



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



Greetings Roosevelt Families and Friends!

It is hard to believe we have already reached the midpoint of the school year. Our students did a wonderful job transitioning back into their regular school routines after December's winter break. Thank you for supporting your child at home by prioritizing healthy sleep habits, good nutrition, and regular exercise—these three factors play an important role in helping students be successful at school.

February also brings our final round of family–teacher conferences. As a parent or guardian, you are a vital partner in your child's education. Your involvement helps build confidence and supports continued growth and success. Our final conferences will take place after school on **Thursday, February 26, from 4:15–8:15 PM**, and on **Friday, February 27, from 8:00–12:00 PM and 12:30–4:15 PM**.

On **February 16**, families received a Microsoft Bookings link to select a conference time. If you have not yet scheduled your conference, please do so by **Tuesday, February 24, at 8:00 AM**, when registration closes. During conferences, families will also be invited to participate in the following:

- Complete our bi-annual [Roosevelt Family Equity Survey](#) (open now)
- Complete our [ECASD Family Climate Survey](#) (open February 23 to March 13)
- Shop at our *Scholastic Book Fair*
- Enjoy student artwork proudly displayed on the walls of our hallways

If you are unable to attend conferences, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible to arrange an alternative time. If you need additional assistance, please reach out to Barb Garner, Roosevelt School Secretary, at bgarner@ecasd.us or (715) 852-4701. Thank you, and we look forward to meeting with you!

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

- **Expect a two-way conversation.** Like all good conversations, family–teacher conferences are most meaningful when both listening and sharing take place. This time allows you to learn about your child's progress at school, while also giving the teacher an opportunity to learn more about your child at home. Sharing your child's strengths, interests, needs, and dreams helps teachers build stronger connections and better support your child.

- **Focus on learning.** Effective conferences highlight both your child's successes and areas for growth. To help guide the conversation, consider preparing a short list of questions you would like to ask your child's teacher.
- **Discuss opportunities and challenges.** Teachers share the same goal you do—helping your child succeed. You will likely hear positive feedback as well as areas where your child can continue to grow. Be prepared to share your perspective on your child's strengths and needs, along with strategies that have been helpful at home

Roosevelt Family Equity Survey: (Please complete during or before conferences.)

At Roosevelt Elementary, we are committed to ensuring that every family feels welcomed, valued, and supported—regardless of race, gender, national origin, disability, or socioeconomic status. We invite you to share your feedback by completing this brief survey. Responses do not require a student ID and are completely anonymous. If you prefer to complete the survey on paper rather than electronically, please let us know. Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your voice and help us continue to grow as a school community.

[Roosevelt Family Equity Survey](#)

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.
- **Bus Driver Appreciation Week (February 9-13):** 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.
- **Adult Crossing Guard Recognition Week (February 16-20):** If you have children that walk to school, please encourage them to offer an extra “thank you” to our crossing guards who help keep them safe.
- Please join us for our monthly PTA meeting on Tuesday, **February 17** from 6:00-7:30PM in our library or virtually through this Microsoft Teams link: [Roosevelt PTA meeting link](#)
- On Thursday, **February 19**, our second-grade students will be enjoying “*Curious George*” at the Eau Claire Children’s Theater! Thank you to our PTA for supporting this additional field trip!
- On Friday, **February 20**, our first-grade students will be enjoying “*Curious George*” at the Eau Claire Children’s Theater! Thank you to our PTA for also supporting this additional field trip!
- Our Scholastic Book Fair will take place after school on **February 23-26** and all day on **February 27** during our family-teacher conferences. Please enter door #6 with the ramp near our tetherball court during our after-school times and enter door #1 on Friday.

- The *Opening Ceremony* for our **2026 Roosevelt Winter Games** took place on January 30! Students have been doing a tremendous job with all three events. On Wednesday, **February 25**, we will have our *Medal Ceremony* when we recognize the grade-levels who earned a gold, silver, or bronze medal for each event. We hope to continue these same habits, demonstrating **pride, respect, and responsibility** beyond our February Winter Games!
- Students will not attend school on Friday, **February 27** (Family-Teacher Conferences) or Monday, **March 2** because of the professional learning and instructional planning for our staff members.

Roosevelt Winter Olympic Games

February 2-20

Wear your country's flag colors each Friday!

Grade	Country	Flag Colors
 Kindergarten	France	Blue, White, Red
 First Grade	Norway	Dark Red, Dark Blue, White
 Second Grade	Germany	Black, Red, Gold
 Third Grade	Italy	Red, White, Green
 Fourth Grade	Japan	Red and White
 Fifth Grade	Canada	Red and White

- January 30 (Pride Meeting): *Opening Ceremony*
- February 2-6: Event #1: "Tidy Lockers & Hallway"
- February 9-13: Event #2: "Beautiful Bathrooms & Sinks"
- February 16-20: Event #3: "Clean & Quiet Lunchroom"
- February 25 (Pride Meeting): *Medal Ceremony*

On the horizon:

- *Read-Across-America Week* is March 2-6! You can find more information here: [Reading Bingo Activity & Read Across America Dress-Up Days](#)
- On **March 4**, every Roosevelt student will be given the opportunity to select a new book to have and keep as part of our *Reading is Fundamental* (RIF) activity, generously sponsored by Nestle.
- **State Forward Exam (March 17-27):**
State testing days are just around the corner. One of the best ways families can support their child is by prioritizing extra sleep and healthy meals. A full night's rest and nutritious food help students feel confident, focused, and ready to show what they know. Please schedule your family's upcoming appointments around your child's testing schedule as much as possible.

Thank you for helping your child succeed!

- **Third Grade will test:** March 23-27
- **Fourth Grade will test:** March 17-27
- **Fifth Grade will test:** March 17-23

Why does the Forward Exam matter?

- This helps show how your child is learning compared to other students across Wisconsin.
- It helps us understand how well our school's curriculum and teaching strategies are working.
- The results help teachers and schools decide what extra support or learning opportunities may best help each student in the future.
- The information is also used to help guide course options as students prepare to move on to middle school.
- It helps show how our school is doing compared to other schools across Wisconsin.

New this year!

We are inviting all Roosevelt parents/caregivers (grades 3-5) to join us each morning of State Forward Testing to help create a high-five tunnel for kids to pass through as they begin their day (8:30-8:35 am). The tunnel for students in third grade will be leading into door #5. The tunnel for students in grades 4-5 will be on our outdoor basketball court leading to the sidewalk entrance, before our students in grades 4-5 enter doors #2 and #4 respectively. More information will be shared in March.

- The 2026 summer school program guide is now published on the summer school website here: [Summer Programs - Eau Claire Area School District](#)
Our Roosevelt Summer School programming 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:
 - Even though this is taking place at Sherman Elementary, this program will only involve Roosevelt students with the same teachers who would have been leading the program if it were 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.

Summer School Programming at Roosevelt:

- *Roosevelt Summer School* (free breakfast and lunch for children 0-17)
June 9-25 (M-Th), 8:30-11:45am * Requires pre-registration.
- *Roosevelt Open Library*
June 9-25, 8:00-12:00pm * Does not require registration.
- *Roosevelt Summer Library Program "Adventures in Reading"* (students and families)
June 9, 16, and 23, 12:15-2:15pm (Tuesdays) * Pre-registration required

Community Partnership Options Available:

- *Boys & Girls Club Afternoon Programming* (grades 2-5, page 49), 12:10 pm bus time
- *Park & Rec River City Adventures* (grades K-5, page 70), 12:00-4:00 pm

- All students (K-5) will be participating in our annual *Roosevelt Rainbow Run* on **Friday, May 29** beginning at 3:00pm. All family members are welcome to attend this event to cheer on their runners!
- We plan to host our *Fifth-Grade Recognition (Graduation) Ceremony* on **Tuesday, June 2** beginning at 2:45pm. All fifth-grade family members are welcome to attend this event with a short reception afterwards.
- Our students will celebrate their *End of Year Carnival* on **June 4** beginning at 1:30pm. If you would like to volunteer for this family-fun event, please contact our partnership coordinator Tammy Rud at trud@ecasd.us.

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

Sincerely,

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"Collectively committed to educating students in a safe, nurturing, and responsive environment." 

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