



# Around the Round!

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**November 2017**

## Important Dates

### November:

11/1 PTO Meeting 7:00 pm  
11/7-11/9 PTO Book Fair  
11/8 Parent/Teacher Conferences  
11/13 Parent/Teacher Conferences  
11/14 "Blue Out for Diabetes"  
11/16 Picture Retake Day  
11/20-11/21 Hearing Rescreening  
11/22-11/24 Thanksgiving Break  
(No School)

### December:

12/7 PTO Meeting 4:00 pm  
12/12-12/14 Santa Shop  
12/19 PTO Sponsored  
Cookie Walk for Staff  
12/20 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to Rollerama  
12/21-1/2 Holiday Break  
(No School)

**School Hours**  
Monday -Thursday  
8:50 – 3:50pm

**Fridays**  
**Early Release**  
**8:50 – 2:50pm**

Round Elementary School is an exciting place to learn. The October Fun Run was a huge success. Students, parents, and staff enjoyed the fall weather and raised over \$16,000.00! These funds are used to purchase books, field trips, assemblies, equipment, chromebooks, rugs, and furniture. Thank you for supporting the Round School and our amazing PTO!

The Halloween parade was a huge success!. The students really enjoyed getting dressed up and sharing their costumes.

Did you know that November is Diabetes Awareness month? We will be sending home more information soon, but be sure and wear "Blue" on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Big Boy "Breakfast with the Principal" winners are Grace Tenbusch and Arti Vuli. They will be eating breakfast with the principal on 11/2/17. Congratulations!

We are looking forward to parent teacher conferences. If you are unable to attend one of the scheduled parent teacher conference nights, we are happy to provide phone conferences or email updates. We appreciate your support and commitment to education. We hope everyone will be able to attend.

Baby Putman has arrived!  
June Putman is here and healthy.  
Congratulations  
Mr. and Mrs. Putman!

Thank you for all of your support.  
Round Elementary is the best!

Mrs. Dotty Hottum  
Round Elementary Principal



# Empathy, Achievement, Grit, Link, Empower, Serve (E.A.G.L.E.S)

*A recent meta-analysis of research on programs focused on social and emotional learning (SEL) shows that a systematic process for promoting students' social and emotional development is the common element among schools that report an increase in academic success, improved quality of relationships between teachers and students, and a decrease in problem behavior.*

*(Durlak, Weissberg, Dymnicki, Taylor, & Schellinger, 2011)*

During the month of November, the Round Family Circles will be focused on Empathy. Empathy is defined as: the ability to understand and share the feelings of another. We will be working together to understand “empathy”. Empathy is the foundation of a kind community. In order to reduce bullying, mean behavior and rudeness people must feel empathy for those who are “different”. Here is a video link that you can view at home to begin a conversation around empathy: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4TXJqTvGHnM> We hope that our E.A.G.L.E.S. work this year will raise our emotional intelligence at Round Elementary. The article below is intended to support you as our partner in this work.

## 8 Powerful Ways to Mold Your Children Into Leaders

We can mold our children into leaders, but only if we work at it. Few things in life are as worth your time and effort as this. [Travis Bradberry](#)

August 14, 2017

*We all want our children to become leaders. We want them to be courageous, passionate and authentic. We want their actions to inspire other people to be their best. Dr. Travis Bradberry shows you how in this article, originally published on [LinkedIn Pulse](#).*

As parents and caretakers of children, their path to leadership is in our hands. We can model and teach the skills that will equip them to lead themselves and others in this hyper-competitive world, or we can allow them to fall victim to the kind of thinking that makes them slaves to the status quo. It's a big responsibility—but when is being a parent not?

The beauty of building children into leaders is that the little things we do every day are the ones that mold them into the people they'll become. Focus on the eight actions below, and you'll build leadership in your children and yourself.

### 1. Model emotional intelligence (EQ).

[Emotional intelligence](#) is that “something” in each of us that is a bit intangible; it affects how we manage behavior, navigate social complexities and make personal decisions that achieve positive results.

Children learn emotional intelligence from their parents. As your children watch you every day, they absorb your behavior like a sponge. Children are particularly attuned to your awareness of emotions, the behavior you demonstrate in response to strong emotions, and how you react and respond to their emotions.

EQ is one of the biggest drivers of success in leadership positions. [TalentSmart](#) has tested more than 1 million people and found that EQ is responsible for 58 percent of a leader's job performance. Likewise, 90 percent of top-performing leaders have high EQs.

Most people do very little to develop their EQ growing up. Just 36 percent of the people we tested are able to identify their emotions accurately as they happen. Children who develop a high level of EQ carry these skills into adulthood, and this gives them a leg up in leadership and in life.

## 2. Don't obsess about achievement.

Parents are sucked into obsessing about achievement because they believe this will make their children high achievers. Fixating on achievement creates all sorts of problems for kids. This is especially true when it comes to leadership, where focusing on individual achievement gives kids the wrong idea about how work is done.

Simply put, [the best leaders surround themselves with great people](#) because they know they can't do it alone. Achievement-obsessed children are so focused on awards and outcomes that they never fully understand this. All they can see is the player who's handed the MVP trophy and the celebrity CEO who makes the news—they assume it's all about the individual. It's a rude awakening once they discover how real life works.

## 3. Don't praise too much.

Children need praise to build a healthy sense of self-esteem. Unfortunately, piling on the praise doesn't give them extra self-esteem. Children need to believe in themselves and to [develop the self-confidence](#) required to become successful leaders. But if you gush every time they put pen to paper or kick a ball (the "everyone gets a trophy" mentality), this creates confusion and false confidence. Always show your children how proud you are of their passion and effort; just don't paint them as superstars when you know it isn't true.

## 4. Allow them to experience risk and failure.

Success in business and in life is driven by risk. When parents go overboard protecting their children, they don't allow them to [take risks](#) and reap the consequences. When you aren't allowed to fail, you

don't understand risk. A leader can't take appropriate risks until he or she knows the bitter taste of failure that comes with risking it all and coming up short.

The road to success is paved with failure. When you try to shield your children from failure in order to boost their self-esteem, they have trouble tolerating the failure required to succeed as a leader. Don't rub their face in failure, either. Children need your support when they fail. They need to know you care. They need to know that you know how much failure stings. Your support allows them to embrace the intensity of the experience and to know that they'll make it through it all right. That is [solid character building](#) for future leaders.

## 5. Say no.

Overindulging children is a surefire way to limit their development as leaders. To succeed as a leader, one must be able to delay gratification and work hard for important things. Children need to [develop this patience](#). They need to set goals and experience the joy that comes with working diligently toward them. Saying no to your children will disappoint them momentarily, but they'll get over that. They'll never get over being spoiled.

## 6. Let children solve their own problems.

A certain self-sufficiency comes with being a leader. When you're the one making the calls, you should also be the one who needs to stay behind and clean up the mess these create. When parents constantly solve their children's problems for them, children never develop the critical ability to stand on their own two feet. Children who always have someone swooping in to rescue them and clean up their mess spend their whole lives waiting for this to happen. [Leaders take action](#). They take charge. They're responsible and accountable. Make certain your children are as well.

## 7. Walk your talk.

[Authentic leaders](#) are transparent and forthcoming. They aren't perfect, but they earn people's respect by walking their talk. Your children can develop this quality naturally, but only if it's something they see you demonstrate. To be authentic, you must be honest in all things, not just in what you say and do but also in who you are. When you walk your talk, your words and actions will align with who you claim to be. Your children will see this and aspire to do the same.

## 8. Show your humanity.

No matter how indignant and defiant your children are at any moment, you're still their hero and their model for the future. This can make you want to hide your past mistakes for fear they'll be enticed to repeat them. The opposite is true. When you don't show any vulnerability, your children develop

intense guilt about every failure because they believe that they're the only ones to make such terrible mistakes.

To develop as leaders, children need to know that the people they look up to aren't infallible. Leaders must be able to process their mistakes, learn from them and move forward to be better people. Children can't do this when they're overcome by guilt. They need someone—a [real, vulnerable person](#)—to teach them how to process mistakes and learn from them. When you show them how you've done this in the past, you're doing just that.

We can mold our children into leaders, but only if we work at it. Few things in life are as worth your time and effort as this.

## **Bundle Up! It's Getting Cold Outside!**

Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather with warm coats, snow pants, hats, gloves and boots. Children go outside for recess 3 times a day for fresh air, frequent breaks and exercise.

The district cold weather policy is as follows:

- Wind chill 15 degrees or above = regular outdoor recess
- Wind chill between 0 and 15 degrees = a short recess 5 to 15 minutes long
- Wind chill below 0 degrees = inside recess

***Please be aware that children need a doctor's note to stay in for recess.***



# Safety in the Parking Lot!



The morning “drop off” time before school and afternoon “pick up” time after school has students and parents negotiating a very busy parking lot. PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY AND CAUTIOUSLY and put the safety of our students first. The drop off lane is a “kiss and go lane”, please stay in your car, give them a kiss and a hug, send them out to the sidewalk and keep the line moving. We would like the line to move quickly so parents with other morning commitments can get through the line efficiently. If you want to get out of the car please park. Also, remember to save the parking spaces labeled handicapped for those with the appropriate legal designation.

## Sign Out Procedures – Just a Reminder!

Round elementary is dedicated to a safe and secure environment for students, parents, and staff. The entrance is designed for the safety of our students. Students only exit from the gym and the main entrance at the end of the day. The following procedures will make pick up safe and secure.

- If you are picking your child up at the end of the day (3:50), you can wait for them at the entrance to the building. All students riding the bus will exit the main doors.
- Students being picked up will be dismissed to the gym at 3:40. Parents can sign their child out in the gym using the west parking lot at 3:45. Please call the office or send a note to let us know that your child is being picked up early. We are required to put them on the bus without a note.
- We encourage parents to avoid pick up between 3:30 and 3:40 due to the end of the day routines and procedures. Most teachers are teaching at this time, some students are preparing to go home in the hallway and some students may be returning from their afternoon recess. **We understand that sometimes this is unavoidable and we are happy to have your child sent to the office for you.**

## Sign In Procedures

These guidelines are an important part of ensuring a safe environment for your children. Parents entrust their precious children to us during the school year and we will do everything we can to keep our building safe. Please follow these guidelines to ensure all students are safe at Round.

- If you arrive after 8:50, please walk your child into the office and sign them in.
- If you pick your child up during the school day, please sign them out in the office. We will call them down for you.
- During school hours, all parents and visitors are required to sign in at the office in order to keep everyone safe.
- If you are dropping off items for your child during the school day, please bring them to the office. We will make sure they are delivered promptly.



# Round Elementary's 3rd Annual/ Trunk or Treat



What a fabulous Trunk-or-Treat! We had around 20 trunks participate and LOTS of Trick or Treaters come through! The PTO would like to send a huge thank you to those who came and passed out candy... you made this event fun and lively with your great decorations. And... most importantly, just by passing out candy to our adorable trick-or-treaters! We are all so thankful to those who donated candy also. A few of us ran out and the extra bags were very helpful! Event-goers voted on their favorite trunk and pictured here is our 3<sup>rd</sup> place-McDonald's Drive Thru, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Creepy Crawler, and 1<sup>st</sup> Place – An Interactive Fun Pirate's Plank Game to win your candy! From games, to face painting, to candy, I think this year's event was a success.... What a great community we have!



## Order Scrip for the Holidays

Give thanks for great rebates this fall. Use scrip when you go grocery shopping for holiday get-togethers and help us hit our fundraising goals.

Who doesn't love picking out their own gifts? By giving a scrip gift card to someone you love this holiday, they can do just that while you earn rebates for Round! Of course, if you have the perfect gift in mind for someone, or you have a list of presents to check off for your kids, think ahead and just purchase gifts with scrip and save.

You can sign up on [www.ShopWithScrip](http://www.ShopWithScrip) (Round's enrollment code is: 24D4AC6E14237 )  
OR, if you don't want to create yet another online account, **watch for an order form to come home in backpack mail.**

**Orders will be placed on November 15<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Contact Trish VanTichelt ([trishvant79@gmail.com](mailto:trishvant79@gmail.com)) with any questions.



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The Spicer's Orchard field trip was a hit in First Grade! The Chromaine library came and shared favorite books with our 1<sup>st</sup> grade readers. They were excited to hear some new stories!





# Fun Run



## Getting Ready to RUN!





# Fun Run Assembly



Our top fundraisers were:  
Eliza Ernest,  
Caiden Marcicki,  
Timothy  
Girolomo, Abigail  
Grandy, Bianca  
Bruno, Jayden  
Clemons,  
Mackenzie  
Marcicki, Lillian  
Camilleri, Evan  
Raap, Vincent  
Church, Kellan  
Hull, Aiden Pies,  
Kyra Janisse, Orin  
VanTichelt.

Eliza Ernest has invited Bianca Bruno and Vincent Church to have lunch with the principal.



The Jump  
Rope  
Assembly  
was a big hit!



# Halloween



Happy  
Halloween!

