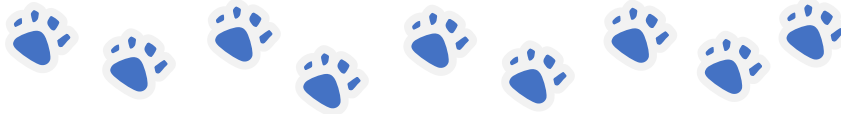




A note from Principal Ben Dallman... PRIDE, Respect, and Responsibility



Dear Roosevelt Families!

I hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday together with family and friends. In addition to working hard and making academic strides in the classroom, our students have had the opportunity to get involved in many other ways at Roosevelt Elementary. Some of the November activities included our student-led Veterans Day Program, After School Clubs, North High School's Wrestling Clinic, North High School Symphony/Orchestra concert, *Roosevelt Family Movie Night*, and DeLong Middle School Choir & Orchestra concert!

Upcoming in December:

- Along with supporting the academic needs of our students, we are also supporting our student's social-emotional learning needs each day. After focusing on *respect*, *responsibility*, and *gratitude* to begin the school year, we have now shifted our focus to developing better *empathy*. We define *empathy* as *the ability to understand and connect to the feelings of another*. More information and ideas you may use to reinforce *empathy* from home can be found in your child's folder this week.
- **Monday, December 2** was *National Special Education Day!* Related to Special Education programming, *S.E.N.S.E.* is a school/parent group comprised of Eau Claire families, caregivers, staff, and administration who network, support, and collaborate ways to best meet student needs. SENSE stands for *Supportive Education, Networking, Strength, & Engagement*, and was previously known in our district as *SEPTA*, or the *Special Education Parent Teacher Association*. For example, in October 2023, SENSE hosted guest speaker Ryan Wexelblatt (aka the ADHD Dude) who shared an intriguing message about executive functioning. You may view a recording of that presentation here: [Ryan Wexelblatt presentation](#). You can learn more about SENSE by viewing their [SENSE Special Education PTO Facebook page](#) and can access helpful resources found on the [ECASD Special Education Parent and Family Resources](#) page.
- Beginning **Thursday (December 12)**, students will be invited to join staff in their 12-Days Before Break activities with the following dress-up days.
 - ❖ **Thursday, Dec 12:** **Festive Vest or Footwear:** Wear your most festive vest or footwear!
 - ❖ **Friday, Dec 13:** **Candy Canes & Carols:** Enjoy whimsical music to begin your magical day!
 - ❖ **Monday, Dec 16:** **Favorite Hoodie and Jeans Day:** Let them wear jeans!
 - ❖ **Tuesday, Dec 17:** **You're Flann-tastic!** Sport your favorite flannel shirt!
 - ❖ **Wednesday, Dec 18:** **Where are Mini-Pawz and the four Elves on the Shelves?**
 - ❖ **Thursday, Dec 19:** **Cozy Clothes Day:** Dress for comfort as we reach the end of the week!
 - ❖ **Friday, Dec 20:** **Whimsical Sweater/Hat Day:** The more ridiculous the better!

- Our PTA will be hosting our 10th annual *Holiday Workshop* after school on **Thursday, December 12** from 3:35-4:30pm for students who have pre-registered. This was originally scheduled for December 5 with the incorrect date listed on your *Roosevelt Family Calendar*. Thank you to the many family members who have volunteered to help run this fun event! This is a date change on our Holiday Workshop moved from **Thursday, December 5 to Thursday, December 12**.
- Please join our next PTA meeting on **Thursday, December 19 (6:00-7:30 pm)** in person in our library or virtually using this [Roosevelt PTA meeting link](#). If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please email our PTA at roosevelt.pta.eauclaire@gmail.com .
- Roosevelt Elementary School will be celebrating our *Holiday Sing* on **Friday, December 20** from 3:00-3:20 pm. Because of limited space, we are unable to open this event for guests to attend in person. This program will be live streamed and recorded for you to view at your family's convenience during or after the program. A virtual link will be shared with families leading up to the event.

With just a few weeks of school before winter break, many families will be packing their bags and getting ready to visit family and friends. Travelling long distances with young children can sometimes be a challenge and there are a few phrases that we hear over and over. “*Are we there yet?*”, “*I need to go to the bathroom!*”, and “*when are we going to get there?*”

Nevertheless, travelling with young kids can also be a great time for some fun learning activities. Learning activities are a great way to pass the time and to squeeze in a little bit of exercise for the brain along the way. Below is a short list of ideas to get you started:

- **License Plate Map**—Have your children see how many different license plates they can find from other states. Print off a map of the United States and color in the state when they see that license plate.
- **ABC Hunt**—Have your children search license plates, billboards, and road signs for the letters of the alphabet. The challenge is to find the letters in alphabetical order.
- **Crayons without the Mess**—Parents can only crawl in the back seat so many times to pick up the red crayon that was dropped. To keep the crayons from falling, use a key ring, some yarn, and a dozen crayons to ensure the crayons are never lost. Simply tie one end of each piece of yarn to the keychain and the other end of each piece to a crayon and let them color away!
- **You count it, You keep it**—If you receive change (coins only) on your trip, tell them, “If you can count it, you can keep it.” With younger children if they can count how many coins they received correctly, they could keep the coins. As they get older, the rules change. They can count how many of each coin (quarter, nickel, dime, and penny) and when they get even older, they need to count how many cents received. If they’re right, they get to keep the coins.
- **I’m Going on a Trip**—The first person starts out by saying, “I’m going on a trip and I’m bringing a _____.” He/she fills in the blank with a word that starts with A. The next person says, “I’m going on a trip and I’m bringing a _____” His/her word must start with a B. This can go through the whole alphabet. For older children, they can add on their item AND lists all the things everyone else has said.
- **Read, Read, Read**—It’s always a safe bet to travel with books and read in the car unless, of course, your child gets carsick!

Thank you for taking an active role in your child's education. As you enjoy the upcoming holiday season, you may find several opportunities for your child to share with you what they are learning. Whether it is reading a shopping list, measuring ingredients for a recipe, or enjoying a good book with you...thank you for the important time you spend learning with your child. If you are traveling this holiday-season, may you have safe (and peaceful) travels. Happy Holidays to you and your family and I look forward to continuing our work together in 2025!

Sincerely,

Ben Dallman

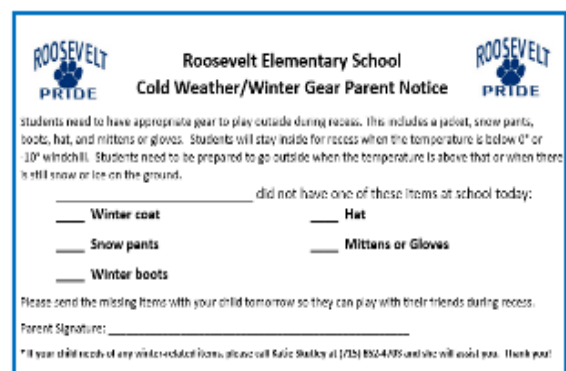
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Please help your child remember to bring their winter-weather-gear to school each day until this spring, when temperatures are consistently above 40°. Winter -weather-gear includes a jacket, snow pants, boots, hat, and mittens or gloves for all Roosevelt elementary students (K-5).

To keep our students safe, dry, and able to focus on learning throughout the day, we have winter weather guidelines for students to follow. These guidelines factor in temperature (below 0°, below 40°, above 62°) and ground cover (wet, dry, ice/snow). When temperatures are below 0° or have a windchill below -10°, students will enter our school immediately on arrival (8:15-8:35am) before school. Under these conditions, students will stay inside for recess and Physical Education (PE) instruction. When the temperature is above 0°, students will need to be prepared to be outside.

Having winter-weather-gear available at school each day allows for changing and unpredictable weather conditions. Without the appropriate gear, your child may be limited to staying on a dry portion of the blacktop instead of being able to freely play anywhere on the playground. If needed, students may be given a Cold Weather/Winter Gear Parent Notice to bring home as a reminder with a list of any missing items. If your family needs any assistance with providing any of the winter-related items, please call our school counselor, Katie Skutley, at (715) 852-4703 and she will assist.



The form is titled "Roosevelt Elementary School Cold Weather/Winter Gear Parent Notice" and features the Roosevelt PRIDE logo on both sides. The text explains that students need appropriate gear for recess and that they will stay inside if temperatures are below 0° or 10° windchill. It includes a checklist for items: Winter coat, Snow pants, Winter boots, Hat, and Mittens or Gloves. A line is provided for the parent to indicate which items were not brought to school. At the bottom, there is a line for the parent's signature and a note that the school counselor, Katie Skutley, can be contacted for assistance.

If you have any questions about our Cold Weather/Winter Guidelines, please let us know. Thank you!

Si desea que alguien le traduzca esta carta o si tiene preguntas, llame a Zulma Chafloque al (715) 852-3438.
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