



Greetings from the Roosevelt Cardinal STARS!

I want to thank our parents and guardians who attended conferences; we had a great turnout! Your involvement and interest is so important to the success of your child(ren) in school. We work hard every day to provide a positive and safe learning environment while, at the same time, ensuring rigorous and rich academics are offered.

Some of you may have heard your child's teacher talk about what you can do at home to support your child in the areas of math, reading, or science and we value and appreciate your support. There are several math, reading, and science activities you can do at home, so please consider adding a few to your evening routine.

**Here are a few websites where you can find easy-to-make math, reading, and science games and activities:**

- [www.pbs.org/parents/education/math/activities/](http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/math/activities/)
- [kids.usa.gov/teachers/activities-and-worksheets/science/index.shtml](http://kids.usa.gov/teachers/activities-and-worksheets/science/index.shtml)
- [www.ixl.com/?gclid=CNqm5dmPj8sCFQsDaQodrlcl-A](http://www.ixl.com/?gclid=CNqm5dmPj8sCFQsDaQodrlcl-A)
- [www.scholastic.com/parents/](http://www.scholastic.com/parents/)

Completing schoolwork at home is important, so as parents, we need to be involved in their work and be sure they complete the task as it builds responsibility and persistence. We encourage our students to experience "academic struggle" because with that persistence and ability to work through the problem, they grow in all subject areas.

I also want to let you know our MN Comprehensive Assessments in reading (3rd-5th), math (3rd-5th), and science (5th) will take place in April and May. We and the MN Department of Education use the MCA's to find out how we aligned curriculum to and instructed students in the Minnesota Academic Standards in reading, math, and science. The reading and math assessments are also used in federal school accountability measurements. We as teachers and administrators use the information to improve classroom teaching and learning.

More information can be found at: [sites.google.com/a/cf.k12.mn.us/parent-mca-information](https://sites.google.com/a/cf.k12.mn.us/parent-mca-information)

Thank you for the involvement in your child's education. We appreciate when you check their backpacks and write in their planners. If I can ever be of assistance, please call me at **1-320-231-8300** extension **7549**.

Thank you,

*Lori Lockhart*

Lori Lockhart, Roosevelt Elementary Principal

## News from Roosevelt Reading and Math

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Kindergarteners are going to see a play in March at the Middle School and they are very excited! In reading, students have been learning about the four seasons and weather. They have been working hard on their writing skills as well. Kindergarteners can now write an opinion and make predictions. So many great things are happening, it is hard to believe how fast the students are learning! In math the students have been adding and subtracting and will soon begin number stories, comparing numbers 100 and beyond. A great home activity is counting money. Begin with pennies and have your children exchange them for nickels and dimes. Continue to read at home; it is a wonderful thing for your child! Have them read to you as well. We will celebrate Dr. Seuss March 4 with an evening event including cake and book bingo along with a book swap. We hope to see you and your child at 6:30 p.m.!

First graders will be taking a field trip at the end of March to Cash Wise for a tour. Students are discussing shapes, adding and subtracting, time, and money in math! They are finishing up their third writing project, writing a report about an animal and giving facts about it. Please continue to read with your child and have your child read to you at home. Be sure to check your student's planner and folders for homework and other information.

In second grade, students are busy learning Algebra finding unknowns/variables. In reading, students are discussing the theme or central message found in their stories. They are writing fictional narratives to save in their writing folders. Please remember that it is very important to have your child read each night. The more they practice, the better they become at reading! Songfest is coming up March 11! Mark your calendars!

It is always busy in third grade! Students are working hard and continuing to grow every day! They are currently wrapping up unit five in their Reach for Reading Books. The kids have had a blast learning about "Mysteries of Matter." The third graders are skipping ahead to unit seven beginning the first week of March. The theme for this unit is "What Kinds of Forces can Change the Earth?" They will get back to unit six at the end of the year. In math, students just wrapped up fractions and are now working on Geometry. They love relating different shapes to the real world. Please continue to have your child work on their practice MCA tests at home. They are due the week after Spring Break. Also, continue reading with your child each night for 20 minutes and practice those Math Facts!

Fourth graders are beginning to work on their Geometry unit while fifth graders work on their Geometry and Measurement unit in math. Fifth graders begin unit six "Literacy" this month as well! The fifth grade class will also get a visit from the middle school counselors!

## PTSA Thank You's

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Roosevelt Elementary would like to thank Walt's, Carmike Cinema, and Burger King for their donations to Movie Night in January. Another big thank you to our volunteers who helped to make Movie Night a success: Carla Buzzeo, Chairperson, Mary LaRue, Jennifer Lindquist, Holly Nesges, Marife Wolf, Savana Anez, Harley Anez, Jonas Anez, Kaisa Winckler, Eric Schultz, Melissa Dunlavy, Eunice Djerf, Lauralee Evans, Valerie Lumas, Heidi Lundgren, and Janelle Saldana.

### **STARS Character Word of the Month**

Roosevelt Elementary STARS Character Word of the Month is **HONESTY!**

## News from Roosevelt Music

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March is "Music in Our Schools Month" and is celebrated annually across our nation. Schools choose to recognize this celebration in a variety of ways. Here in Willmar one of the ways our schools have celebrated for over 30 years includes giving each student in first through fifth grade a music button to wear. This year's button displays the 2016 national theme of "Music Inspires." We encourage the students to keep their buttons from year to year and make their own collection. Some classes may have a day to see which classes remember to wear the most buttons. We would like to thank the Roosevelt PTSA for helping us to continue this tradition by purchasing the buttons for us!

As a part of our "Music in Our Schools Month" celebration, the second grade class will be presenting their songfest "E-I-E-I Oops." Students have received song sheets so that they can practice at home as well as in class. They have also received scripts if assigned a speaking part and costume notes for all. Remember that Mrs. Loge's, Mrs. Ander's, Mrs. Jahraus', and Mrs. Aasen's classes are being asked to wear a **WHITE** shirt. Mrs. John's and Mrs. Nelson's classes are being asked to wear a **YELLOW** or **ORANGE** shirt. Mrs. Platt's class is being asked to wear a **PINK** or **TAN** shirt. Some children with special speaking parts were given a separate costume note. AS the costume letter noted, if you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. DiSanto at [disantom@willmar.k12.mn.us](mailto:disantom@willmar.k12.mn.us). You may also call the school. The performance is scheduled for Friday, March 11 at 2:00 p.m. in the gym. Family and friends are all invited to join us for this afternoon of story and song!

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

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The third grade class is currently learning about sound and light. During the month of March they will be focusing on light, the science of shadows, what happens when light shines on an object (opaque, transparent, and translucent), work on reflections, refraction, and how light absorbs. Fourth graders will continue with the electricity unit. They will now focus on open and closed circuits, building circuits, and review insulators and conductors. In fifth grade, students will continue their work with animal adaptations. This includes traits for survival, animal classifications, and extinction!

## News from Roosevelt Gifted and Talented

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Second and third grade students have researched eight different pets to decide which one would make the best choice for a class pet. The decision is based on their research, not opinion. They color-coded their notes and then graphed their data to determine which choice would be best. They are also writing character lines for a Reader's Theatre Play to share this information. Dialogue of the play must be supported with their research findings.

Fourth and fifth graders will be involved in several projects this spring. They will create their own tests, give other students their test, then analyze data to try and find out why some questions were answered correctly while others were not. The students will make this as challenging as possible but must be able to show their answers in a step-by-step answer key.

In addition, students will be practicing math concepts through scenarios that show how math is used in real world careers. Every career imaginable will be examined from circus ringmaster to doctor. Students will also design a package that will protect a single potato chip as it is shipped around the school and encounters typical stresses of a shipping procedure. Last, they will also be choosing a topic to create their own version of a monopoly game.

## Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!

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Read Across America at Roosevelt Elementary! A Week of Trivia: Where are my Principals Reading? Be sure to bring your favorite book on March 2 for "Drop Everything and Read!" Then, bring the entire family to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with cake and BINGO for Books! This is a free event for all Roosevelt Elementary students and their families. Bring your used books for the book exchange. See you all on Friday, March 4!



## Living on the Edge... A Poverty Simulation

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Heartland Community Action and Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services would like to invite you to be a part of an experience like no other! It is entitled "Living on the Edge... A Poverty Simulation. It is an opportunity for you to experience a bit of what it is like to live in the culture of poverty. Here is some basic information:

- When you attend, you become someone else. You are given a new identity and have the opportunity to walk in someone else's shoes.
- We can accommodate up to 80 people who take on the role of an individual in the community and 15 people who will be volunteers to be a part of the community's resources. Volunteers will need to be at the Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Multi-Purpose room by noon on March 4. This event will last from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.
- If you sign up to be a part of this, we need the commitment that you will be there so that we know how many will be attending for sure.
- If you sign up and are unable to make it, we ask that you find a replacement for yourself.
- Please let Charlotte Hand at KCHHS know if you would like to attend. She can be reached by email or phone at [1-320-231-7800](tel:1-320-231-7800) extension [2457](tel:2457). She can be contacted with any questions as well.

Heartland Community Action Agency offers an unique and impactful workshop to individuals, businesses, and community groups to experience life in someone else's shoes.

**JOIN US!**

Friday, March 4

1:00pm - 4:00pm

Kandiyohi County Health & Human Services

Multi-purpose room

# Roosevelt Elementary Calendar

## March 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	1	2	3 PTSA Meeting 6:30 p.m.	4 BINGO for Books 6:30 p.m.	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 2nd Grade Songfest 2:00 p.m.	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	22 SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	23 SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	24 SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	25 SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	26
27	28 SCHOOL RESUMES	29	30	31	1 END OF TERM THREE	2
3	4	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

- April 14 • PTSA Meeting • 6:30 p.m.
- April 20 • 6th Grade Parent Meetings at WMS • 1:30 p.m.
- April 25 • 6th Grade Parent meetings at WMS • 6:30 p.m.
- May 4 • PTSA Meeting • 6:30 p.m.
- May 13 • BOGO Book Fair • 3:00 p.m.
- May 13 • Year End Dance • 6:30 p.m.

**PLAY!**

**LAUGH!**

**LEARN!**

*Discover something  
just for you!*



March 2016

# Cinderella

Cinderella is going to the hop.  
Will you be there too?

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



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Everyone is invited to  
come see the show!

Friday, March 18, 7pm  
Saturday, March 19, 1pm  
WEAC  
Tickets at the door

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## 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?

## Cookies and Canvas

With Ashley Lucas

Grades 3-8  
Saturday, March 5  
2-4:30pm, \$25  
Willmar Community  
Center Sunshine Room  
Project kit included.

## Open Gym & Swim

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

Saturday, March 19

Great family activity!



## An Afternoon with Golden Books

Grades K-1

Thursday, March 10, 3:30-4:30pm  
#2665, Roosevelt Room 304, \$5

Leader: Golden Book collector and enthusiast Ellen Radel

Come and enjoy some classic stories, then take a book home with you to enjoy later.



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 \_\_\_\_\_