

# **Roosevelt Elementary News**

Willmar Public Schools - ISD 347

April 2016



Greetings from the Roosevelt Cardinal STARS Parents and Guardians!

I am not sure if "April showers" will appear this month but we are sure grateful for our spring-like weather. The students and staff are upbeat and optimistic as the sun is warm and daylight surrounds us for longer periods of time each day! Our playground is bustling with laughter and movement. Stiff competitions are seen and felt in both soccer and football... Bring your A-Game!

I want to thank those of you who attended our BINGO for Books Night on March 4 and our ELL Family Night on March 11. These events are wonderful opportunities for us, school and family, to come together and focus on what is important; your child, our student. Our partnership is the essence of your child's success. We are eager and willing to listen, work together, and do what needs to be done to ensure your child is safe, happy, and successful with their school work. We want them to grow and feel good about school each day.

As mentioned last month, our Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments in Reading (3rd-5th grades), Math (3rd-5th grades), and Science (5th grade) will take place in April and May. Here are a few hints during testing to be sure your child performs at his or her best:

- 1. Be sure your child gets plenty of sleep and eats a healthy breakfast.
- 2. As a parent/guardian, stay positive and encouraging; the tests can be daunting.
- 3. Talk to them about what they are feeling. Being anxious is common so brainstorming ways to stay calm are important.
- 4. Practice at home by visiting https://mn.pearsonperspective.com/perspective/.
  - Check "Enter Family Site."
  - Enter your "Learning Locator" (number provided by teacher) into the box below where it says "Welcome."

More information about the MCA tests can be found at:

https://sites.google.com/a/cf.k12.mn.us/parent-mca-information/.

If I can ever be of any assistance, please to do not hesitate to call. Thank you,

HOU LICK HOUT Lori Lockhart, Roosevelt Elementary Principal

# **News from Roosevelt Kindergarten Classrooms**

Kindergartners are hoping Spring is upon them! In math, students will be reviewing addition and subtraction as well as patterning and shapes. We will begin graphing first making graphs and then reading them to gather information. In reading, kindergartners will still be bringing home raders to read with you. Please take the time to listen to your kindergartner read. It builds their confidence and fluency! Students will also touch on money counting small sums. Your child can practice this at home as well. Ask them what a dime and three pennies totals for example. Or, hwo many pennies make one nickle? You can incorporate mathematics into so many things like a trip to the grocery store. While in the store, ask your student which item costs more or less, or most, or which two are equal in cost. While on a drive, ask them to read any words they know on signs or stores. These things may seem small but they help students very much. Let's work together to fill it with great learning!

# PTSA Thank You's

Roosevelt Elementary would like to thank the following people for the February conference meal donations: Jen Baumgart, Carla Buzzeo, Andrea Fladeboe, Cara Hoover, Dawn Johnson, Krista Laumer, Amanda Newberg, Liz Vanderbill, Kaisa Winkler, Cafeteria Staff, Custodians, and Office Staff.

A big thank you to students and families for attending our annual Bingo for Books event! We had over 100 people attend which means that over 300 new books were given away, free to students at Roosevelt! We also gave away hundreds of used books. Thank you to all who donated and helped. Our volunteers included Dawn Johnson, Dana Vruwink, Erin Vruwink, Crystal Daigle, Cheryl Bosch, Kyle Bosch, Jaime Thompson, Carla Buzzeo, Cecilia Buzzeo, Kelly Kojetin, Cecilia LaRue, and Isabel LaRue.

Upcoming PTSA events for the rest of the 2015-2016 school year:

Thursday, April 14 • Monthly PTSA Meeting • 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5 • Monthly PTSA Meeting • 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 13 • BOGO Book Fair • 3:00 p.m.

# STARS Character Word of the Month

Roosevelt Elementary STARS Character Word of the Month is **Self-Discipline**!
Self-Discipline is the ability to control your feelings and overcome personal weaknesses. It is also the ability to pursue what you think is right despite the temptation to do things that may be against the rules.

Parents, please discuss the STARS Character Word of the Month with your son or daughter and talk about how it relates to them both at home and at school. The teachers and staff at Roosevelt Elementary will be issuing "STARS Tickets" to students who show Self-Discipline during the month of April!

# **News from Roosevelt Physical Education**

Field Days are scheduled for May! First and second grade field day will occur May 19. First grade will participate from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. while second grade will participate from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. all at Roosevelt Field. Third grade's field day is scheduled for May 24 at 12:30 until 2:30 p.m. at Hodapp Field. The fourth grade field day will take place May 25 at 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Hodapp Field. Last, fifth graders will participate in their field day May 25 from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. at Hodapp Field.

We encourage you to come watch your child participate in many physical activities and enjoy the sunshine! Students should dress appropriately. They must have tennis shoes to participate. Parents and guardians will have the opportunity to participate in some activities so please dress appropriately as well.

# **American Heart Association**

On behalf of the American Heart Association and the millions of Americans they serve, thank you very much for Roosevelt Elementary's donation of \$10,064.04. Families and schools are critical links in providing the foundation for cardiovascular wellness in our country. By holding this event at Roosevelt Elementary each year, we raise awareness about heart-healthy living. You help us fund more lifesaving scientific research and critically needed education efforts. Thank you!

Nearly every family in America is touched by heart disease or stroke, and Roosevelt Elementary's contribution will significantly impact our fight against these devastating illnesses. We hope that you and your student(s) found this lifesaving effort rewarding and enjoyable. You are touching so many lives and life is why the American Heart Association exists as an organization. Your help and support are greatly appreciated. Great job Roosevelt Elementary! Note that a school-wide popcorn party is coming soon!

# Roosevelt Elementary Calendar April 2016

SUNDAY 27	MONDAY 28	TUESDAY 29	WEDNESDAY 30	THURSDAY 31	FRIDAY  1  End of Term 3	SATURDAY 2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	PTSA Meeting 6:30 p.m. Kindergarten	15	16
17	18	19	20	Roundup 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.	22	23
24	25 4th and 5th Grade	26	27	28	29	30
1	Orchestra Dress Rehearsal at WEAC 5:00 p.m.	4th and 5th Grade Orchestra Concert WEAC 7:00 p.m.	4	5	Two Hour Early Dismissal 1:20 p.m.	7

Note: Dates listed above are subject to change. Please keep an eye on the school website and social media pages for up-to-date information as it becomes available.

#### **Looking Ahead**

May 5 • PTSA Meeting • 6:30 p.m. May 13 • BOGO Book Fair • 1:30 p.m. May 13 • Year End Dance • 6:30 p.m.



#### YOU can help Roosevelt Elementary School!

How: Save the following items and drop them in the container in the main lobby area or turn them in to the office or your child's teacher!

## Box Tops for Education



Clip Box Tops coupons from hundreds of products. For a complete list go to btfe.com and click on the Earn tab and then select Clip Box Tops.

What we earn: 10<sup>†</sup> each

# Food Club Labels for Learning



Save the portion of your cash register receipt showing the points received for purchasing Food Club, Top Care, Full Circle or Paws items.

What we earn: 16 for every point

#### Campbell's Labels for Education



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Clip Labels for Education coupons (UPCs) or save beverage caps from products including: Campbell's, Swanson, V8, Pepperidge Farm, Goldfish, Pop Secret, Spaghettios, and Prego. For a complete list go to labelsforeducation.com and look under how to earn.

#### ENDING SOON!! GET YOURS IN TODAY!!!

What we earn: Points used to purchase equipment and supplies

#### Pizza Ranch Wagon Wheels program



Clip the Pizza Ranch wagons from chicken boxes and medium and large pizza boxes.

What we earn: 25° each

## Tyson Project A+



Save labels with the Tyson Project A+ logo from bags and boxes of Tyson products. The label is easily identified look for the 1,2,3 program steps.

What we earn: 24¢ each

