



Roosevelt Elementary



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P.B.I.S.
Word of the month:

Respect and
Responsibility



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4 NO SCHOOL TEACHER INSERVICE DAY
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17 No School Fall Break	18 No School Fall Break
21	22	23	24 EL Family Cultural Night 5-7 pm	25
28	29	30	31 End of Term 1	

Youth Wrestling Camp at Willmar Middle School



Dear Roosevelt Friends and Family

First, let me say thank you! The start of this school year has been smooth, thanks to your **partnership**.

We were pleased and **grateful** to see so many of you attend our Sept. 1:1 Family Conferences. These meetings, where the student, teacher, and parent visit and share information, are critical; thank you!

Here are a few **important dates** to pass along:

1) **Parent-Teacher Conferences:**

Tues., November 19th: 3:30-7:00

Thurs., November 21st: 3:30-7:30

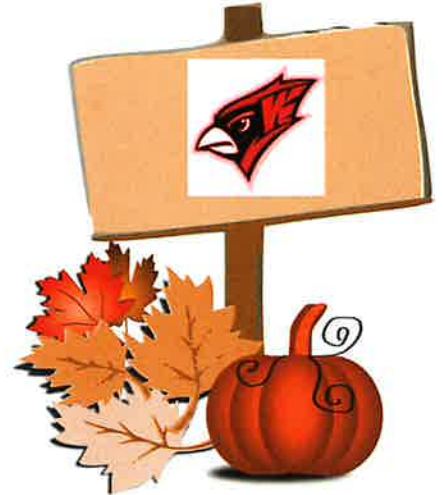
2) **K-2nd Grade: Fall Festival** (parents will get a letter)

Fri., Oct. 25th

3) **Unity Day:** Staff and Students **wear orange:** Oct 16th

This special day was created to unite all people in schools, communities, and online against bullying.

4) **Character/Comic Dress-Up Day:** Thurs. Oct 31st. We cannot promote or support Halloween celebrations/costumes but we can dress up as our favorite characters. Last year we had everything from Minecraft to Cinderella.



Safety Drills: We will be **practicing** Lock Down Drills as in the past, but due to new legislation you, as parents, have the right to 'opt' out your child from participating. We, by law, have to practice 5 and a year and before them occurring we'll send out a notice (Remind app) so you are aware.

Please, stay in **communication** with us; call us. If you have any questions or concerns, let us know. If I can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to call or email me. I can be reached at 320-231-8474 or lockhartl@willmar.k12.mn.us

Lori Lockhart, Principal Roosevelt



Pre K:

The preschoolers are off to a great start of the school year! During the first month of school, we worked hard at learning the routine of our day, how to play nicely with others, how to ask for help when needed, how to be good listeners, and how to follow the school rules. In preschool, we focus a lot on social/emotional skills in order to be the best learners possible.

Kindergarten:

Welcome to Kindergarten! We are so glad to have your family and child as a part of our school! We've been working hard this month to get into the routines of school and learning a lot about all of our friends, our teachers, and how things work around our classroom. Please remember to send your child to school every day with their backpack tag, take hold folder, and water bottle. Library has started, so your child will have library books each week, too! Please return those on your teacher's designated day to get new ones for the next week. We appreciate your partnership!

1st Grade:

Happy October! We've had a great start to our year, and are enjoying getting to know your child! This month in Math, we will be digging into place value and number sense as we finish our unit on composing and decomposing numbers. We will continue to work with numbers up to 120. We will be learning how books change people's lives in reading as we go into our new reading curriculum. Art lessons will revolve around the purposes of art around the world, and Social Studies lessons will include being good citizens, voting, and presidents. As we learn more about each other, and build new friendships, we will be learning a lot of social skills along the way! Please continue to encourage your child's learning by asking them to tell you something they have learned each day!

2nd Grade:

Thank you so much for coming to open house conferences in September. We enjoyed getting to know you and your child. We are excited to see the growth that your child will make this school year. As we look forward to October, fall festival will be happening at the end of the month. A date is pending and we will follow up with more information as we can. We welcome parents to volunteer, to enjoy the activities, and to donate prizes and or candy for your child's grade. We have gotten a good start on our subjects. In reading we will be working through module 1 in the Wit & Wisdom program. In math we will be working on place value and numbers up to one thousand. In our other subjects we will be getting more familiar with the routines and progress. We encourage families to be reading with their child. Please continue to read at home.





OCTOBER



3rd Grade:

The month of October is fast approaching as students are getting settled into their new routines. Students will be making Color Crazy Animals, Self Portraits, and Cave Art; as well as studying Producers and Consumers in Social Studies. October 16th is Unity Day, which begins our Anti-Bullying Unit for Social and Emotional Learning. Your students are encouraged to wear orange on that day to spread awareness. They will also learn about having a growth mindset and goal setting. A friendly reminder to dress your child in layers and/or send the appropriate clothing as the weather begins to change.

4th Grade:

Wow!! We cannot believe we are already through the month of September!! The 4th graders have done a wonderful job transitioning into the school year. Together, we have worked on routines and expectations in the classroom, at lunch/recess and in the hallways. In math we already finished Unit One, which was solving multi-digit word problems. We have a new literacy curriculum this year (Wit & Wisdom), which has been a little different from our past learning, but we are all doing a great job with it!! Currently we are learning about the literal and figurative meaning of the word heart and we are writing more than we ever have during a daily lesson!!:)

5th Grade:

Hello Families! We are off to a great start in 5th grade! Ms. Lockhart talked to us about being role models for the younger students at Roosevelt Elementary. Since we are the oldest students in our school, we know that we need to set a good example for the younger grades. We have been practicing routines for our new English Language Arts curriculum, Wit & Wisdom. With our first story, we learned that it's important to never give up if you want to learn new things. We have also started switching groups for our UFLI Phonics program. Each 5th grade teacher has a group, and each student attends the group that is most appropriate for learning at their current level of decoding skills. In Math we have been working on Place Value and soon we will begin adding and subtracting decimal numbers. Also, all 5th grade students need to know their multiplication facts by heart, so we are spending time practicing facts during Math WIN at the beginning of the year. Please help your child practice at home to ensure their success!





Music:

K-5 Music at Roosevelt is back in the groove of things with singing, playing instruments and moving to music by ourselves and in a group.

We're working on echo singing, using our different voices (whisper, speak, call, sing), and moving safely around the room. 3rd grade is working on reading music to play xylophones, and 4th and 5th grade are learning how to play ukulele.

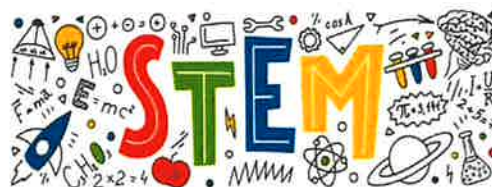


EL:

We would like to welcome back all of our returning students and families, as well as those of you who are new to us this year! Roosevelt's English language teaching staff is looking forward to a great school year! Language teachers and support staff provide academic support to students that are new to learning English, as well as students whose first language is not English and are bilingual or multilingual. More than 39 percent of students in Willmar Public Schools have a home language other than English. Willmar Public Schools students speak many languages such as 48% speak Spanish, 45% speak Somali, 4% speak Karen, and more than twenty other languages are spoken as well!

STEM:

For STEM, grades K-2 are learning about Weather and Sound. Grades 3-5 are learning about Light, Magnetic Force, and Earth rotation and orbit.



PE:

Welcome! This is going to be an amazing year in Physical Education at Roosevelt Elementary. We are excited to be working with your children. Your Physical Education teachers are Mrs. Rosendahl and Mr. Becker.

For safety and success in PE, please have your child wear supportive athletic shoes on days they have PE. Please work with your child on tying their shoes.





Student Data Privacy Notice

Willmar Public Schools uses a variety of digital resources and tools to support student learning. For reference purposes, we refer to these resources and tools as “Technology Providers,” as they are defined in Minnesota statute. Our district takes great pride in ensuring that student information and academic data is protected to the highest of standards. Our technology/teaching and learning staff routinely evaluate providers utilized for digital assessment, online testing, digital curriculum resources, and digital curriculum activities to ensure that contractual requirements that ensure the safety.

As a part of our ongoing process to inform you of the safety and privacy of the data that is held by technology providers utilized by our district, we have made a listing of the Technology Providers utilized within the school district available for your review. Included in this listing you will find the data elements that the resource stores and utilizes as well as the grade levels in which the resource is authorized for use in. Please visit: <http://www.willmar.k12.mn.us/SDP> to access the current listing of Technology Providers that we utilize.

Please reach out to Jason Hulstein by Email hulsteinj@willmar.k12.mn.us or phone 320-231-8545 for additional questions regarding specific digital tools used in classrooms, or if you would like to arrange for an in person appointment to inspect any of our Technology Provider contracts.

SECOND STEP

Second Step is a research based social emotional learning (SEL) program designed to improve students' social emotional skills including growth mindset, goal setting, emotion management, kindness, empathy, bully prevention, and problem solving.

This year at Roosevelt teachers will teach on Mondays a 20 minute lesson weekly on these topics. We are working to create a positive classroom environment and school climate.

These lessons will teach life skills that can be practiced in the classroom and reinforced at home. If questions please contact Cheryl Bosch, School Social Worker or Katie Sordahl, School Counselor.

September-Growth Mindset

October-Bully Prevention (Unity Day Oct 16 wear orange)

