



Roosevelt Elementary News

Willmar Public Schools - ISD 347

December 2015



Hello Roosevelt Families!

Thank you for a very successful Turkey Bingo Night on November 20. We were pleased to see over 400 families attend. We value and respect your time and involvement, so thank you for making the event a very special time for everyone involved! Our school is only as good as our community, and that includes us all, students, staff, and parents/guardians.

Thank you parents, guardians, and grandparents for attending the 5th Grade Song Fest on November 20. I would like to offer a special thank you to Mrs. DiSanto and Ms. Cacciatore for their hard work and dedication. They spent several weeks preparing the students for the performance and it was a grand event.

Our weather has changed so please be sure your children are leaving with warm winter coats, hats, and gloves. Soon we will be asking you to be sure they have snow pants and boots. Please call the school if you are in need, as we have several items that we can give to you.

We practiced our first lockdown in November and it went very well. We will continue to conduct the drills as we are required by law to conduct five fire drills, five lockdown drills, and one tornado drill.

One thing you have heard about recently in the news is the amount and purpose behind testing that occurs with the students. We do two types of testing or assessments. One is a standardized assessment that happens in the spring and they are called our Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments. The main purpose of that test is to compare ourselves to other schools in the state in regard to how we are performing on the state standards in reading, math, and science. The other types of assessments that happen frequently are called formative assessments or progress monitoring. These assessments are typically done in both math and reading, guiding us as teachers to be more responsive to the learning needs of our students. They are small snapshots that we use weekly, monthly, or quarterly to gauge our student's performance on any particular concept or task.

Teaching has become very student responsive. We alter our instructions and our materials frequently to better meet the needs of the student's readiness levels that we can see because we do administer these assessments. If you ever have any questions, I'd be happy to help explain, so please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Lori Lockhart, *Roosevelt Elementary Principal*

News from Roosevelt Science/S.T.E.M.

This month, Roosevelt Elementary third graders are exploring the solar system. Studies include the moon, sun, Earth and all other planets. Students in fourth grade are working on States of Matter and the ways that the change. The fifth graders at Roosevelt are learning about Forces in Motion and Newton's 2nd Law - the greater the mass, the greater the acceleration to move it! Be sure you ask your student about the lesson they are exploring!

News from Roosevelt Reading and Math

First grade students are currently working on ending blends, strategy of rereading, and main idea and details all while reading nonfiction texts about where animals live. The second graders are working hard on finding details while reading a text. They are in the midst of unit two. Third grade students are finishing up unit two in their "Reach for Reading" which they spent time focusing on asking and answering questions. Third graders are also working on summary in writing. The fourth grade class is working in unit three of their "Reach for Reading" books. They are studying theme and figurative language (similes, metaphors, personifications, and idioms). They are discussing interesting places as they learn about these different reading skills. Fifth graders are finishing up unit three, "Natures Network," and getting ready to begin unit four all while working on summary in writing!

Reminder to parents: Please encourage your student to read 20 minutes a night. Follow up their reading time with questions about what is happening in their books!

The first graders are hard at work in math working on number patterns and adding from the number ten. The second grade class is working on rounding and estimating. They will begin their unit on double digit addition and subtraction in December. Third graders are finishing up addition and subtraction and will be moving on to multiplication and division. Fourth grade students are currently working on long division. They will begin working on decimals following the Thanksgiving break. Fifth graders are working on fractions and decimals.

Reminder to parents: Please remember to practice math facts at home on a nightly basis!

Instill a Love of Math

Make math "real" and meaningful by pointing it out in the world around you. That could include checking and comparing prices at a grocery store, driving down the street counting mailboxes, reading recipes, calculating coupons, or even measuring food or drink at the dinner table.

Regard math as highly as you do reading.

We know that it is a good idea to read to your child every night, but we should also realize the importance of talking about mathematical situations with children every day.

Child Guide

There are two initiatives that have started at Roosevelt Elementary that are encouraging students in our character trait of the month: CARING. Students used colored strips of paper and wrote ways they would show caring this month on them. We are going to use these pieces of paper to create a long "Chain of Caring" to decorate the Roosevelt Elementary hallways over the next two months. Be sure to stop in and check it out! We will also be doing a drive/collection of winter gear including gently used children's coats, snow pants, and boots. These items will eventually be distributed to students and families in our community who are in need. There is a yellow bin in the Roosevelt Elementary entry way where the donated items can be dropped off.

This month, third graders each received a free dictionary from our local Rotary Club. We have Rotary volunteers that come in each week to read with a student as well. Thank you to the Rotarians for their investment in our students.

Gifted and Talented

Second and third graders in the Gifted and Talented program have been using the Willmar Community Education and Recreation (WCER) books to use a real life tool to register for activities. The students also create their own idea for an activity they could offer to the community. They will write out and compile these in to their own Gifted and Talented (GT) booklet.

The second graders have also been working to solve logic puzzles and creating their own. The clues can get very tricky! The third grade students have been hard at work drawing pictures (strategy) to solve challenging word problems. These problems can be challenging with out this strategy! Example: Together a hat and a scarf cost \$24. If the hat is \$5 more than the scarf, how much is the hat? Or... how much is each item? After the students have mastered the strategy, they create their own. These were made into a worksheet for the group to solve together, giving each student ownership of the assignment.

The fourth and fifth grade classes have been challenged to use the master schedule for their school to create schedules for groups to attend events. This sounds simple and easy but they were given a number of minutes for the event and could only schedule the students during certain times of the day. There was a lot of rescheduling when the time did not work! In addition, students are working on completing logic puzzles to solve mystery stories. Students create charts to keep track of the information to find the criminal.

December STARS Character Word-of-the-Month

GRATITUDE

From the Nurse

The cold and flu season has begun. The following steps can help to keep your child(ren) healthy and hopefully reduce the number of absences.

Step One: Frequent and proper hand-washing with soap and water.

Step Two: Plenty of rest, fresh air, exercise, and good nutrition.

Step Three: See your healthcare provider for the Influenza vaccine.

Step Four: Teach your child to cover their cough by coughing into their raised arm.

Thank you

A big thank you to all of the businesses who donated prizes for Turkey Bingo:

Jenni-O (50 Turkeys)
Burger King
Family Video
Dominos
Little Ceasars
Taco John's

McDonald's
Qdoba
Subway
Papa Murphy's
Apple Bee's

**All listed businesses donated gift certificates.*

A big thank you to all of the volunteers:

Mary LaRue, Event Chairperson
Carla Buzzeo
Kim Rosendahl
Eric Schultz
Isabel LaRue
Cecilia LaRue

Gabriel LaRue
Melissa Wilson
Evan Wilson
Harper Wilson
Ella Wilson

Roosevelt Elementary Calendar

December 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1 Yearbook Order Deadline	2	3	4	5
6	7 PTSA Meeting at 6:00 p.m.	8	9 Two Hour Late Start 10:30 a.m.	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	24 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	25 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	26
27	28 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	29 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	30 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	31 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	1 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	2
3	4 School Resumes PTSA Meeting at 6:00 p.m.	5	6	7	8	9

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

January 18 • PreK-12 Teacher In-Service (NO school for students)

January 22 • End of Term Two

PLAY!

LAUGH!

LEARN!

*Discover something
just for you!*



December 2015



Adaptive/ Wheel Chair Curling

All ages and all abilities are encouraged to try the age old sport of Curling in the adaptive setting. Come once – and you will be hooked!

Thursdays,
Now – March 10, 4-5pm
\$3 per person—pay at the door
Civic Center



No curling on Dec 24, 31 and Jan 14 & 21



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?



Open Skating

Saturdays, Now-Feb 20,
6-7:30pm and
Sundays, Now-Feb 21,
5:30-7:30pmpm
\$3 person/pay at the door
\$2 skate rental
Civic Center



Open Curling

Saturdays
Now thru Dec 29
6-9pm
\$3 person/pay at the door
Civic Center



Weather Related
Announcements:

Call
231-8493

Watch for it!

The WCER Winter Activity Brochure will be mailed during the first week of January. It will also be available online at **www.willmarcer.com**. Be sure to check it out and sign up right away!



Youth Wrestling

#6202– Grades K-2, Mondays, January 4– March 28, 6-7:15pm, \$40 plus \$30 singlet deposit
#6203– Grades 3-6, Mondays & Thursdays, January 4-March 31, 6-7:30pm,
\$60 plus \$30 singlet deposit

All session meet at WHS Wrestling Room. Please wear gym attire.



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 _____