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News from the Tiger's Den

January 2021



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

Happy New Year Roosevelt Families and Friends!

I hope your holidays were relaxing and filled with memories to cherish for years to come. We look forward to a fun and successful 2021! A new year always gives us the opportunity to reflect upon what we have done well and where we can continue improving. Reflecting on the past year, the importance of having a strong working relationship between your family and our school is clearly an essential part of your child's success. The magnitude of support you provide your child at home cannot be overstated. From all of us at Roosevelt Elementary, thank you for the positive support you provide your child at home!

### Announcements for January:

- You are invited to Roosevelt Elementary School's PTA meeting this Thursday, **January 14** at 6:30pm. We will begin the meeting with any interested first-grade or fourth-grade students who would like to share about something they have enjoyed learning this year. Second-grade or fifth-grade students had the opportunity to share during our October PTA meeting and kindergarten and third-grade students will have this opportunity during our PTA meeting on April 8. You may join the meeting virtually by clicking on this link: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)
- *Crossing Guard Recognition Week* is **January 11-15**. If you have children that walk to school, please encourage them to offer an extra "thank you" to our crossing guards who help keep them safe.
- Along with our school-wide focus on 'integrity' during the month of January, we will be participating in *The Great Kindness Challenge* as a school during the week of **January 25-29**. Your child will also be bringing an *Act of Kindness* checklist home with them that you may complete as a family. More information can be found at [thegreatkindnesschallenge.com](http://thegreatkindnesschallenge.com)

### Looking Ahead:

- With snow still on the ground, it is hard to believe that summer school information is almost here! You should be receiving your *Summer Program Guide* in the mail by mid-February. This program is free to families and designed for ALL students going into grades between kindergarten and fifth grade regardless of academic need. Please let me know if you have questions about any of these great opportunities for your kids. Here are some important details to be aware of:
  - Roosevelt Summer School will take place at Roosevelt from **June 14-July 1** (M-Th) from 8:30-11:45am each day. Instruction will be in-person with the same COVID-safety precautions currently in place (social distancing, mask required, frequent handwashing, etc.).
  - **Free** breakfast will be available to **all children** younger than 18 years of age from 8:00-8:45am and lunch from 11:45-12:15pm throughout our summer school program.
  - Options are available for students to participate in immediately after our morning program.
    - River Cities Adventures will be run at the skating rink warming house near Roosevelt.
    - Bussing will be provided to the Boys and Girls Club (grades 3-5).

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- Students will only be able to attend the summer school program of their neighborhood school.
- For more details, please visit the [ECASD Summer School website](#)

January is an important time for us as an entire school to review data, set new goals, and problem solve better ways to meet the needs of our students. Along with helping kids make academic gains, their social-emotional development is also extremely important to us. This month, we shift our school-wide focus from **grit** to another important life skill, **integrity**. We define *integrity* as “*Doing the right thing, even when nobody is watching.*” Here are some ideas from the book *The Formative Five* by Thomas Hoerr that you can try at home to help your child strengthen their **integrity**:

- Ask your child to list ways they might display honesty and integrity at home, at school, and on the playground.
- When talking with your child, share examples and ask your child how they would respond to each situation with honesty and integrity. Discuss the need for telling the truth, even when it might feel like we are getting ourselves into more trouble.
- Discuss life lessons you find in books and movies related to honesty and integrity. Some examples of resources include *Amazing Grace* by Hoffman and Binch, *Mr. Peabody’s Apples* by Madonna, *Jamaica and the Substitute Teacher* by Havill, *Honest to Goodness Truth* by McKissack, *The Jacket* by Clements, *Junie B. Jones* by Park, and *Wonder* by Palacio.

## **Raising Caring Kids** from the UW-Extension

### ***I Make a Difference*** ***diferencia***

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Since children are very good at telling you what they want, it can be a challenge to encourage a child to think beyond his or her own interests. But children are natural helpers and with guidance can have a positive impact on their classroom, school, or community. Caring about your community and offering helpful action is called a civic mindset. There are a number of ways children can practice how to be responsible and active members of their schools and communities.

**Responsibility:** *A task you are expected to do (like brushing your teeth) or a way you are expected to act (like being quiet when the teacher talks).*

**Civic Mindset:** *Caring about what is happening in the community.*

### **What we know:**

Research shows that children are natural helpers. You can advance your child’s helpful actions in school and community by telling them directly of your expectations (“I count on you to be kind to all your classmates”) and asking them, “What can you do at school when a classmate gets teased?” This helps reinforce in your child a “can-do” attitude that they can make their schools and communities better (“I can do something to make a difference!”)

### **Try this:**

Have some fun and create Responsibility Posters. Grab some colorful markers and paper or snuggle up in front of a screen and use drawing tools. Draw a chart with four boxes of responsibilities:

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| 1) home   | 3) community |
| 2) school | 4) myself    |

Get the conversation going — share some examples of responsibilities you have as an adult (like having nutritious food at home). Highlight community examples, like being informed and voting and being friendly with neighbors. You can also check out the PBS Parents tips on [how to raise a good citizen](#). Now ask your child about their responsibilities. Have a few ideas to start like being kind to other classmates at school and following traffic rules when biking in their community. The idea is not to list everything, but a few key areas that your child can act on.

**For fun:**

Use lots of [color](#), emojis, and other artwork on the poster. The idea is to have fun and help your child start developing their civic mindset. When the poster is done, hang it on the refrigerator or on your child's bedroom door. Take a photo and use it as the background on a digital device. Be sure it is where your child and you will see it often. That way you can continue to talk about what they can do to make their schools and communities great places. Print this as a 1-page handout ([I Make a Difference, PDF](#)).

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Thank you for taking an active role in your child's education. I wish you and your family an enjoyable January!

Sincerely,



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## Wisconsin Public School

### Open Enrollment

**Public School Open Enrollment:**

**February 1 – April 30, 2021**

Wisconsin residents in grades 4K -12 may apply to attend school in a school district other than the one in which they live. For example: a child that lives in the School District of Altoona could apply to attend the Eau Claire Area School District (ECASD). Students in pre-kindergarten may participate in limited circumstances; parents should call ECASD Administration Department at (715) 852-3003 to find out if their preschool-aged child(ren) qualify.

**Students who are currently attending the ECASD through open enrollment DO NOT need to reapply.**

The open enrollment application for the 2021-22 school year is February 1 – April 30, 2021. An online application will be available to the public beginning Monday, February 1, and closing at 4:00pm on April 30, 2021. For more information about open enrollment, please go to: <http://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>

Have you moved outside of the Eau Claire Area School District this year? If so, you need to complete a **Tuition Waiver** form. Contact the ECASD Administration Department for more information at (715) 852-3003.

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Red masks  
Yellow masks too  
Black masks  
Pink masks  
Any color will do  
Smiley masks  
Silly masks  
Or masks that say boo  
Keep the mask clean  
with the washing machine  
if you've worn it a lot  
or you see dirty spots.  
The washing machine  
will know what to do  
to keep all the germs  
away from you



## A Note from the ECASD School Nurses...Winter Safety Tips!

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.

### Hypothermia

- Hypothermia develops when a child's temperature falls below normal due to [exposure to colder temperatures](#). It often happens when a youngster is [playing outdoors](#) in extremely cold weather without wearing proper clothing or when clothes get wet. It can occur more quickly in children than in adults.
- As hypothermia sets in, the child may shiver and become lethargic and clumsy. Speech may become slurred and body temperature will decline in more severe cases.
- If you suspect your child is hypothermic, [call 911](#) at once. Until help arrives, take the child indoors, remove any wet clothing, and wrap him in blankets or warm clothes.

### Frostbite

- [Frostbite](#) happens when the skin and outer tissues become frozen. This condition tends to happen on extremities like the fingers, toes, ears and nose. They may become pale, gray and blistered. At the same time, the child may complain that his/her skin burns or has become numb.
- If frostbite occurs, bring the child indoors and place the frostbitten parts of her body in warm (not hot) water. 104° Fahrenheit (about the temperature of most hot tubs) is recommended. Warm washcloths may be applied to frostbitten nose, ears and lips.
- Do not rub the frozen areas.
- After a few minutes, dry and cover the child with clothing or blankets. Give him/her something warm to drink.
- If the numbness continues for more than a few minutes, call your doctor.

### 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.