### DORT DOLPHIN NEWS

February 2025

#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy February! As we continue to navigate through the winter months, please remember that when the temps are 11 and above, students go outside. Please send in appropriate clothing for students to go outside in. You may also want to pack extra clothes for them to change into in the event something gets wet. Winter gear, including hats, gloves, scarves, boots are recommended as students go outside to play a lot!

We are working towards finishing up our Winter iReady testing. Teachers will discuss results with you during our next Parent Teacher Conference session which will be in a few short weeks.

Please make sure that your child is reading each night. We encourage you to read with your child as well to give them practice in hearing fluent readers throughout the day and night.



The mission of the Roseville Community Schools, in a cooperative partnership with students, the home, and the community, is to educate all children of our community by ensuring students have the skills, experiences and knowledge needed, to reach their full potential.



Theresa Genest, President Kevin Switanowski, Vice President Joseph DeFelice, Secretary Matthew McCartney, Treasurer Gina Aiuto, Trustee Denise Brun, Trustee Michelle Williams-Ward, Trustee



## BE ON TIME!

#### Bell Schedule

8:25 a.m. – First Bellbreakfast starts

8:40 a.m. – Tardy Bell/ No breakfast after this time

3:35 p.m. – Dismissal

#### Half-Day Schedule

8:25 a.m. - First Bell

8:40 a.m. - Tardy Bell

11:55 a.m. - Dismissal

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

2/5- Pizza Kit delivery!

2/12- Early Release 2:05

2/14- Valentine's Day

2/17-2/18: Mid-Winter Break

2/20- Red Robin Fundraiser

2/20- Kindergarten Registration Night 5:30 – 7:00

2/25- NO SCHOOL

2/26- Early Release 2:05

#### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

\*Breakfast is free and available to every student each morning. Students arriving after 8:40 will not receive a breakfast. Please make sure that your child is here on time every morning.

\*Student attendance is very important. If a student will be absent for any reason, please call and notify the school office. When calling, please give the reason, the length of the absence, and who is calling for them. State law requires us to report chronic and excessive absences, including tardiness, early release, and late pick-ups. Our early release time ends at 3:15 p.m., but we encourage you to schedule medical appointments for after school hours to limit early pick-ups. If you are in need of **Latchkey** services to allow your child to remain later than 3:35 p.m., please call **586-445-5688**.

\*Students that will need to take medication of any kind, including inhalers and/or Epi-pens, must have a **Medication Request Form** completed by their doctor and placed in their school file for the year. Medical forms are available in the office.

ALL Dort students receive a free breakfast and lunch this year by participating in the Michigan Department of Education Community Eligibility Option. Students are also allowed to bring in a lunch from home if they choose. Students will NOT be eligible for breakfast if they come in after the tardy bell.

We are always grateful for the support of our wonderful parent volunteers. If you're interested in contributing your time and skills, please reach out to the Main Office and we can get you started!

#### **Congratulations to our January Honesty Winners!**

Karter Anderson

DeKari Young

**Jackson Thomkins** 

Caydn Cherry

Pharell Kameni

Daniel Alvarado

Ariyana Albert

Kian Atkins

Laiah Austin

Fatima Hussain

Domarius Pickrom

These students earned a treat with Mrs. Baker!

#### **Congratulations to our January Academic Winners!**

Jeremy Palmer

Dimitri Sharps

Francesco Bamfield

Wyatt Lilley-Dickerson

Benjamin Samuel

Chase Amos

**Carter Bradford** 

**Alexis Geddes** 

Natalie Foley

Claire Wyrabkiewicz

Jewel Mytz Alcala

These students earned an extra PE with Mr. W.!!

#### **Congratulations to our January Dynamic Dolphin Winners!**

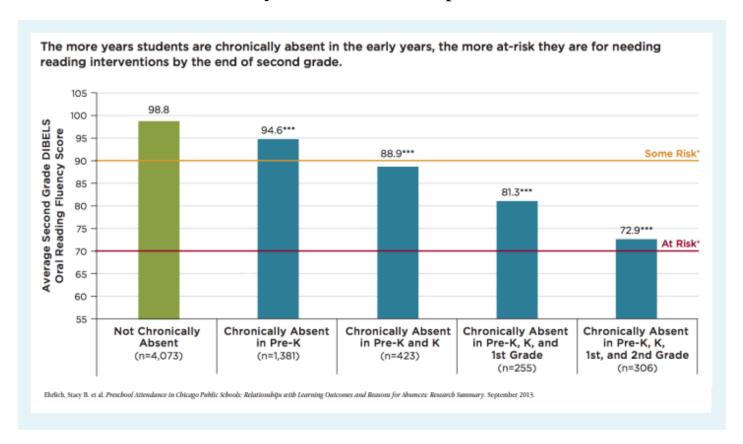
Princeton Green
Chevy Fitts
Brooklyn French
Davion Tucker
Robin Woodward
DaKota Belcher
Danielle Gurzick
Samnang Ployngam
Kendall Batson
Fatima Hussain

These students earned an extra art class with Ms. D. and an extra recess with Mrs. Baker!

Congratulations to our January Safety of the Month- Autumn Porter. Ms. DeFelice writes that when Autumn is on post, she looks out for everyone and makes sure her job is complete!



#### Why Attendance is Important:



The effects of absenteeism on literacy skills start before kindergarten, two recent studies show. The University of Chicago Consortium of Chicago School Research followed 25,000 3- and 4-year-olds served by Chicago Public Schools' schoolbased preschool programs and found that nearly half of 3-year-olds and more than one-third of 4-year-olds missed at least 10 percent of the school year. Chronic absences for 4-year-old students correlated with weaker kindergarten readiness scores, including letter recognition and pre-literacy scores. The effects were particularly pronounced for the children who arrived at preschool with the weakest skills. Once again, these are the students who were more likely to be chronically absent, the 2013 study found. And for every year a student is chronically absent, his or her chance for reading success diminished.vi The Baltimore Education Research Consortium also focused on prekindergarten and kindergarten attendance and followed these young students over time. The 2012 study found that students with low attendance in both pre-K and kindergarten often continue to have low attendance, are more likely to be retained by third grade and on average have lower academic outcomes than peers with better attendance. The good news is that when students attend school regularly, they can see outsized literacy gains. Ready's study showed that low-income kids who attend regularly appeared to benefit from the instruction more than the higher income peers. They gained 8 percent more literacy skills in kindergarten and nearly 7 percent more in first grade. This narrows the reading gap between rich and poor by nearly a third. Likewise the Chicago research showed that students who arrived at pre-K with the weakest reading skills and attended regularly saw the biggest gains. And when chronically absent students improve their attendance, they can get back on track academically, the Baltimore research found.



# Winter Galar

SATURDAY MARCH 8, 2025

6:00 P.M. - MIDNIGHT DINNER AT 7:00 P.M.

VINTAGE HOUSE 31816 UTICA RD, FRASER DINNER DJ/DANCING BASKET RAFFLE PRIZES

BASKET TICKETS WILL ALSO BE SOLD VIRTUALLY

> \$55 PER PERSON

TABLES OF 8 RESERVED BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28
TICKET SALES WILL CLOSE ON MARCH 6. NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

#### LIMITED TO 300 TICKETS, RESERVE YOUR SPOT EARLY!

FOR MORE INFORMATION: ttomala@roseville.k12.mi.us or (586) 445-5675





The Roseville Community Schools Scholarship Foundation began with a dream and a goal when it was established by the Roseville Kiwanis Club in 1963. The dream was to touch the lives of Roseville's young people; the goal was to raise funds to aid them in their continued educational quests.

In 1984, the Roseville Board of Education joined the the ongoing project. Today, citizen volunteers, educators, business representatives, and local leaders assist in the process of raising funds and allocating scholarships to deserving recipients. This year, we awarded 63 \$1200 scholarships to recipients.

In April 2022, the Foundation officially became a 501c3 organization. This allows additional opportunities to receive donations from individuals and companies witshing to denate to a charitable organization. If you own, work for, or know of a company looking for a charitable organization to denate to, we would greatly appreciate you sharing the Roseville Community Schools Scholarship Foundation name with them.

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#### MACOMB MALL

Tuesday, February 26 at 6:00 pm

Ages 12 and under
No registration required
This exciting monthly program
offers children the chance to
unleash their imagination through
various arts and crafts activities.



#### Pickup:

Monday, February 10 - All Day

Ages 10 to 18, Register Now!
Reach for the stars then fold them into fun shapes with galaxy origami.
Learn how to fold paper to create various shapes such as mini stars, butterflies, and fortune tellers.



More programs and full information at www.rosevillelibrary.org



Wednesday, February 12 at 5:30

Ages 14 to 18, Register now!

High school students: Need service hours? You can make cat and dog blankets and toys for Macomb County Animal Shelter and get credit for volunteering for that organization.



### Wednesdays at 6:00 pm February 5 & 19

Ages 11 to adult
No registration required
Papotage & Cie is a program for
French conversation practice with
a French native speaker and
librarian. The program is open to
any teenager or adult who speaks
some French and wants an
informal and safe place to
practice with others.

# When is sick too sick for school?

A regular attendance routine is important for your child's wellbeing and learning. These tips can help you decide when to keep your child home when they don't feel well.





#### SEND ME TO SCHOOL IF...

- I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.
- I have NOT had a fever overnight and have NOT taken fever reducing medicine during that time.
- I have a mild stomach ache.
- I have not thrown up overnight and can drink liquids without throwing up.
- I have a mild rash and no other symptoms.
- I have eye drainage WITHOUT fever, eye pain or eyelid redness.



#### **KEEP ME AT HOME IF...**

- I have a temperature higher than 100.4
- · I have thrown up two or more times in the past 24 hours.
- My stool is watery and I may not make it to the bathroom in time.



#### SEEK MEDICAL CARE IF...

- I have a temperature higher than 100.4 AND any of the following: ear pain, sore throat, rash, stomachache, headache or tooth pain.
- I have stomach pain and fever, I have bloody or black stool, or I am dehydrated (tired and sleepy, dry mouth) and/or I have not urinated in the last 8 hours.
- I have a persistent cough or trouble breathing, or have a fever with the cough.
- I have eye swelling, eye pain or an eye injury.
- I have a rash that has blisters, is draining, is painful, looks like bruises, and/or I have a fever with the rash.

If you don't know whether to send your child to school, have specific concerns regarding your child's physical or mental health, or are worried your child will spread illness, contact your child's health care provider, a local urgent care or the school nurse. These tips are not meant to take the place of local health department/school district health guidance including about contagious illnesses such as Covid-19 and the flu.







For more information visit attendance works.org/resources

