



# Roosevelt News

April 2015

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			1 Spring Break - No School	2 Spring Break - No School	3 Spring Break - No School	4
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## Grades 3 and 4 Songfest Dates

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.

## Note from the Nurses

We are running short on extra pants and shorts. If you have any extra that you would be willing to donate, please send to Roosevelt. Sizes 4T-8 are needed.

## MCA Testing

Testing begins on April 14th. A backpack stuffer will be sent home with dates and information on the MCA tests. All information, including a Fact Sheet for Parents, will be available on the Roosevelt website. For students in grades 3, 4 and 5, a backpack stuffer was sent home on Monday, March 23rd asking for your assistance in writing inspirational letters to your children as they get ready for the MCA tests. Please take a moment to read the information about the testing dates and how you can help by writing your child a letter to pump them up for the tests. Our motto is ROCK THE TEST!

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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



Good day and thank you for taking the time to read our school newsletter. We are proud of our school, the staff, and students. Roosevelt is a great place to learn and work. Each day we strive to be the BEST school we can be so thank you for sending your child to us and thank you for your support. We appreciate you. Here are a few important points where we'd like your support:

Spring has arrived:

It is true spring is in the air. As the weather warmed so did the students as they are eager to be outside and enjoy the fresh air. One side effect of warm spring weather is a busy student body. Students are excited but with that excitement comes behaviors we don't typically see in the winter. Right now we are seeing a lot of hands on one another. When students report they are "just messing around" or play fighting it can look like a real physical altercation so we are asking for your support. Please talk to your children about keeping their hands and feet to themselves. It allows all to play and remain safe. Thank you.

MN Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs):

The MCAs are coming in April and May for all 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. All three grades are testing in Reading and Math and 5th grade is also tested in Science. Information about the tests can be accessed at <http://www.education.state.mn.us/MDE/JustParent/TestReq/index.html>. These tests are important to us as they compare how our students perform based upon the MN State Standards (Common Core) which basically serves as our curricular focus areas. The tests can 'tell' a lot about a school but what they don't measure are things like how committed the teachers are to the students each and everyday and how hard the students work, the kindness they display and how much they care about their learning and their school. There is a positive, CAN DO attitude here at Roosevelt that can be seen and felt each and everyday hopefully the tests can measure that.

Success stories:

I want to be sure to call your attention to your child's growth since the fall when school started. I hope you have spent time being interested and curious in your child's classroom and assignments. The students are eager to share their success and growth so be sure to check their planners daily and also look in their backpacks. You will find homework to be completed or work already completed that they are eager to show you and talk about.

Lori Lockhart, Principal

### Looking Ahead

May 1: 2 hour early dismissal for staff professional development

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

May 15: Grade 3 songfest at 1:45 p.m.

May 29: Last day of school K-11



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## NEW BOOKS ONLINE . . AT YOUR HOUSE!

The Roosevelt PTSA has added 116 ebooks to the Roosevelt Library! You can look at our collection of over 200 titles on your computer by:

- opening [www.northstarcatalog.org](http://www.northstarcatalog.org)
- scroll down to Willmar ISD #347
- choose Roosevelt Elementary School
- click on FollettShelf (found on the left side of the screen)
- login by typing your child's lunch number for both the username and password; you'll be typing the same number twice

### TIPS:

Click in the middle of any ebook screen you open to toggle between blue tool bars across the top and bottom of the screen. The tool bars offer many ways to view the pages of an ebook. For example, in the lower right corner you can click on the Aa symbol to adjust between viewing one or two pages, zooming in or out, or setting one of three background colors.

For mobile devices, the name of the app for Follett ebooks is BryteWave K-12. The FollettShelf URL is <http://wbb10317.follettshef.com> . Again, the student's lunch number is used for username and password.

To obtain help with username or password difficulties, please email [pauleyc@willmar.k12.mn.us](mailto:pauleyc@willmar.k12.mn.us) .

Please experiment with our online library collection and join with me in thanking the Roosevelt PTSA for their generous support.

Chuck Pauley, Librarian



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Field trips and the end of the year are coming soon! This is a reminder to please pay your \$10 registration fee if you have not already done so. We use the registration fee for field trips, class parties, and to purchase student planners. Payment can be dropped off at the main office.



**PLAY!**

**LAUGH!**

**LEARN!**

*Discover something  
just for you!*



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## Fit Kids!

with  
Amy Erickson

Grades K-2: Mondays, April 6, 13, 27 and May 4, 11, 18  
Course # 2251A , 3:30-4pm, Roosevelt gym, \$12

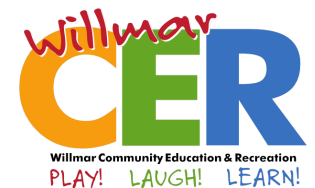
Grades 3-5: Tuesdays, April 7, 14, 28 and May 5, 12, 19  
Course # 2251B, 3:30-4pm, Roosevelt gym, \$12

Let's get moving! Exercise and healthy lifestyles are important at any age. This class is a great way for kids to burn some energy, learn balance and agility, work up a sweat through cardio exercises and even build some strength! This class is for ANY fitness level, whether your child is looking to improve their athletic skills or just have FUN while exercising!

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Grades 6-8: Thursdays, April 9, 16, 30 and May 7, 14, 21  
Course # 2251C, 3-3:45pm, Middle School stage, \$24

Whether you are just getting into fitness or looking to take your fitness to the next level - this class is for you! Each class will consist of fun, effective exercises based on agility, plyometrics, strength training and cardio moves. This is a fantastic way to make exercise fun or stay in shape during the off-season.



### 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?

# Junk Drawer Robotics

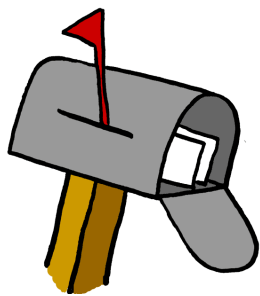
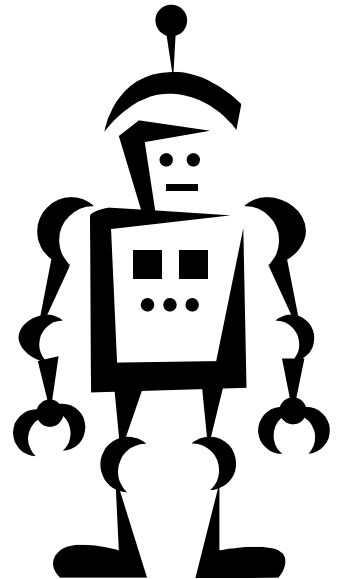
Grades 3-5

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



## It's Coming!

The WCER Summer Activity Brochure will be mailed during the week of April 15. Watch for it!

## Home Depot Kids Workshop

Grades 2-5

Let's build a Race Car! All supplies included.

#2101D- Wednesday, April 8, 3:30-4:30pm  
Roosevelt Room 402, \$5



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 \_\_\_\_\_