



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

Hello Roosevelt Families and Friends!

Reflecting on this past calendar year, it is astonishing to see what a difference a year makes. With the first day of spring only a few weeks away, I am hopeful for more beautiful days ahead. Thank you for connecting with your child's teacher during conferences this past month. Just as importantly, thank you for continuing to be such a valuable partner in your child's education each day!

Announcements for March:

- We celebrated 'Read Across America' throughout the week of March 1 with dress up days and mystery readers each day. Please watch your child's folder for their 'Read it and Reap Rewards Bingo' card during the week of March 22. Students are invited to complete a variety of fun reading challenges during spring break. Completed bingo cards should be returned to school on April 5 to redeem a prize. Happy reading!
- You should have recently received your child's report card marking the end of the second trimester. If you have questions about your child's report card, their progress, or any of their learning targets, please connect with your child's classroom teacher.
- You should have also received your ECASD Summer School Registration material recently. Roosevelt Elementary School will host in-person summer school **June 14 to July 1** (Monday-Thursday, 8:30-11:45am) with free breakfast, free lunch, and library times available.
- Spring break is **March 29 - April 2**. All ECASD schools will be closed during the week of spring break. Virtual instruction will also be on hold until Monday, April 5.
- Families of third grade, fourth grade, and fifth grade students should watch for information coming soon about our upcoming State Forward Exam. **Please schedule your family's upcoming appointments around your child's testing schedule as much as possible.** This is the schedule for each cohort and grade-level:
 - Students who are learning virtually (cohort C):
 - Third Grade (cohort C): **April 28**, Locust Lane Elementary School
 - Fourth Grade (cohort C): **April 14** and **April 17**, Putnam Heights Elementary School
 - Fifth Grade (cohort C): **March 24**, Northwoods Elementary School
 - Students are attending in-person learning (cohort D):
 - Third Grade (cohort D): **April 19, 20, 22, and 23**
 - Fourth Grade (cohort D): **April 19, 20, 22, 23, 26, and 27**
 - Fifth Grade (cohort D): **April 19, 20, 22, and 23**

Roosevelt families with students learning in-person (cohorts A, B, and D) will be receiving more information about our upcoming shift to in-person learning for all K-5 students beginning Monday, April 5. Although first grade and second grade students have already been attending four-days per week, they will notice changes to the delivery of their Music, Art, Phy Ed, and Library lessons. The information being shared will provide you with specifics regarding the mitigation strategies we will continue to use for the remainder of this school year. Our goal is to make sure every family is well informed and with the ability to ask questions. Please also watch for more information from your child's classroom teacher in the next two weeks. If you have any questions, please call me at (715) 852-4710 or ask your child's classroom teacher. Thank you for the support you provide your child at home!

From the University of Wisconsin-Extension:

Parenting and Family Relationships: Trustworthy resources to improve the quality of family life

Keep Calm and Carry On to Success español: *Mantenga la calma y siga avanzando hacia la meta*

Persistence is trying something many times.

Growth mindset is believing that you can improve and grow your abilities.

You may have heard the phrase, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." Current research on learning points to the truth of this old saying. In fact, you can help children "try again" by saying, "Let's talk about what you tried and what you can try next time." You can also support a child's growth when you praise the steps they take to learn something new. This is called a growth mindset.

What we know:

Children learn best when we focus on their efforts and how they are trying to learn rather than talking about their mistakes. People who believe we can work to grow and improve our abilities have a growth mindset. They act like intelligence is a muscle that needs exercise to get stronger. They also see mistakes as time to learn and try something different to reach their goal. You can help your child have a growth mindset.

Try this:

Promote persistence and a growth mindset in your child by praising their learning rather than the outcomes of their efforts, like getting a good grade on a test or getting on a team. Try replacing these common statements with growth mindset comments:

- Replace "I'm glad you tried." with "What should you try next?"
- Replace "You'll do better next time." with "What is this teaching you?"
- Replace "I guess that was too hard for you." with "Who could you ask for help?"
- Replace "I told you that wouldn't work." with "It looks like the first part of your idea worked, how can you fix the rest?"

Raising Caring Kids' short video "[Persistence](#)" shows how you can use these words to help a child to improve and grow their abilities.

Just for fun:

Watch "[Soar](#)" — a six-minute video about a young girl who learns from her challenges (and failures) while helping a very small friend fly. Talk about:

- How do you feel when a project doesn't work?
- How can working with another person help fix a problem?
- How did the main character learn from her mistakes?

Print this as a 1-page handout ([Keep Calm and Carry On to Success, PDF](#)).

With spring break approaching, you may find more opportunities to talk to your child about what they are learning. Whether it's playing a fun math game, writing a story, joining in on imaginative play, or enjoying a good book with you...thank you for the important time you spend learning with your child. If you are traveling over break, may you have safe and peaceful travels. Happy Spring!

Sincerely,



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Hand Washing 101

Hands Should Be Washed:

- **Before, during** and **after** preparing food
- **Before** eating food
- **Before** and **after** caring for someone at home who is sick with vomiting or diarrhea
- **Before** and **after** treating a cut or wound
- **After** using the toilet
- **After** changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet
- **After** blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing
- **After** touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste
- **After** handling pet food or pet treats
- **After** touching garbage

For more information on the National Handwashing Campaign please click [HERE](#).

Be on the Lookout!

On **April 5th**, your student will bring home a white piece of paper that will ask you for information regarding the 2021-22 school year. We ask that you please return this to school in your student's folders **the next day**. The information gathered on this sheet will be very valuable in our planning for next school year. We appreciate your help!



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 Altoona School District could apply to attend the Eau Claire Area School District (ECASD). Students in pre-kindergarten may participate in limited circumstances; parents should call 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. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction no longer provides paper application forms to the school districts. An online application will be available to the public beginning, February 1, and closing at 4:00 pm 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 School District this year? If so, you need to complete a **Tuition Waiver** form. Contact 715-832-3003 for more information.