

ROBBINS

Elementary School

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JAKE DONZE, PRINCIPAL

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

TRANSLATIONS

Yog koj muaj lus nug los yog koj xav tham ntxiv, hu rau Vichai Chang, 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.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Open Enrollment is February 5 through April 30, 2024

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 5, 2024, through April 30, 2024, for the 2024-2025 school year. Parents may submit online applications beginning February 5, 2024, at the Wisconsin Department of Instruction website at <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>. Please call 715-852-3127 or email 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 2023-2024 school year. Contact the Enrollment Office at 715-852-3127 or email 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 2023-2024 school year and are currently attending school under a Tuition Waiver must apply for open enrollment during the regular application window, February 5, 2024, through April 30, 2024, to continue attending during the 2024-2025 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 2024 and anticipate moving out of the district before the 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 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.

STUDENT LIBRARY ACCOUNTS

ECASD students have an individual login account which gives them access to Destiny (District Print catalog) and Sora (District Digital catalog). Custodial parents or guardians of a student who is under the age of 16 may choose to access their student's library account. If you wish to get a copy of your student's login information or if you have any further questions, please contact your school Media and Technology Specialist, Mrs. Lilly. Directions for accessing student library accounts may be found here:  [Directions for Accessing Student Library Accounts](#)

2024-2025 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Now Enrolling for Kindergarten!

The Eau Claire Area School District welcomes all children turning **5 years old** on or before September 1, 2024 to enroll in Kindergarten.

(NOTE: Students already enrolled in the EC4T program do not need to reapply.)

Step 1:

Visit our website — www.ecasd.us

☐ Click on Enrollment

- ☐ Complete an Online Application

Step 2:

Visit the Enrollment Office anytime between now and March 2024 to provide:

- ☐ Proof of address
- ☐ Proof of your child's age

Please note that the enrollment process is not complete until steps 1 and 2 are complete. If you are unable to access the application or have difficulties submitting it, please contact the Enrollment Office at (715) 852-3063 or visit **500 Main St. 54701 Downtown, Eau Claire**

Enrollment Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR APPROVED

Our School Board approved the 2024-2025 School Year Calendar at the January 22, 2024, School Board meeting. Please go to [2024-2025 School Year Calendar \(pdf\)](#) for details.

BOOST SELF-ESTEEM

February is International Boost Self-Esteem Month. It's common to struggle with self-esteem at some point in our lives. However, turning our thoughts around and thinking positively about ourselves has significant benefits. This month, join us in boosting self-esteem by following these tips.

1. **Avoid negative self-talk.** When you spend your days thinking about everything you have done wrong or everything you have failed to do, those thoughts become a part of your internal narrative. They influence your level of self-esteem and the more it continues, the worse you feel. When you catch yourself mulling over every flaw, pause, recognize what you're doing, and work to let it go. Reframe your internal conversation by thinking about a strength.
2. **Stop comparing yourself to others.** Former President Theodore Roosevelt said, "Comparison is the thief of joy." The achievements of someone else don't take away from your own. Instead of letting comparison make you feel bad about yourself, take a step back and reflect on how far you have come.
3. **Exercise.** When you exercise, your body releases endorphins. These chemicals trigger a positive feeling. Something as simple as taking a short walk each day can improve your mood.
4. **Celebrate your strengths.** Take a few minutes each day to think about something you did that you liked. This can be anything from a joke you told to friends, to a meal you helped provide for loved ones, or a skill that helped a client or colleague. Not only will this improve your current mood but looking back on your thoughts can help improve your self-esteem in the long run.

PLANNING ON MOVING?

If you know you will be moving out of the Robbins attendance area soon or over the summer, please contact Amy Gonyea at 715-852-4600 as soon as possible. This will allow us to begin the process of setting up your child's needs at their next school. Thank you!

SWEETS & TREATS ARTS NIGHT

Please join us on Thursday, March 7th from 5:00 pm until 7:30 pm for a fun filled evening of showcasing our artists and musicians. Art projects will be on display all evening and musical performances will take place as well. Stay tuned for specific performance times.

SCHOOL NURSE UPDATE

Mental health is relative to our physical and daily wellbeing.

Please check out the following link to the ECASD Nursing Department webpage which is updated monthly with information and resources on how to improve and maintain healthy thought processes, attitudes, practices and relationships - for both adults and children.

Link:

[ECASD | School Nurse](#)

FAMILY DROP-OFF/PICK-UP

For families who drive their students to/from school, our drop-off and pick-up procedure is outlined below. Remember to proceed SLOWLY AND SAFELY in our lot.

Before School: You may drop off your student beginning at 8:30 AM anywhere along the curb within the "horseshoe" lane (the drop-off lane that extends past the Robbins front door). Have your child exit the vehicle from the back seat of the passenger side. When school begins, best to plan for a quick hug or wave and then to morning recess or breakfast. While it can be difficult, we ask that families not go with their children to the playground or into the school. **We also ask that you do not park in the lot and/or cross to the front door; only drop off your child using the drop-off lane.** It's a busy time and we want everyone to stay safe! Our entry bell rings at 8:45 am and our school day begins and attendance is taken at 8:55 am.

After School: At the end of the day, students will line up by grade level or with their oldest sibling's grade level along the horseshoe lane. Please stay in your vehicle in the drop-off lane as children exit the building. As children reunite with their family's vehicle, continue to pull your vehicle forward. **We also ask that you do not park in the lot and/or cross to the front door; only pick up your child using the pick-up lane. It's a busy time and we want everyone to stay safe!** We recognize the line of cars can get long, but we're happy to report that the whole process takes between 10-15 minutes after the final bell. All

students must be picked up prior to 4:00 pm as we do not have student supervision past that time.

Bus Loading Zone:

Our bus loading zone is for buses only. Please do not enter the bus loading parking lot between the hours of 8:00 am – 9:30 am or between 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm.

Thanks for your help in keeping all of our students safe!

RCU SCHOOL \$ENSE WANTS YOUR CHILD TO LOVE SAVING

We LOVE learning about money!

The third Monday of February is President's Day. This day recognizes our first president, George Washington's birthday on February 22, but it is also close to Abraham Lincoln's birthday, which is February 12. Both men played such important roles in our country that we have also honored them by putting their images on our money. George Washington is on both a coin (the quarter) and currency (\$1 bill). Abraham Lincoln is also on a coin (the penny) and currency (\$5 bill).



Did you know that it's against the law for a living president to have their image printed on U.S. currency?

This dates back to Washington's refusal to have his portrait printed on the U.S. dollar. In 1866, this tradition was made law by an act of Congress.

Abraham Lincoln was the first president to be featured on a U.S. coin. Minted in 1909, "Lincoln Pennies" were meant to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Lincoln's birth. However, the coins proved so popular that they just never stopped minting them!



We also celebrate Valentine's Day in February! Since we LOVE when students save at Royal Credit Union School \$ense, our special gift this month will be prize bags randomly awarded to two savers depositing on February 14th.

The Robbins Royal School \$ense is open every Wednesday at lunch to help your child develop good saving habits.

Remember that Royal donates \$250 to your school for every 500 deposits made.

If you have any questions about the Royal School \$ense program please contact:

Mariah.Wheeler@rcu.org

FAMILY-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our Family-Teacher conferences are fast approaching, and you will be receiving an email from your child's teacher regarding scheduling a time for your conference. This time is an excellent opportunity to learn about your child's academic, social, and emotional growth. It is also a chance to share information between families and teachers to support your child's learning. Families should schedule a conference and plan to attend during the scheduled time. The connection between home and school is a crucial component to your child's academic success. Please let your child's teacher know if you will need any accommodations for your conference. The dates and times are listed below for your reference.

FAMILY-TEACHER VIRTUAL and/or IN-PERSON CONFERENCES:

Thursday, February 29th from 7:45 AM – 8:15 PM

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 February we will be focusing on HONESTY. Take a look and give it a try – ask your child about it!

[FamilyStrong | CharacterStrong](#)

FREE AND REDUCED BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

As always, our families can apply for free and reduced breakfast and lunch. Paper applications are available, as well as, online applications at 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.

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.

SPED FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NEWSLETTER

Check out the ECASD Special Education Family Engagement Newsletter!

Here's the link: [Family Engagement Newsletter](#) | [Smore Newsletters](#)

2023-24 BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS

Breakfast and lunch menus can be found here:

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

2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

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

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>

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))

MONTHLY EVENTS:

February 29th: **NO SCHOOL** – Family-Teacher Conferences from 7:45am – 8:15 pm
March 1st : **NO SCHOOL**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Check out our website for more information!

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

Robbins Facebook Page can be accessed by clicking on the Facebook Icon on Robbins School webpage. It's a great way to see what Robbins students are learning so "Like Us" on Facebook and see the great things our students are doing.

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.