

Roosevelt School  
Family Newsletter  
December 9, 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:**

- December 13, Informational Parent Meeting with Mr. Meier, 7:00 pm in Media Center
- December 14, Roosevelt School Family Tour, 9:00 AM
- December 15, PTA Craft Night, 6:00—8:00 PM at Coolidge located at 2521 Bermuda
- December 19—January 2, Winter Break School Resumes January 3, 2012

# Important School News

**Principal's Points**

We want to invite all families to come listen & share with Mr. Meier, Ferndale Superintendent on December 13th. He will be at Roosevelt to share information about the elementary parent survey & Ferndale schools facility needs. Please mark your calendar to attend. We will have babysitting available at no charge! Snacks will be served as well!

**Informational Meeting**  
**Mr. Meier,**  
**Ferndale Schools**  
**Superintendent**  
**7:00 pm Media Center**  
**December 13, 2011**

**Safe School**

This Sunday, December 11 please stop by TREAT DREAMS on Woodward Avenue for a free cupcake! Roosevelt teachers will be there scooping ice cream and handing out free cupcakes from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 PM. All TIPS received during this time will go back into Ferndale Schools Education Foundation! TREAT DREAMS is located at 22965 Woodward Avenue in Ferndale!

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!

Holidays are a great time to focus on math skills with your child. Think about how you can reinforce math skills when shopping for gifts, at the grocery store or even when wrapping presents. Make a commitment that over the holidays you will focus on math language and math skills when you are with your child. The math standards for Kindergarten, first, second & third grade continue to become more rigorous and we need to be conscious on the language we use and how we can bring math into our every day lives!

**SAFETY NOTICE**

If your child has changes for their afternoon routine please make sure you call the office no later than 2:30.

Cold weather is here to stay, but kids need to go outside and play! Bring their coats, gloves & hat. So they can enjoy themselves during outside play!

**Quote of the Week:**

**Caring**  
**Is**  
**Everything!**

## Social & Emotional Development

The second skill that is shared in the best seller, Mind in the Making is Perspective Taking. Being able to listen & understand other peoples point of view or thoughts helps children make sense of their own and others' experiences. Studies have found children who learn perspective taking have a better adjustment to elementary school. It helps them understand what their teachers want and expect. And there are connections between Perspective Taking & learning to read. As adults we must TEACH children to step back when something happens to them and make sense of the situation. This is a huge step in the problem solving process. Research shows that parents sense of comfort with their own emotion's affects children's ability to understand others' thoughts and feelings.