

Roosevelt School  
Family Newsletter  
November 18, 2011

State & National School of Character 2010-2011  
National Promising Practice Award Winner 2008-2009  
Oakland Press Educational Excellence 2nd Place Award  
Winner 2009  
National Promising Practice Award Winner 2007-2008  
Michigan Education Excellence Award Winner 2007-2008

**Important Dates:**

- November 21, PTA Skate Night, 6:15—8:15, Troy Skate World
- November 23, No School for Students
- November 24 & 25, Thanksgiving Break—No School
- November 30, New Family School Tour, 9 AM

**Our school family is exceptional! The students have really come together and focused on being helpful to others in need!**

**Monday is our last day to bring in canned goods as we will be delivering the many, many boxes to Gleaners on Tuesday!**

**Thanks to all of you who have helped our young children understand the importance of helping others!**

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Quote of the Week:

**We all have the power to make wishes come true, as long as we keep believing!**

# Important School News

## Principal's Points

We had a great turn out for our first family movie night. Thank you to all families who came out with your child to enjoy a movie with friends.

Think about how you can have some fun, quality time with your child during the Thanksgiving Break. With the holidays already here, sometimes we are so busy doing everything getting ready we forget the real purpose of holidays—quality time with our children & families!

We hope your Thanksgiving holidays are filled with joy & happiness.

## Safe School

The cold weather is here to stay, but our young children need to go outside to play! Please make sure your child comes to school with a coat, hat and mittens. Outside play is essential to brain development and we make sure our children are physically active. We go outside during the cold weather months unless the temperatures are very low and/or if there is a wind chill advisory. When it begins to snow, having snow boots for school is helpful!

Don't forget to do your holiday shopping through School Mall. All you need to do is go to [www.schoolmall.com](http://www.schoolmall.com), click on 'select school now' and enter Roosevelt Primary, Ferndale, MI. Your shopping will support our school!

Next Wednesday students do not have school, but our teachers will be hard at work looking at our data from our first AIMS Web Assessments. AIMS Web assessments shares with teachers how students are doing on fluency, comprehension, and early numeracy skills. They will help teachers plan individualized and small group instruction focused on student need. We will be assessing our students 3 times this year using this researched based assessment tool.

## Social & Emotional Development

In the new book, Mind In the Making the author shares 7 essential life skills that young children need. Think about some words that describe what life feels like today. What words come to mind? Life today can be complex, distracting, fast moving, etc; but it is also full of joy and exciting possibilities. In the next few newsletters I will be sharing information from this incredible book written for parents of young children. The skills that will be shared are important for children and adults. We have to practice them as adults to be able to promote them with our children. The skills we will look into are: focus & self control, perspective taking, communicating, making connections, critical thinking, taking on challenges and self directed—engaged learning!