



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



Happy November Roosevelt Families!

I hope you and your family have the chance to enjoy the sights, sounds, and smells of the autumn season before winter officially arrives. For the past two-months, our students have been working hard to make academic gains while also developing a greater sense of *pride, respect, and responsibility* for themselves and the people around them.

Thank you for taking an active role in your child's education this past month. It was great to see so many families join us for our Family/Teacher Conferences! Along with being a part of your child's goal setting conference...your work at home reading with, playing with, and connecting with your children is irreplaceable. Thank you for the important work you do each day!

As we settle into the 2024-2025 school year, we have received a few clarifying questions from families that we would like to help answer.

- **How will we know when students will or will not be entering the building immediately when they arrive to school because of inclement weather?**  
When it is clearly raining, students will be welcomed into the building by a staff member at doors #1, #5, #7, and #8 beginning at 8:15am. This also holds true when temperatures drop below (0°) or (-10°) windchill. When the weather is inconsistent, decisions are made in real time, making it difficult to message families via *Skyward* or *ParentSquare* without adding confusion when the weather changes again. If you are unsure and really need to know prior to 8:15 am, please call our office to ask knowing the conditions are subject to change. If you have students who walk, bike, or are dropped off, please keep in mind that playground supervision does not begin until 8:20am with breakfast beginning at 8:15 am. Students should not be unsupervised prior to this which requires careful timing to know how early your child(ren) should head to school. Thank you for your cooperation and teamwork with this important detail.
- **How may I learn more about community events not directly related to Roosevelt Elementary?**  
To learn more about community events outside of district sponsored events, you are invited to review the [Community-Event-Flyers](#) found on our ECASD website. Similarly, if you are part of a community organization that would like to submit a resource to school-age children and families, please email your electronic flyer in a PDF format to Teri Piper Thompson at [tpiperthompson@ecasd.us](mailto:tpiperthompson@ecasd.us) for review and possible inclusion.

- **How does Roosevelt decide which students are needing additional supports or enrichments?**

We conduct universal screenings multiple times per year in areas like Math, Reading, Behavior, and Emotional well-being. Screeners provide a way to identify the needs of all students and ensure they have the necessary resources to help them learn, grow, and succeed in their education. When screeners indicate that a student may require additional support or enrichment, we may complete additional assessments or review other evidence of performance to determine the next steps for instruction. Families are notified if additional support or enrichment is recommended for their child. If you would like more information about universal screening practices, please let us know.

**Highlights from October:**

- **October 2** was *National Walk-to-School Day!* The purpose of this event each year is to inspire the entire Roosevelt community to come together and promote health and safer routes for students to walk and bike to school. Thank you to the many families and students who joined us for this!



- Instead of asking students to sell pizzas, cheese bread, and gift wrap as our PTA's primary fundraiser, we promoted an active lifestyle and held our third-annual *Roosevelt Walk-a-Thon* on **October 2**. Thank you to the many families who were able to join us to cheer their kids on. Our goal was 100% participation regardless of the speed, with students collecting **\$3, 957.90** in sponsorships! 100% of the proceeds from this fundraiser will go to our PTA budget, which is used to support the following:

- Student designed Roosevelt T-Shirts (one for each student and staff)
- Family Evening Events
- Additional Field Trips for each Grade-Level
- Recess Supplies
- Holiday Craft Night supplies
- VIP Morning supplies
- Staff Appreciation Week supplies
- Fifth-Grade Track Meet
- Safety Patrol Celebration
- Teacher Mini-Grants (to enhance student learning in the classroom)
- End-of-Year Carnival supplies

- Thank you for supporting our Culvers Night on **October 8** and Topper's Pizza fundraiser on **October 21-22!** Each of these are used to support our Roosevelt PTA budget, making the items listed above possible for our kids.

- During the month of September, all Roosevelt students in grades 2-5 were asked to provide feedback as an indicator to us as to how welcoming and equitable our learning environment is for our students. We use this information to reflect on what we are doing well and where we have the most room for improvement. Similarly, each Roosevelt family was asked to provide feedback on our *Roosevelt Family Equity Survey* during conferences in October. With 103 responses (48% of all Roosevelt families), feedback indicates that 99%-100% of our families either *agree* or *strongly agree* with all six items below. Thank you for to everyone who took the time to provide feedback. Each Roosevelt family will have the same opportunity to provide feedback during our conferences on February 27-28.
  1. *My child feels safe at school.*
  2. *School staff treat my child with care and compassion.*
  3. *School staff help my family identify goals and support my child in reaching them.*
  4. *School staff communicate positive messages with my family as well as concerns if needed.*
  5. *School staff work to ensure our school community is inclusive for all families and community members of diverse backgrounds.*
  6. *School staff treat my child, my family, and others with respect regardless of race, ethnicity, language, gender, disability, age, religion, or socioeconomic status.*
- Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our first ever *Roosevelt PTA Costume Dance* at the Sport Warehouse on **October 25**. Thank you as well to our families who helped coordinate and run the exciting event free to all Roosevelt families!
- Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our *Fall Harvest Festival Costume Parade* on **October 31**. Great job to our amazing Pumpkin Carving contestants! We appreciate your flexibility and are glad that guests were able to attend this fun event.

#### Upcoming in November:

- 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* throughout the month of September and *responsibility* in October, we have now shifted our school wide focus to learning about *gratitude*. More information and ideas you may use to reinforce *gratitude* from home can be found in your child's folder in early November.
- **November** is *National Native American Heritage Month*, which is a time for us to explore the heritage, culture, and experience of Indigenous peoples both historically and in American life today. Please take a moment to ask your child what they are learning in school related to this.
- Roosevelt Elementary School will be celebrating Veterans Day on Monday, **November 11** from 2:45-3:15 pm with related activities throughout the week. **Families with Veterans are welcome to attend our program in person.** Because of limited seating, we are unable to open this event to all families. This program will be recorded for later viewing and live streamed for you to view either way. Our student-led program is meant to remember those brave men and women who have served our country. Please click on this link to view our [Roosevelt Elementary Veteran's Day program](#).
- Please join our next PTA meeting on **Thursday, November 14 (6:00 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](mailto:roosevelt.pta.eauclaire@gmail.com) .

- During **the week of November 18**, we will be practicing our Intruder Alert drill at Roosevelt Elementary School. Roosevelt is an extremely safe place to be, and we are testing the system much like a fire or tornado drill to ensure that the system works properly, and our procedures are in place. The more we practice drills, the more routine it is for students if ever needing to stay in their classrooms for a variety of reasons (medical emergency in the hallway, etc.). To help our students remain calm and prepared, our teachers discuss and practice these types of drills with their students prior to our school-wide drills. If you have questions about any of the safety drills we practice at school, please call me at (715) 852-4710.
- On **November 20**, our students will have the opportunity to hear a performance from the North High School Orchestra and Symphony! Our fifth-grade students will also have the opportunity to try playing each of the instruments used.
- Along with joining our *Culvers Night* on **November 12**, please join us for our *Roosevelt Night at Cancun* (west) on **November 20** (5pm-close)! Each of these are used to support our Roosevelt PTA.
- Please bring your blankets, pillows, and stuffed animals and join us for our first *Roosevelt Family Movie Night* on **Thursday, November 21 (6:00-8:00 pm)**! Along with learning how the characters from *Disney's Inside Out* connect with our school's social-emotional learning, you may have a bag of free movie theater popcorn and a wide-open gym space to cozy up on to enjoy this movie together. If you don't have a blanket to bring, we will have free tie blankets available for your family to use and keep, courtesy of our community partnership with the *Lutheran Church of Good Shepherd*.
- On **November 22**, our students will have the opportunity to hear a performance from the DeLong Middle School Choir and Orchestra!
- On **November 22**, our students will be enjoying time with their buddy classrooms playing Turkey Bingo! We hope this will be a fun way to celebrate our amazing work from the past three months while also strengthening our school's unity, cooperation, and level of gratitude going into Thanksgiving break.
- Students will not be attending school during the week of November 25. We will welcome our students back from *Thanksgiving Break* on Monday, **December 2**. Please enjoy your time with family and friends!

If you have questions or would like to learn more about the great things happening at Roosevelt Elementary, check out our [Roosevelt Elementary website](#) or [Roosevelt Elementary Facebook Page](#) . 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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