



# Roosevelt Elementary News

Willmar Public Schools - ISD 347

February 2016



Good day Cardinal Families and Friends!

It is amazing to be sitting down to write the Principal Corner for February, where do the months go? Actually, where do the days go? I, for one, can speak to how they are spent here at Roosevelt, passionately and with purpose. I am in the classrooms of our children daily and I am so proud of the growth and progress I am seeing since the fall.

Much of this has to do with the stellar staff that we have here at Roosevelt. It takes a talented army of people to make our school run as smoothly as it does and the people "behind the scenes" are a few I want to call your attention to because they make a difference.

Our custodians allow for us to learn in safe and clean spaces. Our paraprofessionals make sure our students feel success in the classroom (least restrictive) as well as during the transitions of their day. The cooks and servers see to it that all students and staff have a well-balanced meal that is full of "learning power" to get us all through the rigor of the day. Our secretaries manage the office which cannot be described in one sentence. In essence, they keep the school running and make sure the needs of the families and staff are met as well as keeping a pretty close eye on Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Thompson, and myself, the administrative team. We are fortunate to have cultural liaisons and bilingual paraprofessionals here at Roosevelt to help us in so many ways as it pertains to communication with our students and families. We cannot let a language barrier get in the way of us working and learning together. We also have media paraprofessionals. Thanks to them, we as teachers have the material we need to teach. Basically, it takes many people "behind the scenes" and those front and center, our classroom teachers! We are a talented, dedicated group of people who are eager and honored to teach your child. Remember, it is a partnership, so please be involved with your child's day. **Friendly reminder to ask about the following to be involved in the school day:**

- **Ask kids what interests them:** "What did you like best today?" "Did you read any new books in the library?" "How did the science experiment work out?"
- **Ask about specific people and events in your child's life:** "Did Mrs. Jones go over that math test?" "Who did you sit next to on the bus?" "Did Mr. Smith call on you today?" "Are you and Jose still having a hard time?"
- **Ask what is wrong if your child is in a bad mood:** You might find within a few minutes, your child is telling you what (s)he likes. You might ask: "Anybody get on your nerves today?" "Was there anything really hard for you?"
- **Ask about schoolwork:** You can look over your child's work or the teacher's weekly class note and ask: "Wow, what a cool picture of a squirrel. I like the bushy tail. What does he use it for?" "Can you explain photosynthesis to me?"

Thank you,

*Lori Lockhart*

Lori Lockhart, Roosevelt Elementary Principal

## STARS Character Word of the Month

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February's STARS character word of the month is **RESPONSIBILITY**. Students should all wear orange clothing to school on Friday, February 5 to celebrate this theme. All month, staff will be teaching students the importance of being responsible and what that entails. As parents, we would ask that you please visit with your student(s) about what responsibilities at your home your student(s) can have.

## Music

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On Friday, March 11 at 2:00 p.m., the second grade class will be presenting their Songfest in honor of Music in Our Schools Month. This performance will be a mini-musical entitled "E-I-E-I OOPS!"

Parents of second graders can expect to be receiving a note from Mrs. DiSanto concerning student attire for that day. The note will be sent home in the middle of February. More information will be placed in the March newsletter. We hope you will mark your calendars to attend our show!

### Incredible Years • Winter/Spring 2016

Kennedy Elementary | Room 140 IY Class | Room 134 Child Care (pre-register 2-5 year olds required)  
All classes are held Tuesdays 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Teacher: Cheryl Iverson - Parent Educator, Early Childhood Family Education, WPS Registered Nurse,  
Kandiyohi County Public Health

February 16 • Welcome! Promoting Your Child's Self-Esteem and Encouraging Cooperation Through Play  
February 23 • Helping Your Child Learn Through Play  
March 1 • Effective Praise  
March 8 • Motivating Your Child Through Rewards  
March 15 • Limit Setting  
March 22 • No Class • Spring Break  
March 29 • Time Outs and Other Strategies  
April 5 • Consequences and Communication  
April 12 • Putting It All Together, Problem-Solving  
April 19 • Make-up day in case of cancellation

Class sizes are limited. Pre-register through WCER at 1-320-231-8490 or with Cheryl Iverson at 1-320-231-8492 extension 6322. Class is free of charge.

Child care for children ages 2-5 is offered on a limited basis and is free of charge. Pre-registration required!

### Attention

There will be NO After School Adventures February 18, 23, 24, and 25 because of conferences.

# Roosevelt Elementary Calendar

## February 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4 PTSA Meeting at 6:30 p.m.	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 President's Holiday No School (Students & Staff)	16	17	18 CONFERENCES 3:40 - 8:00 p.m.	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 CONFERENCES 3:40 - 7:00 p.m.	26 No School (Students) CONFERENCES 7:30 a.m - 12:00 p.m.	27
28	29	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 PTSA Meeting at 6:30 p.m.	11 Grade 2 Songfest 2:00 p.m.	12

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

March 10 • PTSA Meeting • 6:30 p.m.  
 March 11 • Grade 2 Songfest Performance • 2:00 p.m.  
 March 21 - March 25 • SPRING BREAK • No School for Staff and Students  
 March 28 • School Resumes

**PLAY!**

**LAUGH!**

**LEARN!**

*Discover something  
just for you!*



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## Jump Rope Club

Grades 1-5

Come and join the fun! This is a great opportunity to jump, jump, jump! Long ropes! Short ropes! Jumping sticks and more! We will even do some fun relays, games and contests. Simple snack will be provided.

#2150- Mondays, February 22, 29, March 7 & 14.  
3:30-5pm, Roosevelt Gym, \$15

Leader: Mr. Hastad



## 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?

## The Garfield Ice Rink is open!

### Warming House Hours:

Tuesdays &  
Thursdays  
3:30-6pm

Saturdays &  
Sundays  
1-5pm

Weather  
permitting



## For the love of LEGOS

Grades K-2, #2191, \$15  
Saturday, Feb 27, 1-4pm  
Willmar Community &  
Activity Center, Sunshine  
Room

Leader: Taylor Lindgren

Do you love LEGOS? We will use LEGOS to build and create works of art! We will play with, paint with and even eat our creations! Be astonished what you can create with LEGOS and your imagination! Snack will be provided.



## Open Gym & Swim

Middle School, 9-11am  
\$3 per person /  
pay at the door

Saturday, February 13  
Saturday, March 19

Great family activity!

## Sleigh Fest and Family Fun Day

Sunday, February 14, 11am-4pm  
At Prairie Woods Environmental  
Learning Center, Spicer



Free sleigh rides, chili feed, music and games,  
exhibits, and more. Some additional activities will be  
available for a small fee.

## Cinderella

Presented by Prairie Fire Children's Theatre  
March 14-18, 3:45-8pm and March 19, noon -3pm. WEAC, \$29  
Preregistration is required. Details at [www.willmarcer.com](http://www.willmarcer.com)



#2170A- Grades 1-3

#2170B- Grades 4-6

#2170C- Grades 7-12



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 \_\_\_\_\_ 15-16 Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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