



# Roosevelt News

March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 PTSA meeting at 6:30 p.m.	6 PTSA Bingo for Books/Dr. Seuss Birthday	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Grade 2 Songfest at 1:45 p.m.	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 2 hour early dismissal	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Spring Break - NO SCHOOL	31 Spring Break - NO SCHOOL				



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During the month of March, schools across the nation celebrate the benefits of music education in our schools. The Willmar Public Schools have been participating in this celebration since it started 30 years ago! Each of these years, students in grades 1 through 5 have received a music button. (Maybe you remember getting a button when you were a student here!). The students will have a button contest and other events celebrating music during the month of March. We would like to thank the Roosevelt PTSA for purchasing the music buttons for our students!

## Grade 2 Songfest

On Friday, March 13th, the students in grade 2 will present a songfest at 1:45 p.m. in the Roosevelt gym. The theme of their performance is "Delightfully Disney." Students will be singing, dancing, and playing instruments to some classic Disney songs we know you will enjoy! We hope you can join us!

## Grades 3 and 4 Songfest Change

Please note we have changed the time of the 4th grade songfest. It will be held on Friday, May 15th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Roosevelt gym.

The 3rd grade songfest will be on Friday, May 15th, at 1:45 p.m. in the Roosevelt gym.



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## **2015 Bond Referendum**

On Tuesday, May 19th, Willmar residents will go to the polls to vote on a bond referendum for Willmar Public Schools. There will be two questions on the ballot. Question 1 proposes projects including construction of a PreK-5 facility. Question 2 proposes the construction of a field house at the senior high campus. The cost of Question 1 is \$52,345,000. The cost of Question 2 is \$7,750,000.

The funding from Question 1 will be spent towards:

- The construction of a new PreK-5 elementary school
- New science classrooms at the Middle School
- Gymnastics and gymnasium addition at the Senior High
- Acoustic improvement at the Senior High
- Remodeling for learning at Kennedy, Roosevelt, the Middle School, and the Senior High
- Deferred maintenance at Kennedy, Roosevelt, ALC, Middle School, Senior High, and Jefferson Learning Center

The funding from Question 2 will be spent towards:

- Construction of a 51,000 sq. ft. field house at the Senior High campus

If the bond referendum passes, the annual tax impact on an average \$100,000 residential home would be an estimated increase of \$132/year or \$11/month.

For more information on the bond referendum, visit the WPS website at [willmar.k12.mn.us](http://willmar.k12.mn.us). If you would like to schedule a presentation on the bond referendum, please contact Mandi Schmidt at [lighthizersm@willmar.k12.mn.us](mailto:lighthizersm@willmar.k12.mn.us) or via phone at 320-231-8551.



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## Principal's Corner

It is March already! I am thrilled to report my first 6 months as Principal of Roosevelt Elementary has been my pleasure and honor. I am truly blessed to be surrounded by a caring, competent staff and students that are curious, polite and hard workers! Thank you for sharing your children with us. If there is ever a concern, question or idea for us, please never hesitate in calling me at 231-8474. Here are a few items I feel are worthwhile and want to bring to your attention:

**Weather:** Our weather fluctuates so thank you for being sure your children come to school with proper clothing. It has been extremely cold lately and we are holding students in for indoor recess, but, even at dismissal, we want to be sure they have boots, hats, mittens, jackets and snow pants. If we can help supply you with these items, please call us.

**Emergency Drills:** We are required by law to hold 5 fire drills, 5 lockdowns and 1 tornado drill. We have practiced several lockdowns and are now adding where the location of the threat is; inside or outside. The students are doing a great job at following the teacher's directions so the drills are very successful.

**Math Tip:** Math has evolved from the computation we most likely experienced in math class to an emphasis on problem solving. Computation is still important, but it is used to solve real- life problems. The emphasis is generally on math processes that enable your child to learn multiple strategies to become a proficient problem solver. Model the importance of math in the real world and encourage your child to help when you do everyday tasks at home like the following:

Balance your checkbook

Pay bills

Estimate the cost of the groceries in your cart

Determine how much food to buy for a party

Double a recipe or cut a recipe in half

Figure the cost of lunch at a restaurant

Calculate the cost of school lunch for the week or month

Determine how much allowance is needed to buy a football

Determine the number of miles driven in X hours

Determine how long it will take to drive home going X mph

Figure the cost of X number of minutes of cell phone use if you pay X cents/minutes

## Looking Ahead

March 30- April 3: Spring Break

April 6: School resumes

April 22: 2 hour late start for professional development

May 15: Grade 4 songfest at 9:00 a.m.



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## Principal's Corner Continued:

Reading Tip: Please be interested and curious about what your children are reading. Spend time allowing them to read to you and be sure to question them about what they read. Here are some sample questions you can ask:

“What is this story about?”

“Where did it take place and when?”

“What does the main character want?”

“Will she/he get it?” “If so, how?”

“Why did the author end the paragraph (or chapter, or book) in this way?”

“What was the author's purpose in writing this?”

Thank you

Lori Lockhart, Principal



Mrs. Lindahl's 1st grade class entered into a contest and won the privilege of having Steph from WILD 99 come and read to them.

A BIG THANKS to University of Minnesota Dental Students, Dental Hygiene Students and Dental Therapy Students for presenting on dental health to all 3rd graders. Thanks to Renee Johnson, RDG, BSDH, for bringing the students and Nancy VanHauen, RN School Nurse, for coordinating the event.

Thanks to Rice Regional Dental Clinic for presentations, toothbrushes, and toothpaste for all 3rd graders.

Student Volunteers: Zach Walgenbach, Isabella Diem, Sara Sparks, Jasmine Shakya, and Mark Runyan.

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## Roosevelt PTSA News

**Mark your calendars for March 6th Bingo for Books/Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration.** Bring in your gently used books now for the ***Bingo Night Used Book Giveaway Table***. There is a drop off box in the front entry of Roosevelt.

**Ideas for fundraisers?** Join us at our March 5th meeting. All meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. at Roosevelt Elementary. Can't make March. Join us April 9th or May 7th.

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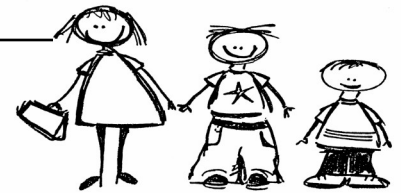
If you need to pick up your child during the school day for any reason, please come early as we will not be able to call the student out of class until you arrive. We have had several children waiting in the office for 20 or more minutes, and we don't want them to miss any learning time.

**PLAY!**

**LAUGH!**

**LEARN!**

*Discover something  
just for you!*



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## Blue Ice Art Club

with Ashley Lucas

Develop your artistic abilities and knowledge at Blue Ice Studios after school Art Club. We will explore area like color theory, styles of art, paint, drawing, charcoals/pastels, water colors and cultural historic art. Students

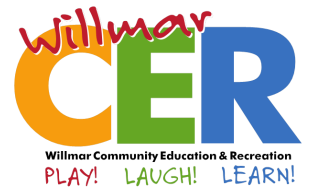
will complete a new project every class with the theme of the week.

Meet friends who love art as much as you do.

Dress to get messy!

#2163C– Grades K-2, Tuesdays, March 24, April 7, 14 & 21  
3:30-5pm, Kennedy Staff Lounge, \$24

#2163D– Grades K-2, Thursdays, March 26, April 9, 16 & 23  
3:30-5pm, Roosevelt Room 402, \$24



### Did you know?

Did you know that WCER is **open** Monday-Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm?

Did you know that you can **register** for a WCER class over the phone with a VISA . Master Card or Discover by calling 231-8490?

Did you know that you can earn your **GED** at Jefferson Learning Center's Adult Basic Education program?

Did you know that a wide variety of **Early Childhood** programs are offered at Jefferson Learning Center?

Did you know that you can check for WCER **weather related cancellations** by calling 231-8493?

## Cookie in a Jar

Grade K-5, 3:30-5pm, \$10

Come and make your own cookies in a jar and make another to share.

#2155A– Wednesday, March 11  
Roosevelt Room 200

#2155B– Thursday, March 12  
Kennedy Room 122

## Summer Baseball Registration

Grades 3-9

Online only at  
[www.willmarcer.com](http://www.willmarcer.com)

Save \$20 if you register  
before April 3

# Junk Drawer Robotics

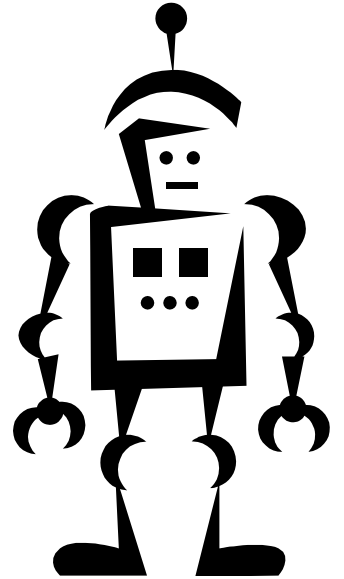
Grades 3-5

Build and explore using regular household items to build your very own robot. Build robotic arms and marshmallow catapults. Join us as we think like scientists and engineers as we build, build, build.

#2131A– Tuesdays, April 7 – May 12, 3:25-5pm, Kennedy Room 143, \$25

#2131B– Thursdays, April 9—May 14, 3:25-5pm, Roosevelt Room 202, \$25

Leader: Krista Lautenschlager



## Friday Night Open Swim

Middle School Pool

Now – March 27, 7-9pm,  
\$3 per person, pay at the door  
Enter through east locker room doors.

## Rocketry

Grades 4-5, 3:30-5pm, \$15

This class is going to be a real BLAST!!

#2186B-Tuesday, March 10, Kennedy Café

Leaders: Observation Studio



Meet your friends at Cardinal Place!

M-F, 6:30am-6pm

Kennedy \* Roosevelt

Full & Part Time rates

Call Jena at 214-6680 to enroll

Willmar Community Education & Recreation  
1234 Kandiyohi Ave. SW, Willmar, MN 56201; 231-8490

Name \_\_\_\_\_ 14-15 Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Course # \_\_\_\_\_, # \_\_\_\_\_, # \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed:\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/work number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_