



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

Greetings Roosevelt Families and Friends!

It is hard to believe that we have already reached the second half of our school year. In January, our students did a great job transitioning back into their regular school day routines returning from December's winter break. 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! In addition, thank you for working with your child during last month's *Great Kindness Challenge*. Hopefully, the activities on the *Act of Kindness* checklist were both fun and rewarding for you and your family.

February brings us our final round of family-teacher conferences. As a parent or guardian, you play an important 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 *Family-Teacher Conferences* are scheduled for **Thursday, February 29**. You should have had the opportunity to schedule both your October and February conferences during our *Welcome Back Day* on September 1. If you did not schedule your February conference last fall, your child's classroom teacher should be reaching out to you to schedule this in early February. If you need assistance with scheduling your conference, please contact your child's teacher or call our Technology Department at (715) 852-3411.

When you attend your child's conference, you will also be asked to complete a quick six-question *Roosevelt Family Equity Survey* for each child you have attending Roosevelt Elementary. These can be completed on paper during in-person conferences, completed electronically on conference day, or completed ahead of time by clicking on this link: [Roosevelt Family Equity Survey link](#). Our goal is to receive survey feedback from 100% of our student's families. Thank you for helping us reach our goal!

**Roosevelt Family Equity Survey:**  
*At Roosevelt Elementary, we want to make sure that every family feels welcome and supported by our school regardless of race, gender, national origin, disability, or socioeconomic status. Please share your feedback with us using this short survey. Your response does not require child's student ID and will be left completely anonymous. Thank you in advance for your feedback!*

The screenshot shows the 'Roosevelt Family Equity Survey' form. It includes a title, a purpose statement, and six numbered questions with radio button options. A QR code is also present for electronic completion.

**Roosevelt Family Equity Survey**

Winter 2023

The goal of Roosevelt Elementary School is to make sure every student feels welcome and supported by our school regardless of race, gender, national origin, disability, or socioeconomic status. This survey does not require a child's student ID number response for each question and is completely anonymous. Please complete this survey and submit it to your child's classroom teacher or complete the survey electronically using the QR code shown below. Thank you in advance for your feedback!

**OR change your abilities to translate into a 10-point presentation. Please e-mail: Mrs. Kowalski at (715) 852-4765.**

**Thank you to the families who have helped us with this survey. We hope you find this survey helpful. Mrs. Kowalski at (715) 852-4765. Mrs. Kowalski at (715) 852-4765.**

1. My child identifies as (please check all that apply):

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Other (Please specify)

2. My child identifies as (please check all that apply):

- ☐ White
- ☐ Hispanic/Latino
- ☐ Black/African American
- ☐ Asian/Pacific Islander
- ☐ Other (Please specify)

3. How often does your child attend school?

- ☐ Every day
- ☐ Some days
- ☐ Never

4. School staff treat my child with care and compassion.

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly Disagree

5. School staff help my family identify goals and support my child in reaching them.

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly Disagree

6. School staff communicate positive messages with my family as well as concerns if needed.

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly Disagree

7. School staff work to ensure our school community is inclusive for all families and community members of diverse backgrounds.

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly Disagree

8. School staff treat my child, my family, and others with respect regardless of race, ethnicity, language, gender, disability, age, religion, or socioeconomic status.

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly Disagree

QR Code: Please use this QR code to complete this survey electronically.

As we approach your conference day, please take a moment to consider the following ideas:

- **Expect a two-way conversation.** Like all good conversations, family–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.
- **Emphasis on learning.** Good family–teacher conferences focus on how well the child is doing in school, as well as areas for improvement. To prepare for the conversation, please create a list of questions you would like to ask your child’s teacher.
- **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.

### Highlights from January:

- Thank you to those of you who were able to join us for our *PTA Night at the Sports Warehouse* on January 19! Thank you as well to our PTA for providing this awesome, community building experience to our kids and their families!
- Our Kindergarten enjoyed their field trip to the *Eau Claire Children’s Museum* and our Fourth Grade enjoyed their field trip to the *Ice Age Trail* both took place in January. This is the first time in several years that neither field trip needed to be rescheduled because of inclement weather.
- Roosevelt students enjoyed amazing presentations from Mr. Mike Schneider and the *Pint-Sized Polka* as well as a presentation from local author Robin Kelley. Thank you to our PTA for supporting special opportunities like this!
- Thank you to our families who were able to support our *PTA Butter Braid fundraiser* as well as our families who helped coordinate everything. Proceeds from this fundraiser go towards additional field trip opportunities, guest speakers/performers, and our end-of-year carnival among many other ways benefit and support Roosevelt students. Thank you for your support!
- During the week of January 29, Roosevelt Elementary students joined nearly 18 million other students from more than 36,000 schools and 110 different countries around the world in *The Great Kindness Challenge*, collectively completing over 900 million acts of kindness worldwide! Along with learning about and practicing kindness throughout the school day, I hope your family had the chance to enjoy working together on kindness at home and in the community with ideas from [The Great Kindness Challenge Family Checklist](#), which could be used year round.

### Announcements for February:

- Throughout the month of February, we are focusing on the character trait **honesty**. We define **honesty** as *living truthfully in your words, actions, and thoughts*.
- **February is Black History Month:** *Black History Month* is a time to celebrate the contributions black people have made to American history in their struggles for freedom and equality while recognizing their central role in our Nation's history. Celebrate *Black History Month* with the *National Education Association’s* [Read Across America African American Booklist](#).
- **Lunar New Year is Saturday, February 10!** This can be an important holiday for those in and from China, Vietnam, Mongolia, North and South Korea and other parts of Asia. The date for Lunar New Year changes each year because it is based on the lunar calendar. You can learn more about the annual *Lunar New Year Festival* by clicking here: [Lunar New Year by Britannica](#)

- Please join us for Roosevelt Night at Culvers on **Tuesday, February 13**. When we reach our food order goal of \$5000, our PTA receives 10% of all sales between 4-7pm (Folsom Street location only). We may also be receiving a visit from our Roosevelt tiger mascot **Pawz!**



- **Tiger Tuesdays** are back! Each Tuesday throughout the month of February, your child is encouraged to wear **Roosevelt blue** in addition to our Friday tradition of wearing our Roosevelt t-shirts. As an **optional** activity for families to participate in, students may bring donations that will go towards *phase-two* of our two-part playground update plan to provide students and our community an amazing Roosevelt Elementary playground! Donations may be in the form of coins, cash, or checks with checks written out to the "Roosevelt PTA". You may find more information here: [Tiger Tuesdays](#)

- Donations will be collected from each classroom each **Tuesday** in February (6, 13, 20, 27).
- The **grade-level** who raises the most money for our playground fundraiser during the month of February will receive a special visit from **PAWZ the Tiger**, a special treat, and an extra recess on a beautiful day in March.



Over the past two years, our *Roosevelt Neighborhood Playground Taskforce* has raised over \$80,000 to go towards new playground equipment and needed updates. With the first phase of our two-phase project installed last summer, our goal is to raise the remaining \$30K-\$40K by this spring so we can install the second phase of this enormous project! If interested in sharing with neighbors, businesses, and community members, please share this [Roosevelt Community Playground Fundraising letter](#) where you may also find more information.

- **Pride in Food Service Week (February 5-9):** If you have children who eat breakfast or hot lunch at school each day, please encourage your child to share an extra *thank you*. Thank you to Ms. Janet for your work, feeding 200+ hungry tigers their hot breakfast and lunch every school day!
- **Bus Driver Appreciation Week (February 19-23):** If you have children who ride the bus, please encourage your child to share an extra "thank you" to the ones who safely deliver our kids to and from school each day.
- Please join us for our next Roosevelt PTA Meeting on **Wednesday, February 21** from 6:00-7:30 pm. PTA meetings focus on PTA specific times for the first half of the meeting before shifting our focus to Playground fundraising topics with the time remaining. All Roosevelt families are welcome to join us to ask questions, provide suggestions, and offer support. We plan to meet in person in our library with a virtual option also available. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please email our PTA at [roosevelt.pta.eauclaire@gmail.com](mailto:roosevelt.pta.eauclaire@gmail.com). You may access the agenda and virtual meeting links below:
  - [Roosevelt PTA Meeting link \(6:00-7:30pm\)](#)
  - [Roosevelt PTA Agenda 2023-2024.docx](#)

- On Friday, **February 23**, Roosevelt Second-Grade Students will be attending the Eau Claire Children's Theatre performance of *The Cat in the Hat* at the Oxford. Thank you to our PTA and families for supporting this wonderful opportunity for our kids!
- Students will not attend school on Friday, **March 1** (following our February 29 Family Teacher Conferences) or Monday, **March 4** because of professional learning and instructional planning for our staff members.

Once again, thank you for taking an active role in your child's education. We look forward to seeing you in just a few weeks for our Family-Teacher Conferences!

Sincerely,

*Ben Dallman*

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## Wisconsin Public School

### **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](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 2023-2024 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 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](mailto:districtadministration@ecasd.us).