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News from the Tiger's Den

February 2020



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



Hello Roosevelt Families and Friends!

It is hard to believe that we have entered the second half of our school year. February brings us our final round of parent-teacher conferences. As a parent or guardian, you play an integral 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 greater success. Related to this, our final round of parent-teacher conferences is scheduled for Thursday, February 20. When you arrive, please take a moment to provide your feedback on our "Student Perseverance & Self-Regulation" parent survey. As we approach your conference day, please take a moment to consider the following components of a successful parent-teacher conference:

### 1. Expect a two-way conversation.

Like all good conversations, parent-teacher conferences are best when both people talk and listen. The conference is a time for you to learn about your child's progress in school. But it is also a time for the teacher to learn about what your child is like at home. When you tell the teacher about your child's skills, interests, needs, and dreams, the teacher can build better connections with your child.

### 2. Emphasis on learning.

Good parent-teacher conferences focus on how well the child is doing in school, as well as areas for improvement. To prepare for the conversation, please bring a list of questions you would like to ask their teacher.

### 3. Opportunities and challenges.

Just like you, teachers want your child to succeed. You will likely hear positive feedback about your child's progress as well as areas for improvement. Be prepared to share what you perceive to be your child's greatest strengths and areas of need, sharing ideas used to overcome similar challenges at home.

If you are unable to attend conferences on February 20, please contact your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible to arrange another time.

### Highlights from January:

- After a much-appreciated winter break in December, our students did well with their transition back into regular school day routines. Thank you for helping your child get enough sleep, nutrition, and exercise at home. All three of these ingredients help set your child up for success!
- Thank you for working with your child during last week's *Great Kindness Challenge*. Hopefully the activities on the *Act of Kindness* checklist were both fun and rewarding for you and your family.
- On Friday, we celebrated another all-school PRIDE meeting where we reviewed what we have learned so far (*self-control, mindfulness, embracing diversity, grit, and integrity*) and introduced our new focus-skill-of-the-month which is **empathy**. This will be our new focus between now and February 28. We describe **empathy** as "seeing the world from another person's point of view."

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## Announcements for February:

- *Bus Driver Appreciation Week* is **February 10-14**. If you have children who ride the bus, please encourage your child to share an extra “*thank you*” to the ones who deliver our kids to school safely each day.
- Our “*End-of-Year Carnival*” is scheduled to take place on June 5 (the last day of school for students). We will be looking for several parent-volunteers to help on this day and to prepare for this, we have an organizational meeting/dinner planned for **February 13** at 5:30 pm in our cafeteria. If you are interested in helping, please either join us for this meeting or contact our partnership coordinator Tammy Rud. Kids are welcome to attend!
- Classroom holiday parties will be taking place on **February 14**. Thank you in advance to our volunteers who help these activities run smoothly for our kids.
- Please watch your mail for the **2020 ECASD Summer Program Guide** during the third week of February. As a reminder, we will be running our summer school program at Lakeshore Elementary School instead of at Roosevelt because of construction. Our summer school program is free to families and designed for ALL students going into grades Kindergarten through fifth grade regardless of academic or behavioral needs. 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:
  - **To participate in our summer school program being held at Lakeshore Elementary, families will need to provide their own transportation.** Unlike schools with Title 1 services who have been displaced because of summer construction projects, we do not receive Title 1 services at Roosevelt and will not have busing from Roosevelt to Lakeshore Elementary provided. I apologize for the inconvenience this may cause your family.
  - Summer school instruction will take place from 8:30-11:45 am each day beginning June 15 (M-Th except July 2).
  - **Free** breakfast will be available to **all children** younger than 18 years of age from 8:00-8:45 am and lunch from 11:45-12:15 pm 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 Lakeshore Elementary.
    - Busing will be provided to the Boys and Girls Club.
  - Families affected by the **elementary school boundary changes** may choose which summer school they would like their child to attend:
    - Students transitioning from Roosevelt to Sam Davey Elementary next school year may attend either program since they run during the same time.
    - Students transitioning from Lakeshore to Roosevelt Elementary may attend either program or attend both programs since they run at different times (Roosevelt will be June 15-July 1; Lakeshore will be July 27 – August 13).
  - You can find more details by going to [http://www.ecasd.us/District/Departments/Teaching-and-Learning/Summer-Programs-\(1\)](http://www.ecasd.us/District/Departments/Teaching-and-Learning/Summer-Programs-(1))
- We will be hosting our annual *Roosevelt Family Arts Night* again this spring on May 12 and May 14 for grades 1-5. New this year, we will be hosting a *Kindergarten Family Arts Night* on a separate evening in February. This new program is scheduled to take place in our gym on **Thursday, February 27 at 6 pm**. We will be doing interactive Kindergarten songs and activities that to whole family can enjoy. All Roosevelt families are welcome to attend even if you do not have a child currently in kindergarten. Please join the fun!

## Mark your Calendars:

- We will be hosting our “*Roosevelt Family STEAM Night*” on Thursday, March 5 from 6-8 pm. All families are welcome to attend. Please watch for the RSVP with more information in February.

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

*“If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change” – Wayne Dyer*

**Changing the Way You Look at the World** español: **Cómo cambiar nuestra percepción del mundo**

Perspective taking requires you to put yourself in another person’s position and imagine what you would feel, think, or do if you were in that situation. Perspective taking helps children to be more successful as adults because they are better able to deal with other people. Seeing and understanding the world from someone else’s point of view is an important life skill you can teach children to build healthy and satisfying relationships.

*Perspective-taking is thinking about how **another** person might feel and think when something is happening. This may also be called their point of view.*

**What we know:**

Children with better perspective-taking skills are less likely to be involved in conflicts with other children. It helps them know how to behave in social situations, care for others, communicate effectively, solve problems, and work together. Understanding what others are thinking also helps children feel more comfortable in new situations.

**Try this:**

Take time to listen to your child. When you listen and care about their thoughts and feelings, you demonstrate how to care about another person’s point of view. Over time, children learn how to care about another person’s point of view because they have felt it themselves. As parents you can:

- model how to look for and listen to another person’s perspective,
- explain your own views and talk about your thoughts and feelings, and
- talk with your children about the possible feelings and thoughts of someone else.

Check out this Michigan State Extension [resource](#) to learn more ways to help develop perspective taking.

**For fun:**

Consider reading some of the [books about point of view](#) on Adrienne Gear’s list with your children to help them gain a better understanding of someone else’s perspective.

Print this as a 1-page handout ([Changing the Way You Look at the World, PDF](#)).

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Once again, thank you for being an active part of your child’s education. We look forward to seeing you at parent-teacher conferences. Stay warm!

Sincerely,

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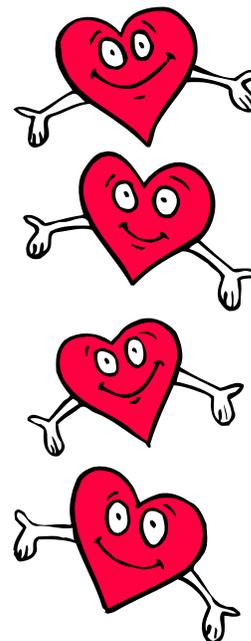
## Mark Your Calendar...

February 4	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Ice Age Trail Roosevelt Night at Culver's
February 10 – 13	Roosevelt Week at Toppers
February 13	End-of-Year Carnival Planning Meeting/Dinner, 5:30 pm, Cafe
February 14	Valentine's Day Parties – Look for Classroom Specific Info
February 20	NO SCHOOL - Conferences – Watch for Time Reminder Soon!
February 21	NO SCHOOL – MID WINTER BREAK
February 24	NO SCHOOL – Staff Development
February 27	Kindergarten Family Arts Night; 6:00pm, Gym



## Future Dates...

March 2 – 6	Read Across America Week/Scholastic Book Fair
March 3	Roosevelt Night at Culver's
March 5	Roosevelt STEAM Night, 6:00-8:00 pm – Watch for more info!
March 9	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Paul Bunyan
March 13	All Yearbook Orders Due
March 19	Final Day of After School Math Club
March 23 – 27	NO SCHOOL Spring Break
March 30 – April 3	Blugold Beginnings – Robotics Club for Grade 4



## Kindergarten Enrollment

The Eau Claire Area School District welcomes all children turning **5 years old on, or before, September 1, 2020** to enroll in Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year. Enrolling is easy!

### Step 1:

Visit our website at [www.ecasd.us](http://www.ecasd.us).  
Click on "Enrollment".  
Complete the online application.

### Step 2:

Visit the Enrollment Office, located at 500 Main Street.  
Provide proof of address, and proof of your child's age.

**Enrollment Office Hours:**  
**Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.**  
**No appointment needed!**

## Schedule Reminder

Roosevelt students are welcomed into the building for breakfast at 8:15 am. If you are not having breakfast, please head directly to the playground. Parents, please note that there is no supervision until 8:25 am.

### Roosevelt Start and End Times:

**8:35 am** – First Bell Rings

**8:40 am** – Classes Begin

**3:35 pm** - Dismissal



## Valentine Day Party Reminders!

If you are planning on sending treats for Valentine's Day, please remember that we have a number of students with peanut allergies. Please select treats that do not contain peanuts, peanut butter, or other peanut products. Also, as you are writing out Valentine cards, please make sure there is a card for each student in your child's class. If you need a complete list, or have any questions, please contact your child's teacher. Thank you!

### Are you questioning whether your child is well enough to attend school? Here are some helpful guidelines to consider...

We encourage and expect regular attendance, however, to maintain the good health of all our students, please refrain from bringing your child to school if they are sick. This will reduce the overall number of illnesses among the students.

#### A child should remain home if he or she has any of the following symptoms:

- Temperature of 100.5° or more
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Persistent coughing
- Rashes – Any child that has a rash draining or spreading will need to be kept at home.

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

Your cooperation with these guidelines can lead to fewer illnesses for your child. If you have any questions, please contact your primary care provider.

## Wisconsin Public School Open Enrollment

### ***Public School Open Enrollment: February 3 – April 30, 2020***

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 Jennifer Knutson 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 2020-21 school year is February 3 – April 30, 2020. 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 3 and closing at 4:00 pm on April 30, 2020. 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.

## Roosevelt Yearbooks

We are excited to announce that yearbooks will be for sale this year! If you are interested in purchasing a yearbook, you can do so online at [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com) using ID Code: 12725620. Yearbooks will only be available through 3/13/20. No late orders will be taken, and there is no guarantee that extra books will be sent. Please order early if you do wish to have a yearbook.

Order your school  
yearbook at

[ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com)



## **Student Conferences Are Coming Soon!**

Conferences are scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Doors will be locked 11:40 – 12:40 pm and 4:20 – 5:00 pm for lunch & dinner.

Your February conference will be scheduled for the same time as your October conference. Watch for a conference reminder slip to come home in your student's folder. If you have questions regarding conferences, please contact the classroom teacher directly.

## **A Note About Parking...**

Every year, as the snow piles grow, we receive questions regarding the limited parking set-up and back pick-up area at Roosevelt. Thank you for your questions, and we appreciate your patience with our unique situation! We wanted to take a moment to share some important information regarding our parking situation. The Eau Claire Area School District is allowed use of the lot behind school, however the City of Eau Claire owns and maintains it. This makes for a unique partnership! While we recognize that this is not the most ideal situation, we appreciate parents working hard to be flexible during pick-up time in order to make the most of the limited space we do have available.

To help with the crowded after school hours, we invite parents to also utilize the parking available along Folsom Street and Truax Boulevard, as we do have adult crossing guards stationed on these streets to assist in maintaining safe crossing for all students. As always, when picking-up and dropping-off, please observe the crosswalks and utilize the adult and student crossing guards. We ask when you are in the school zone that you always remain aware of your surroundings, and refrain from using cell phones. Thank you for helping us keep your kids safe!