



# **ROBBINS**

## **Elementary School**

**3832 EAST HAMILTON AVENUE**

**715-852-4600**

## **JANUARY NEWSLETTER**

### **TRANSLATIONS**

Yog koj muaj lus nug los yog koj xav tham ntxiv, hu rau Jana Schultz, tus xov tooj yog 715-852-4687.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, o le gustaria hablar sobre esta informacion que se le dio, puede contactar a Armando Constante al 715-852-4687.

### **REPORT CARD INFORMATION**

The end of our first semester will be on January 17<sup>th</sup> and your child will be bringing home their report card on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Please keep in mind that this is a snapshot of your child's achievement this school year. Your child's report card reflects their progress towards the end of the year academic expectations. Benchmarks are used to describe what your child should be able to do at the end of this school year. These benchmarks are reported twice during the year to reflect academic growth. This is not a comparison with other students in the class, and the numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4 do not correspond with letter grades like A, B, C, or D.

Read through the marking key located on the report card. This marking key describes what the marks stand for. Typically, a child would progress from "1" to "2" to "3." Our goal is for students to end their year Meeting End of Year Standards (3 on the marking key). At times, children may receive a "4," which means they are performing beyond end-of-year expectations. An "\*" means there is not enough evidence currently to give a number.

All students will also be marked for Behaviors of Lifelong Learners. This is a very important area for you to review as it provides information about your child's behavior, work ethic, and classroom cooperation.

Often families ask what to do with the information on their child's report card. Here are a few suggestions:

- Acknowledge children for the improvements they have made or for the hard work they have been putting into learning. It is very important for students to understand

that their level of effort in school directly affects their progress towards meeting academic standards. Praise their effort and hard work rather than saying things like, "you are so smart" or "school is so easy for you." Share comments like, "I can tell you have been working really hard in reading" or "I know you sometimes get frustrated in math class, but I am proud of you for not giving up and asking questions when you need help." Specific praise is most beneficial to children.

- If your child is having difficulty in a specific area, talk with the teacher about ways you can support your child at home without it feeling like "extra work." And, again, focus on their effort in class rather than their "grade."
- If your child is excelling, encourage him or her to continue to work hard.
- The Behaviors of Lifelong Learners are just as important (and sometimes more important) as academic content knowledge. Students who work well with others, contribute to their classroom community, produce quality work, and think critically about their own learning will be successful after high school. Colleges and employers are often looking for those specific traits.
- And remember, while every child has areas in need of improvement, it's just as important to celebrate successes! As you discuss the report card with your child, celebrate any steps forward.

If you have specific questions about your child's report card, you can always reach out to their teacher. Thank you for supporting your child throughout their academic journey!

Mr. Donze, Principal

Mr. Allen, Asst. Principal

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Our Sweets & Treats Arts Show will be held on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm until 7:30 pm at Robbins! We will be showcasing our talented artists and musicians – it's always a great time! Stay tuned.

## **INDOOR VS. OUTDOOR RECESS**

The Eau Claire Area District policy requires us to keep students indoors for recess if the actual air temperature is below zero or if the wind chill is below -10. All other times, students will be outdoors for recess. Please send your child to school with appropriate clothes for the weather. Warm winter coats, snow pants, hats, boots, and mittens are essential.

Reminder for restricted physical activity:

If a child must stay inside from recess, families are required to send a note from a health care provider detailing the period of time of restricted activity for medical reasons.

If you have any questions about these guidelines, please contact your child's school nurse for further direction.

## **SCHOOL NURSE UPDATE**

Whether winter brings severe storms, light dustings or just cold temperatures, the **American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)** has some valuable tips on how to keep your children safe and warm.

### **What to Wear**

- Dress **infants** and **children** warmly for outdoor activities. Several thin layers will keep them dry and warm. Don't forget warm boots, gloves or mittens, and a hat.
- The rule of thumb for older babies and young children is to dress them in one more layer of clothing than an adult would wear in the same conditions.

### **Winter Health**

- If your child suffers from winter **nosebleeds**, try using a cold air humidifier in the child's room at night. Saline nose drops or petroleum may help keep nasal tissues moist. If bleeding is severe or recurrent, consult your pediatrician.
- Cold weather does not cause **colds** or **flu**. But the viruses that cause colds and flu tend to be more common in the winter, when children are in school and are in closer contact with each other. Frequent **hand washing** and teaching your child to sneeze or cough into the bend of her elbow may help reduce the spread of colds and flu.
- Children 6 months of age and up should get the **influenza vaccine** to reduce their risk of catching the flu.

### **Winter Sports and Activities**

- Set reasonable time limits on outdoor play to prevent hypothermia and frostbite. Have children come inside periodically to warm up.
- Using **alcohol** or **drugs** before any winter activity, like snowmobiling or skiing, is dangerous and should not be permitted in any situation.

## **JANUARY IS MENTAL WELLNESS MONTH**

Mental wellness is about how all aspects of your life—the social, emotional, physical, spiritual, and intellectual--all come together for an overall state of well-being. Mental health and wellness help determine how we act, feel, and think, and affect our ability to handle stress, connect to others, and make decisions.

Even if you've neglected your mental wellness in the past, it's never too late to make improvements. Mental Wellness Month is designed as a time for you to become more mentally resilient. You can learn to better handle stressful situations and negative circumstances that often occur as a part of life.

Here are a few things to try:

- stay active
- spend quality time with friends and family
- take a break when you need one
- learn stress management techniques
- eat healthy foods
- get enough rest
- engage in physical activity

## **CHARACTER STRONG/PURPOSEFULL PEOPLE**

PurposeFull People is CharacterStrong's Pre-K-5 social-emotional learning toolkit. This curriculum is a universal tool that the teachers implement during the school day. The PurposeFull People curriculum was designed by veteran teachers, school counselors, play therapists, and many other incredible voices. PurposeFull People is packed with tons of practical and easy-to-use tools that focus on developing character and social-emotional skills in students, staff, and families.

The FAMILY component includes conversation starters, simple activities, and Family character challenges ("PurposeFull Pursuits") related to the monthly trait.

Each month we discuss and dive into a new character trait - during the month of January we will be focusing on PERSISTENCE. Take a look and give it a try - ask your child about it!

[FamilyStrong | CharacterStrong](#)

## **RACHEL'S CHALLENGE**

**Event Sponsored by DeLong Middle School**

You are invited to join Rachel's Challenge and DeLong Middle School on February 4, from 6:00-7:30 pm at DeLong to experience the incredible story of Rachel Scott who was the first victim in the shootings at Columbine High School in 1999. Her life, writings and legacy have become the basis for Rachel's Challenge and her story has been shared around the world. Rachel's Challenge is a national nonprofit that prevents school violence, bullying, and youth suicide through live and digital mental health programs in schools. Learn more [here](#).

## **PLASTIC COLLECTION UPDATE**

What an exciting update to share: As of January 3, 2025, we have collected a total of **871 lbs.** of single use plastics since April 2024! Amazing!

We do still have 129 lbs. to go before April 11, to reach our goal of 1,000 lbs. When we reach this goal, the process of receiving our bench made from recycled bags will be underway.

Thank you to our Robbins community for helping to clear plastic bags from our homes in a sustainable way 😊. Keep them coming!

~Mrs. Willmarth

## **OPEN ENROLLMENT INFORMATION**

**Open Enrollment is February 3 through April 30, 2025**

### **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 3, 2025, through April 30, 2025, for the 2025-2026 school year. Parents may submit online applications beginning February 3, 2025, at the Wisconsin Department of Instruction website at <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>. Please call 715-852-3127 or email [districtadministration@ecasd.us](mailto: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 2024-2025 school year. Contact the Enrollment Office at 715-852-3127 or email [districtadministration@ecasd.us](mailto: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 2024-2025 school year and are currently attending school under a Tuition Waiver must apply for open enrollment during the regular application window, February 3, 2025, through April 30, 2025, to continue attending during the 2025-2026 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 2025 and anticipate moving out of the district before the 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 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](mailto:districtadministration@ecasd.us).

## **RCU SCHOOL \$ENSE**

**Happy New Year from your Royal School \$ense Team!**

The beginning of a new year is a great time to work on further developing good habits and setting goals. One goal that is great to set and work towards is an "I'm saving for..." goal. It can be a challenge that's fun to work on and enjoy as a family. Using a goal chart like the one here can provide a visual that helps encourage your child as they save money each week.

**As an extra incentive**, Royal School \$ense will have a **Double-Stamp Day** on **January 8<sup>th</sup>**. Savers will receive **two** stamps on their Super Saver cards instead of one, helping them earn prizes more quickly!

Remember that Royal donates \$250 to Robbins for every 500 deposits made. Your Royal School \$ense location is open on **Wednesdays** each week to help your child get excited about saving and helping their school. The highest number of deposits we have had in one day this year at Robbins this year is 40 deposits. Can we beat that in the New Year?? Let's try! Don't forget your pouches on **Wednesdays** and let's see if we can hit 55 deposits!

If you want to know how to start saving at school with Royal School \$ense, please contact: [Mariah.Wheeler@rcu.org](mailto:Mariah.Wheeler@rcu.org)



## **FREE AND REDUCED BREAKFAST AND LUNCH**

**Our families can apply for free and reduced breakfast and lunch at any time!** Paper applications were mailed with the ECASD Family Handbook this August. Applications are also online at [www.myschoolapps.com](http://www.myschoolapps.com). Questions? Call Food and Nutrition at 715-852-3021.

If you fill out an online application, there is no need to fill out a paper application.

We are dedicated to providing high quality, nutritious foods to every student. We believe that proper nutrition plays a vital role in the academic and overall success and health of children.

## **FAMILY AND STUDENT TECH SUPPORT**

If you find yourself questioning or struggling with the technology available to students and families, please visit our website for more information:

<https://www.ecasd.us/District/Tech-Support-and-Resources/Tech-Support-and-Resources>

Additionally, this year the Eau Claire Area School District started to utilize a communication tool named ParentSquare. Please click on the link(s) below to familiarize yourself with the way the communication will come across on your device.

[ParentSquare - Texts & Security Information](#)

 [ParentSquare - Orientation Day Letter.pdf](#)

## **ELEMENTARY STUDENT CELL PHONE POLICY**

Students are to leave all personal items at home which may be a distraction to the learning environment. At Robbins, cell phones and watches must be kept off and in backpacks throughout the school day. They are not to be used during school hours.

## **SICK CHILD GUIDELINES**

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:

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

Please keep your child home if he/she currently has or has had any of these symptoms in the last 24 hours.

## **2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR**

<https://www.ecasd.us/District/About/Events>

## **2024-2025 BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU**

<https://www.ecasd.us/District/Departments/Food-and-Nutrition/Breakfast-and-Lunch-Menus>

## **ECASD AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

Please click on the link below to view many community resources available to families within the ECASD.

<https://www.ecasd.us/District/About/Community-Events>

## **EC FOOD AND RESOURCE PANTRY SCHEDULE**

Check out the Eau Claire Food and Resource Pantry schedule by clicking on the link below:

 [Eau Claire Food and Resource Pantries Weekly Schedule.docx](#)

## **SPED FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NEWSLETTER**

Check out the ECASD Special Education Family Engagement Newsletter!

Here's the link: <https://www.smore.com/ukta9-family-engagement-newsletter>

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

The Eau Claire Area School District offers a Community Events section on its web site. Families and students may go to [Community Events](#) to view flyers for upcoming events in

our community that apply to school-age students and families. Click on the link below to learn more.

[https://www.ecasd.us/District/About/Community-Events/Community-Event-Flyers-\(1\)](https://www.ecasd.us/District/About/Community-Events/Community-Event-Flyers-(1))

## **PTO MEETING**

The next PTO meeting will be held in our library on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:15. We hope to see you there!

## **MONTHLY EVENTS:**

<b>January 17<sup>th</sup>:</b>	End of Semester
<b>January 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	NO SCHOOL for students
<b>January 29<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Report Cards sent home

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Check out our website for more information!

<http://www.ecasd.us/Robbins-Elementary/Home>

### **Nondiscrimination Clause**

The Eau Claire Area School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability.