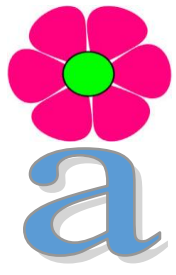
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A note from Principal Ben Dallman...

PRIDE, Respect, and Responsibility



Happy spring, Roosevelt families and friends!

April brings spring activities, longer days, and, we hope, warmer weather. I also hope your family had a chance to relax and enjoy time together over spring break.

We only have a few months left in the school year, and we still have important learning ahead. The time will fly, especially for our fifth-grade students who will be moving on next year. Thank you for all you do at home to support your child as we head into a busy and exciting spring.

Highlights from March:

- Roosevelt celebrated **Read Across America Week** with mystery readers, dress up days, and lots of fun reading activities in classrooms. Thank you for encouraging your child to read at home and for helping grow their love of books.
- Students participated in our annual **Read a Thon** and read nearly 20,000 minutes in less than four weeks! Together, they raised more than \$6,000 to support our school. Most importantly, students spent lots of extra time reading.
- Our students in grades 3-5 worked hard on the **Forward Exam** (Wisconsin State Assessment) in March. While this is just one way we measure learning, it is an important tool the state uses to understand student progress. Thank you for supporting your child by helping them get plenty of rest, eat a healthy breakfast, and schedule appointments around testing when possible. These same routines support learning all year long.

Announcements for April:

- Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Katherine Gaulke and Mrs. Lisa Bee to Roosevelt!

Mrs. Gaulke will serve as the long-term substitute for our SPED teacher, Alyssa Hamerla (Becker), who will be home with her first baby for the remainder of the school year. Mrs. Gaulke has lived and worked as a substitute in the Eau Claire area for the past two years and previously taught in Delavan, WI.

Mrs. Bee will serve as the long-term substitute for our music teacher, Emily Seipel, who is expecting her second child soon. Mrs. Bee previously retired as a music teacher from the Osseo-Fairchild School District and will support our students for the remainder of the school year.

- Throughout April, our school will focus on the character trait **cooperation**, which we define as *working together and helping others*. You can help your child notice cooperation in everyday moments, such as:
 - In the classroom:** working with a small group to solve a problem or complete a project.
 - At recess:** playing a game such as kickball, sharing equipment, or taking turns on the swings.
 - At home:** pitching in with family chores, like helping clean up after dinner.



Each month, your child will also bring home a double-sided handout about our character trait. On the back, you will find three family “Pursuits” connected to **cooperation**. We invite your family to choose at least one Pursuit to try together this month.

As a schoolwide service project connected to **cooperation** and helping others, we are hosting our annual food drive, **Teamwork Tuesdays**. Each Tuesday in April, students may bring **shelf stable food items** to school to add to our collection. Our goal is to donate **500 or more** items to our local food bank, and we know we can reach it when we work together!

On **May 1**, our *Cooperative Students of the Week* from throughout April will take a walking field trip to the *St. Francis Food Pantry* to deliver everything we collect. Thank you for supporting your child’s social emotional learning while also helping families in our community.



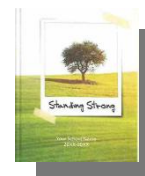
- April is *Hmong Heritage Month*. You may learn more about the challenges some people have experienced as Hmong Americans, juggling life and identify between two worlds by viewing this short video narrated by a young girl named ,Nakita: [Hmong American Experience: Life Between Two Worlds \(2:49\)](#)
- April is also *Limb Loss & Limb Difference Month*. “With more than 5.6 million Americans living with limb loss and limb difference, it is something that affects people of all backgrounds, socioeconomic statuses, genders, races, ages, and other demographics.” Click here to find more information: [Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month](#)
- April 13 to 17** is *Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week in Wisconsin*, with a statewide tornado drill on **April 16 at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.** As a school, we will be talking about and practicing our plans for what to do during a tornado warning.

- Fourth quarter clubs started the week of **April 13**. Families who registered by the **April 9** deadline should have received an email from the after-school club teacher confirming enrollment, or a phone call from our office if the club filled. If your child was not enrolled, they will be placed on a waiting list and will receive priority registration status next school year for first quarter clubs.
- Please join us for Roosevelt Night at Culver's on Tuesday, April 14. When we reach our food order goal of \$5,000, our PTA receives 10% of all sales between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. (Folsom Street location only).
- Please join us for our monthly PTA meeting on **Tuesday, April 21** from **6:00 to 7:30 p.m.** in our library, or virtually through this Microsoft Teams link [Join the meeting now](#)
- On **Thursday, April 23**, our first-grade students will enjoy their district-sponsored field trip to the L.E. Phillips Public Library.
- Students will not attend school on **April 27** due to professional development.
- On **Wednesday, April 29**, our fifth-grade students will attend their PTA sponsored field trip to Crystal Cave.

On the Horizon:

- On **Friday, May 1**, our *Cooperative Students of the Week* from throughout April will take a walking field trip to the St. Francis Food Pantry to deliver everything collected during April's *Teamwork Tuesdays*.
- On **Friday, May 1**, our fourth grade and fifth grade students will learn about *water safety* from our local Emergency Medical Services staff and Fire Department inspectors.
- **Due May 1:** Families are welcome to order the **2025 to 2026 Roosevelt Elementary School Yearbook** for \$15. Order yours by to ybpay.lifetouch.com and using Roosevelt's **Yearbook ID Code: 15578926**, or by using the QR code shown.

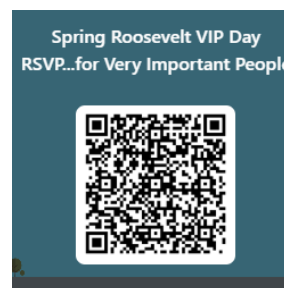
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Mark your Calendars:

- **May 8:** On **Friday, May 8** (8:00 to 8:30 a.m.), we will celebrate our second VIP Day of the school year. Our first VIP Day was on September 26, which feels like a long time ago! VIP Day celebrates the **Very Important People** in our students' lives. Students are encouraged to invite a parent, grandparent, family member, neighbor, or other VIP to join them in their classroom before school begins for a donut, a beverage, and an optional classroom activity. This spring date is also a chance for students to invite a different VIP, if they would like.



If you have not already, please complete the [Spring Roosevelt VIP Day RSVP](#) by **Monday, April 27** (one RSVP per family per VIP Day) so we have an accurate count for planning. A [paper RSVP](#) will be sent home on **April 20** as a reminder. If you complete the online RSVP, you do not need to return the paper copy. Students who do not have a VIP attending will still be welcomed into their classroom to enjoy a doughnut with one of Roosevelt's caring adults. If your family needs a different plan for the morning, please call Mrs. Rud at 715-852-4707 so we can make arrangements and support every child.

- **May 13:** Our Roosevelt PTA made the generous decision to support what may be the largest field trip in Roosevelt history! On **Wednesday, May 13**, all Roosevelt students in grades 3 to 5 and their teachers will take a trip to the Minnesota Science Museum. For many of our students, this may be their first, and possibly only, chance to visit such an amazing place during childhood. Thank you to our hard-working PTA and to all of Roosevelt's supporters for making this exciting experience possible.
- **May 15:** *Fifth Grade Track Meet* will take place at Memorial High School on the morning of **Friday, May 15**. Families are welcome to attend and cheer on their athletes.
- **May 29:** On **Friday, May 29** (3:00 p.m.), you and your family are invited to cheer on your child during our schoolwide culminating activity celebrating *courage*, as students run in the *Rainbow Run*. Each grade level will wear a different solid color, run laps, and compete as a team with their buddy classrooms (Kindergarten with 3rd Grade, 1st Grade with 4th Grade, and 2nd Grade with 5th Grade). With each lap, students will collect another popsicle stick. The buddy classroom teams with the highest laps per student ratio will win a reward recess together the following week. More information will be shared in late April.
- **June 2:** We plan to host our *Fifth Grade Recognition* (formerly "Graduation") on **Tuesday, June 2** beginning at **2:45 p.m.** All family members are welcome to attend. A short reception will follow.
- **June 4:** Our students will celebrate their *End of Year Carnival* on **June 4** beginning at **1:30 p.m.** If you would like to volunteer for this family fun event, please contact our partnership coordinator, Tammy Rud, at trud@ecasd.us.
- **June 9 to June 25:** Although the summer school registration deadline has already passed for families needing busing, there is still space for students who sign up late. Please call our office at (715) 852-4701 if you would like to enroll your child. You may view this and many other opportunities on our ECASD Summer Programs website. Due to construction projects at Roosevelt, programming will be held at **Sherman Elementary School**. Please note the following details:
 - Although the program will be held at Sherman Elementary, it will serve Roosevelt students only, with the same teachers who would have led the program at Roosevelt.
 - Community partnership options will still be available through Parks and Rec (River City Adventures) and the Boys and Girls Club. Students must be preregistered to attend any partnership program.

Roosevelt Summer School Programming (Held at Sherman):

- *Roosevelt Summer School* (free breakfast and lunch for children 0-17)
June 9 to 25 (Monday through Thursday), 8:30 to 11:45 a.m. * Preregistration required
- *Roosevelt Open Library*
- June 9 to 25, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. * [Does not require preregistration.](#)
Roosevelt Summer Library Program "Adventures in Reading" (students and families)
June 9, 16, and 23, 12:15 to 2:15 p.m. (Tuesdays) * Preregistration required

As we move further into spring, you may find a few extra moments to talk with your child about what they are learning at school, and to notice the many ways they are practicing *cooperation* each day. Whether you read together, play a math game, write a story, or talk about how they worked with a partner in class, thank you for supporting learning at home. We also appreciate your help with our **Teamwork Tuesdays** food drive as we work together to support families in our community. As we head into a busy stretch of spring activities and end-of-year events, thank you for being such an important part of the Roosevelt team. Happy spring!

Sincerely,



Ben Dallman (he/him/his)
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Important Safety Reminder!

As winter melts away and the grass turns green, the number of Roosevelt students who bike and walk to school increases. Please take a few extra precautions to help keep all of our students safe during drop off and pick up times.

- Remember that only bus students will be leaving through the front door. Please plan on picking your children up on the playground. All cars can park on Folsom St. or Truax Blvd. Please do not park in our bus lane on 8th Street. Thank you!
- Keep an eye out for the Crossing Guards and Safety Patrol members. Please always follow their directions.
- Be alert and aware of walkers, bike riders, buses and other cars.

Thank you for helping to keep our school environment a safe one!

Attendance Counts!

Good attendance counts from the first day of school to the last! You can help at home by encouraging your student and helping them to understand the importance of regularly attending school. Studies show that students with regular attendance perform better academically and feel more comfortable socially at school. Help us finish the school year strong with great attendance for all our Tigers!