



ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Parent Newsletter
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The vision of Roosevelt Elementary School is to create a community of thinkers and learners who strive for excellence by developing the knowledge and attitudes of productive, global citizens

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| December 1, 2016 | Seal-A-Smile |
| December 2, 2016 | Popcorn Sale .50 PBIS EARLY DISMISSAL-12:06 P.M. |
| December 5, 2016 | PTO Meeting |
| December 6, 2016 | ACCESS Testing Continues |
| December 7, 2016 | Pearl Harbor Day |
| December 8, 2016 | Assembly-World of Water. |
| December 9, 2016 | EARLY DISMISSAL-12:06 P.M. |
| December 14, 2016 | Concert-2nd Grade - 6:30 P.M. |
| December 15, 2016 | Concert-3rd Grade - 6:30 P.M. |
| December 16, 2016 | EARLY DISMISSAL-12:06 P.M |
| December 21, 2016 | Hall Sing- 2:30 P.M. Spirit Day- Santa Hat-Red and Green Day |
| December 22– Jan. 2 | Winter Break – NO SCHOOL – Happy Holidays |
| January 3, 2017 | SCHOOL RESUMES |



HOLIDAY CHEER:

This is a very special time of year for all of us. In schools throughout the country students grow excited at the prospect of what is to come, classrooms are decorated with holiday cheer, streets explode with lights and the message of goodwill abounds. Even when people say “Hello” to each other there is a special feeling in the greeting-a bright and warm feeling that prevails.

This time of year is filled with joyous holiday cheer. For some of us it is Christmas, for others it is Hanukkah. Whatever the holiday, the feeling it engenders transcends any boundary of religion and unites us all in common feelings of affection for each other. This kind of peace and harmony should prevail throughout the entire year. As we draw to the end of this holiday season, the entire staff wishes to thank you for your continued support. Remember, throughout the season your most precious gift is your child, our student.

“Our young people are our nations’ greatest resource-They are our future”

Thanks for your support from all of us at Roosevelt. Have a warm and happy Holiday Season!!!!!!

PARKING-DROP OFF-Mr. Pacetti

While dropping off at any school **Patience** and **Courtesy** for all parents is the key. Roosevelt is no different. Roosevelt has two drop off areas for your convenience. The first is on 34th Avenue on the east/west side of the building. There is a new sign on the west side of 34th avenue. The sign states there is **no parking close to the curve**. The second is on 32nd Avenue just east of the school. Students who are dropped off on the East side use the alley to enter the playground. On the West side please exit the drop off area immediately after your child exits the car, and please pull as far forward as possible for dropping off as a courtesy to other drivers. Happy Holidays!

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE-Mrs. Wood

The Learner Profile characteristic we will be emphasizing this month is **CARING**. Students demonstrate this trait by being sensitive to the needs of others and helping others whenever they can. What a perfect learner profile word for December! Look for the blue nomination slip in the Wednesday folder and let us know how your child is caring. Does he or she help a younger brother or sister? Is he or she being a good friend? Is he or she involved in a food drive or fundraiser for needy families? In October, students were nominated by teachers and family members as being thinkers. Mrs. Ratliff recognized them in a special way in their classrooms.



Happy
Holidays!

IB VERIFICATION TEAM VISIT

On November 14th and 15th two representatives from International Baccalaureate visited us to verify that we are ready to be authorized as an official IB school. They talked to teams of teachers, parents, and administrators. Thanks so much to Mr. Price, Mrs. Olson, Mrs. Zamba and Ms. Lindsey for participating in the parent interviews. Next, the IB representatives will submit a report to the IB headquarters. Using that report and our application for authorization IB officials will determine whether or not we have met the requirements to become Kenosha's first IB school. The decision typically takes 60-90 days.

CLASSROOM INTERRUPTION

Please communicate to your children all after school arrangements BEFORE they come to school. We would like to keep classroom interruptions to a minimum. In the case of an emergency we will be happy to make your child aware of any change of plans. Thank you for your help and consideration in this matter.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Congratulations are in order for the 122 students who obtained perfect attendance for first quarter! Attendance in school correlates with achievement. Practicing regular attendance in school prepares students to assume this responsibility in future schooling and job situations. We had several more students who would have qualified for perfect attendance, except that they were tardy to school or they were checked out early during the day. Hopefully, those students will join the ranks of those with perfect attendance for second quarter!

Certainly, students should remain at home if they are ill-but we will still celebrate when students are in school and on time every day!

TARDINESS

State law labels a student as a "habitual truant" after missing part or all of five days unexcused in one semester. We have many students who are **TARDY** on a regular basis. We will be following up with ALL families who have students tardy five or more times. Please work with your student if necessary to create the habit promptness.

SCHOOL TRANSFER REQUESTS

If you are planning to transfer a student to Roosevelt or to a school other than the assigned boundary school, transfer forms must be completed between January 4-23, 2017 for the 2017-2018 school year. Transfer forms are available in our school office. If you have questions about the process please call either our office at 359-6097 or the Office of School Leadership for our school 359-6130. If you have recently moved, you will need to complete a transfer form in order for your child to stay at Roosevelt.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER-Mrs. Williams

If you or anyone you know is interested in being a mentor at Roosevelt please contact Mary Williams at 359-6013. There are several programs to choose from so it can be as simple as coming to the school 30 minutes a week or meeting with the student on your own time outside of school hours. An application form is available at the school for anyone who is interested. I look forward to hearing from you soon. Have a great holiday!

OUTDOOR RECESS PARTICIPATION

All students are expected to participate in recess. This is a part of your child's school day. If there is a reason why your child can't, please notify me (Mrs. Ratliff) or send a doctor's statement. Please, make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. During the winter months, every child coming to school should wear boots, mittens/gloves, hat and scarf. Please put your child's name/room number on their belongings. Also, if possible please send an extra pair of socks, as feet get wet when walking in the snow and slush.



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 Seal A Smile | 2 Popcorn .50 EARLY DISMISSAL 12:06 pm | 3 |
| 4 | 5 PTO MEETING 6:00 pm | 6 | 7 Pearl Harbor Day | 8 Assembly - World of Water | 9 EARLY DISMISSAL 12:06 pm | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Gr 2 Concert 6:30 pm | 15 Gr 3 Concert 6:30 pm | 16 EARLY DISMISSAL 12:06 pm | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS | 22 WINTER BREAK ----- | 23 ----- | 24 Hanakkah starts |
| 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS | 26 WINTER BREAK ----- Kwanzaa | 27 ----- | 28 ----- | 29 ----- | 30 ----- | 31 New Year's Eve |
| 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR | 2 WINTER BREAK----- | 3 WELCOME BACK! | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |





Sick Day Guidelines: Making the Right Call When Your Child is Sick

Should I keep my child home or send him/her to school?

School guidelines advise a child **stay home** if he or she:

- Has a **fever** of 100 degrees or higher
- Has been **vomiting** or has **diarrhea**
- Has a very **red, irritated eye/eyes**
- Has a **rash** not evaluated by a medical provider
- Has a severe **sore throat**
- Has head **lice or nits**
- Has symptoms that keep your child from participating in school, such as:
 - Very tired or lack of appetite
 - Deep or uncontrollable cough
 - Severe pain from ear ache, stomach ache, body aches, or headache
- **Keep your child home if he/she is coughing or sneezing often because this spreads the sickness to others.**

24 Hour Rule:

- **FEVER:** Keep your child home until his/her **FEVER has been gone WITHOUT medicine for 24 hours.**
- **VOMITING OR DIARRHEA:** Keep your child home for 24 hours after the **LAST** time he or she has vomited or had diarrhea and is eating a normal diet.
- **ANTIBIOTICS:** Keep your child home at least 24 hours after **the FIRST dose of antibiotic.**

We often have many ill children and adults coming to school, and each one is passing their sickness to others. Please help others from becoming sick by keeping your child home while the sickest.

For **more information**, please contact the School Nurse