement based on space availability.

Questions?

If you have any questions about open enrollment or the application process, please contact the Enrollment Office at 715-852-3127 or email districtadministration@ecasd.us.