



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



Happy New Year Roosevelt Families and Friends!

I hope your holidays were enjoyable and filled with wonderful memories. As we begin 2026, this is a great moment to reflect on our successes and identify opportunities for growth. January is an important month for reviewing data, setting new goals, and finding creative ways to better support our students. Your continued support at home makes a meaningful difference, and we truly appreciate it. Wishing you a successful and fulfilling year ahead!

How does Roosevelt decide which students need additional supports or enrichments?

We conduct universal screenings several times a year in math, reading, behavior, and emotional well-being. These screenings help us understand each student's needs so we can provide the right support to help them learn, grow, and succeed. If the results show that a student may benefit from additional support or enrichment, we may complete further assessments and will keep families informed throughout the process. If you would like more information about how our universal screening works, please let us know.

Quick Reminders:

- If your child completed their **Winter Break Reading Bingo** card during the past few weeks, please return them to school with your child. They may redeem these for a prize during the weekly library time.
- **Winter Gear:** To ensure the safety and comfort of our students during recess, they need to have appropriate gear to play outside. This includes a jacket, snow pants, boots, hat, and mittens or gloves. Unless temperatures are below 0° or we have a -10° windchill, students will be outside for recess. If your family needs help providing your child with winter weather gear, please contact our school counselor Katie Skutley at (715) 852-4703 and she will assist you.
- **Breakfast is served daily at beginning at 8:15 am.** Students who have not eaten breakfast may enter door #1, leave their belongings and winter gear along the edge of the hallway, and walk to the cafeteria for breakfast. After eating, students will gather their belongings and exit door #7 to join the rest of our students on the playground. Students needing breakfast should do this before playing on the playground. **Please have your child arrive at school by 8:20 am when needing breakfast so they have time to comfortably eat before settling in their classroom (increasing calm, reducing anxiety) without missing important instructional time.**
- **NEW - Beginning in January 2026:** Students who arrive **after 8:30 am** will go directly to their classrooms instead of the cafeteria for breakfast. This way, students will not miss as much instructional time when running late. Classroom teachers will have food (Cheerios, Goldfish, etc.) available for students to enjoy while they begin their day with their classmates. Students who are still eating at 8:30 am will have time to finish their breakfast in the cafeteria before returning to their classroom.

- **Playground supervision begins at 8:20am.** If students arrive before **8:20 am**, we ask that families supervise their own children until school supervision begins. If you are unable to provide supervision before 8:20 am, please adjust your child's departure time so they arrive between 8:20 and 8:30 am, unless they are coming early for breakfast.



- **Drop off and drive away only:** Although our school lacks an ideal drop-off/pick-up area for families to use, we do our best to provide a space for this with a little coordination, creativity, and your cooperation. As a reminder, the location on the map labeled in **blue** is designated as our “drop off and drive away only” area. This is not a space for families to park their vehicles and wait for the 8:30am bell to ring before exiting. If you would like to remain parked while you wait with your child, please use one of the areas labeled **gray** instead. Thank you for your help and cooperation with this!
- **From Student Transit:** When a school bus slows down with its lights flashing, it is usually preparing to pick up or drop off students. Drivers must stop **at least 20 feet away** from any school bus that is stopped with its **red warning lights** flashing. Many people don't realize that when a bus's lights are flashing **yellow**, drivers are encouraged to safely pass the bus rather than stop and wait.

Notes from December:

- Along with supporting the academic needs of our students, we are also supporting our students' social-emotional learning needs each day. After focusing on **respect**, **responsibility**, and **gratitude** to begin the year, we spent the month of December teaching students about **empathy**. We describe empathy to our students as *our ability to understand and connect with the feelings of another*, which simply begins with listening. Thank you to our students and their families who donated to our school-wide toy drive. As a school, our students have made some great gains in this area that we are all so very proud of!
- Our Roosevelt PTA hosted their eleventh-annual *Holiday Workshop* after school on December 10, which was a special activity for our students. Thank you to all our family members and community volunteers who devoted their time, energy, patience, and creative talents for this wonderful event!
- Roosevelt Elementary School celebrated our schoolwide *Holiday Sing* on December 23. We experienced several technical difficulties, but the students did an excellent job carrying the tune without any audio support. If you were unable to watch the livestream or would like to view the performance again, you can watch the recording here: [Holiday Sing 2025](#)

Upcoming in January:

- January is *National Mentoring Month*! Thank you to the many, many mentors who connect with and support Roosevelt students each week. The positive impact you have on our students who need another adult connection has been tremendous! If you have not already been a mentor at Roosevelt but are interested in learning more about this program, please reach out to our school counselor Katie Skutley at kskutley@ecasd.us. Our mentorship program would love to have your support!

- On **January 5**, we kicked off the new year by introducing our newest character trait of the month, perseverance. We define *perseverance* as our *ability to work through situations even when there are obstacles or challenges in the way*. Classroom teachers will continue to teach and reinforce great grit and perseverance throughout the month of January, recognizing our “*Gritsters of the Week*” each Friday. Thank you for emphasizing *great grit and no quit* with your kids as they also learn new things and work through challenges at home!
- Our next *Roosevelt Night at Culvers* will be on **Tuesday, January 13**, with 10% of all sales going back to our PTA general fund.
- Roosevelt Fourth Grade students will be enjoying their annual field trip to the *Ice Age Trail* on **January 15**.
- Roosevelt families with children in fifth grade are invited to DeLong Middle School’s “Fifth-to-Sixth Grade Parents Night” on **Thursday, January 15** beginning at 6:00pm. It is not mandatory to attend this meeting, but it is highly encouraged. To live stream the meeting, go to [Eau Claire DeLong Knight TV - YouTube](#). Students will bring home their *Academic Planning Guide and Music Selection Sheets* prior to this meeting to complete and return to their classroom teachers by **Thursday, January 8**. If you have questions, please contact next year’s 6th grade counselor, Mrs. Erickson at 715-852-4920.
- Please join us for our January PTA meeting on **Tuesday, January 20** from 6:00-7:30pm in our library or virtually through this Microsoft Teams link: [Roosevelt PTA meeting link](#)
- Students will not attend school on **January 19** in honor of *Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day* or on **January 23-26** because of professional development.
- Roosevelt Kindergarten students will be enjoying their annual field trip to the *Eau Claire Children’s Museum* on **January 29**.
- **Roosevelt Night at the Sport Warehouse:** All students, staff, and families are invited to our annual Roosevelt Family Night at the *Sport Warehouse* from 6:00-8:00pm on **Friday, January 30**! This event will feature a variety of fun games, activities, sports, music, and a free-will donation bake sale! This free event is a great time to connect with other Roosevelt families. Registration is not required, so please join us if you are able. The *Sport Warehouse* is located one block from Roosevelt Elementary School at 2983 11th Street in Eau Claire.

On the Horizon:

- Families will receive *After School Club* information for our third-quarter clubs in early February. Third-quarter clubs will run from **February 16 to March 27** (options, dates, and times TBD). Each club will be capped at 20 students per club, with priority given to our students who were put on the wait list during Second Quarter Club enrollment. Families with students who are unable to join because the club has reached capacity will be notified on the week of **February 9** and placed on the priority list for our fourth quarter club offerings.
- You and your family are invited to our second-annual [Roosevelt Elementary Multicultural Fair](#) on **Thursday, February 5** between **6:00-7:30 pm**. You are also invited to share some of the cultural activities or family traditions your family enjoys. Families who are interested in sharing something should sign up by Friday, January 30 and a table will be reserved for your display area. You are welcome to share traditional clothing, crafts, foods, games, songs, dances, pictures, or anything else your family would like to share with others. Families who attend will be invited to visit each country/culture using an open-house format. Each student will receive a passport that will be stamped at each station. Once students visit each country/culture and fill their passport, they will receive a small prize.



- Our Roosevelt Summer School program will take place **June 9-25** (M-TH, beginning on a Tuesday, AM only). Because of a variety of construction projects taking place at Roosevelt, our program will be located at Sherman Elementary School. Below are additional details to be aware of:
 - This program will only involve Roosevelt students with the same teachers who would have been leading the program if housed at Roosevelt.
 - Summer School registration is open from **March 7-27**.
 - The change in location will provide bussing as an option for **all** Roosevelt students who are enrolled by the **March 27 enrollment deadline**, even if those who do not qualify for bussing during the regular school year.
 - Sherman Elementary School is located at 3110 W Vine St, Eau Claire, WI 54703 for families who plan to drop their children off or pick them up afterwards.
 - Community partnerships will still be available for families to access through Parks & Rec (River City Adventures) and the Boys & Girls Club. Students must be pre-registered to attend any of the partnership programs.

From all of us at Roosevelt Elementary, thank you for the positive support you provide your child at home! Here's to a wonderful 2026!

Sincerely,



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