



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 with the leaves beginning to change. Our students have been learning school routines and while 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 it was connecting with your child's new classroom teacher, joining our *Back-to-School Night Picnic*, reading a book with your child, or checking 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!

As parents, you play an important role in the education of your child. Your involvement in your child's education will help them feel more confident as a student and experience more success. Here are a few tips that may be helpful to you and your child:

- **Communication:** Please check your child's folder each day. Often there are papers sent home directed for you. The notes we send home contain important information about deadlines for aspects of your child's school program such as: field trips, programs, and after school events.
- **Support:** The *Roosevelt Family Calendar* contains information about school events and as well as materials we will use throughout the year to help students continue to develop healthy social-emotional skills (PBIS, *The Zones of Regulation*, etc.). We will also continue our focus on specific skills such as respect, responsibility, cooperation, gratitude, empathy, kindness, courage, honesty, and perseverance. If your family did not receive one on *Welcome Back Day*, or if you would like an additional calendar, please contact our partnership coordinator Tammy Rud at trud@ecasd.us.
- **Engagement:** Along with communicating with your child's classroom teacher using your child's agenda or communication folder and joining our upcoming *Family-Teacher Goal Setting Conferences*, there are other ways to get involved. We are always looking for interested volunteers, substitute crossing guards, student mentors, *PTA Officers*, *Book Fair* volunteers, *Holiday Craft Fair* volunteers, etc. If you are interested in learning more about Roosevelt volunteer opportunities, please contact our partnership coordinator Tammy Rud at trud@ecasd.us.



- Safety:** Along with providing a warm and welcoming school environment, safety is one of our greatest priorities at Roosevelt Elementary. As a reminder, please walk with your children before and after school or be sure to direct them to the nearest crosswalk when needing to cross any of the busy roads surrounding our school. Thank you for your help in keeping Roosevelt kids safe!

Roosevelt Crosswalks

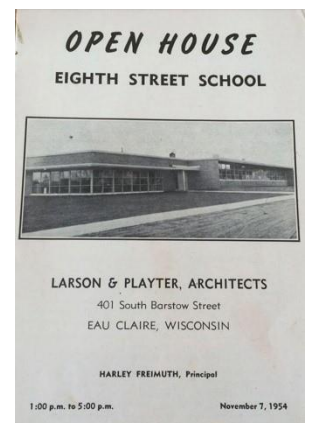
1. Folsom St. and the new Bike Trail near 9th street
2. 8th Street (Student Patrol)
3. Truax Blvd and 8th Street

Given our current pick-up and drop-off spaces at Roosevelt Elementary School, we rely on everyone's cooperation to ensure the safety of our students. Here are some things you can do to help keep our kids safe:

1. If you have a child walking or biking to school, please ensure they use the safe crosswalk zones during their path home instead of using shortcuts.
2. Because of the high volume of traffic on 8th Street and crowds of people on our playground, when in either of these two areas, children should walk their bike to the closest bike rack and carry their skateboard, rollerblades, etc..
3. If picking your child up at the end of the day, please identify a consistent meeting spot on our playground. Please share this information with anyone else who may be picking up your child at any point during the school year.
4. Please walk you child to and from your vehicle or drop them off to the side of our school to prevent students from crossing traffic independently.

Highlights from August and September:

- Thank you to the many families who were able join us for our amazing *Back-to-School Night Picnic* on **August 28**. Along with celebrating our second ribbon cutting in two years for our new playground additions, we are also celebrating our school's 70th Anniversary this fall! Thank you to our volunteers and PTA for coordinating this, where we welcomed hundreds of students and family on what was a beautiful evening, filled with good food, music, laughter, and joy. Thank you again to those of you who were able to join us for delightful community-building event! If you were unable to make it, please plan to join us next year when it takes place during the final week of August once again.
- [National Hispanic Heritage Month](#) is celebrated from **September 15- October 15**. Signed into federal law in 1988 under President Ronald Reagan, it began two decades earlier as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon B. Johnson. While it's unusual to start commemorative weeks or months mid-month, there's a reason the timeframe was chosen; within this thirty-day period, seven separate Latin American countries will celebrate their Independence Days. The purpose of marking Hispanic Heritage Month is to bring a spotlight to the positive, important influence Hispanic Americans and Hispanic cultures have contributed to the story of America— its past, present, and future.



- All our students (grades 1-5) completed their universal (*STAR*) screening for math and reading in September. This information about each individual child plays an important role in planning instruction to meet their specific learning needs. If you have any questions about your child's learning support this school year, please connect with your child's classroom teacher.
- During the month of September, our kids learned and successfully practiced their PBIS expectations for every location in our school. We started the year with our Kindness Kickoff, which is explained more here: [Kindness Kickoff Family Letter.pdf](#)

Throughout the year, we will be focusing on strengthening social-emotional skills that will be important for your child now and throughout their adult lives. To help support social-emotional learning for all Eau Claire students, every school in the ECASD (PreK to 12) has a common resource provided by *Character Strong* called **PurposeFull People**. To learn more about this resource, you may watch this 15-minute video: [PurposeFull People Elementary Toolkit Walk Thru](#).

Throughout the month of September, our school-wide focus has been on **respect**. We define *respect* as *seeing good in people and things, treating them with care*. You may learn more about our schoolwide focus on **respect** by clicking on our [Respect Family Newsletter.pdf](#).

Responsibility is the character trait we will be focusing on throughout the month of October. We define **responsibility** as *taking action and understanding how our choices affect others, ourselves, and the world*. Please ask your child about some of the activities they have been using to learn more about *respect* or *responsibility*. You may also learn more about our schoolwide focus on **responsibility** by clicking on our [Responsibility Family Newsletter.pdf](#)

Announcements for October:

- **Wednesday, October 2 (7:45am)** is *National Walk-to-School Day*! The purpose of this event is to inspire the entire Roosevelt community to come together and promote health and safer routes for students to walk and bike to school.
- **October 2 (3:00pm)**, will also be our school's third-annual *Roosevelt PTA Walk-a-Thon*! Instead of asking students to sell pizzas, cheese bread, and gift wrap as our PTA's primary fundraiser of the year, we will be promoting healthy habits as our fundraiser. The *Roosevelt Walk-a-thon* is not a race, and everyone is welcome to walk, jog, or run as they choose. Our goal is 100% participation regardless of the speed. Last year, our students collected **\$6,312.50** in sponsorships! Our second school goal is to top that number! You and your family are invited to join us at 3:00pm to cheer on your child(ren) as they complete each lap.
 - Sales began on **Thursday, September 19** to be returned to school **Monday, September 30**.
 - **100% of the proceeds** from this fundraiser will go to our PTA budget, which is used to support the following:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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
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- Families are invited to attend and cheer their kids on from the designated area adjacent to the ice skating rink, shown in **blue**.
- Students will re-enter the building at 3:20pm to prepare for dismissal. Please allow your child to rejoin their class when finished instead of taking them home with you immediately.



- **October 9** is *Indigenous Peoples' Day*, which is a day for our school and schools across the state of Wisconsin to engage students on the importance of Native American history and culture. Native Americans in Wisconsin and throughout our country have suffered unjust treatment, and *Indigenous Peoples' Day* is focused on recognizing that Wisconsin would not be all that it is without Indigenous people.
- Our fall *Family-Teacher Goal Setting Conferences* are scheduled to take place in person on **Thursday, October 17** (4:15-7:45pm) and again on **Friday, October 18** (7:30-11:00am, 11:30-3:30pm). This will be a great opportunity for you to learn about your child's academic and social-emotional growth. If you have not scheduled your conference time yet, please contact your classroom teacher as soon as possible. The conference time you chose for **October 17-18** will be the same conference time for our spring conferences on **February 27-28**. Along with visiting your child's classroom teacher, please visit your child's additional teachers (Music, Art, Phy Ed, Library, SPED, English Learners, Interventionists, etc.) and check out our *Scholastic Book Fair*.
- During the month of September, all Roosevelt students in grades 2-5 were asked to share their level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements. This feedback serves as an indicator to us as to how welcoming and equitable our learning environment is for each of our students.

1. *I feel cared for and safe at school.*
2. *Who is one staff member at Roosevelt that cares about you?*
3. *I feel adults at school expect me to do my best at school.*
4. *I feel adults at school treat all students with fairness.*
5. *I feel adults at school treat all students with respect.*
6. *I have chances to be a part of class discussions and activities.*
7. *I understand my teacher's directions and I know what my job at school is.*

- When you attend conferences on **October 17-18**, you will also be asked to complete a short six-question survey on behalf of each of your children who attend Roosevelt Elementary School. The questions you will be asked to respond to include:

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.*



You will be asked to complete **one survey per child you have attending Roosevelt** knowing that feelings and perceptions about school may vary for each child. If you would like to take this survey early, you may do so by using this QR code:



- On **Monday, October 21**, our entire school staff will be engaged in professional learning and instructional planning. This is an important day for our staff members to learn, develop, and plan effective instructional strategies to meet the diverse needs of our students. Students will not attend school on this day of professional development.
- On **October 21-22 (4:00-9:00pm)**, our PTA is running a fundraiser at Topper's Pizza (west), with 25% of all sales going to our Roosevelt PTA!
- Please join our next PTA meeting on **Thursday, October 24 (6:00 pm)** in person in our library or virtually using this [Roosevelt PTA meeting link](#). Prior to our normal PTA meeting agenda, there will be a presentation from our ECASD School Board Members and Executive Administrators, sharing information about our upcoming operational referendum. You may learn more about this by visiting our [ECASD Referendum 2024 website](#). If you have any questions leading up to the referendum vote, please let us know. Regardless of how you vote, we encourage all families to **vote on November 5th**!
- Please join us on **Friday, October 25 (6:00-8:00pm)**, for our *Roosevelt PTA Costume Dance* taking place at the Sport Warehouse! There will be costumes, music, dancing, pizza, and possibly a bounce house! This event is free for all Roosevelt students and families to attend. Thank you to our PTA for coordinating this spectacular spooky event!
- Our *Fall Harvest Festival* is scheduled for the afternoon of **Thursday, October 31**. Families are invited to join us on our playground for our *Fall Harvest Festival Costume Parade* beginning at 3:00 pm. Please watch for information in your child's folder related to preparing for this day.

We are looking forward to having a wonderful year working with you and your family. We aim to provide your child with the fun, rigorous, and relevant education they need to become lifelong learners. With your help and support, we will ensure that our children are on the right path towards providing each student a *safe, nurturing, and responsive environment*. If you have questions or would like to learn more about the great things happening at Roosevelt Elementary, please check out our [Roosevelt Elementary website](#), [Roosevelt Elementary Facebook page](#), and [Roosevelt PTA Facebook page](#). If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call. Thank you for the positive support you provide your child each day!

Sincerely,

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

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Thank You 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 8:15am. All other students should head to the playground no earlier than 8:20am.
3. Students not riding the bus after school should be picked up on the playground. For the safety of everyone, and unless accompanied by a parent, all students should head home after the 3:35pm bell.
4. Our student crossing guards have been doing a great job this year! Please help your children learn how to respect and listen to these students, just as they would the adult crossing guards!
5. When raining or sub-zero temperatures, students may enter the building as soon as they arrive. Doors #1, #5, and #7 will be accessible after 8:15 AM. For security reasons, family members will not be allowed to enter the building to walk their child to class.

Sick Child Guidelines for the 2024-25 School Year

If a child exhibit any of the following symptoms at school, a parent/guardian/emergency contact will be notified to come and pick up the student:

- Fever-Temperature of 100.4 F or more
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Persistent coughing
- Draining or spreading rash

Please keep your child home if they currently have or have had any of these symptoms in the last 24 hours.



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!



Visit RCU on Thursday right here 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