

# Rowland Elementary NEWSLETTER

September/October 2018

## Principal's Corner

Our school year has gotten off to a great start! Students, families, and staff adapted quickly to the routines of school. Also, our operating and safety procedures are well established. We have invested in relationship building because we know that is a key to success. Some of our accomplishments so far this year include:

- We launched our school wide PRIDE behavior expectations in classrooms and throughout the school. The purpose of PRIDE is to establish and maintain a learning environment that promotes the social, emotional and academic success of all. You can learn more about PRIDE on our [PRIDE Student/Parent Showcase](#) which is also available on our school website in the *Students* section. Teachers also included Restorative Practices during the school week as another way to build relationships and develop a positive and safe classroom culture.
- Teachers taught Bully Prevention lessons for three weeks so that students understand what bullying is and how they can address it. We know that kids need to feel safe at school. Please ask your child to talk to you about the Speak Up, Reach Out, and Be A Friend strategies they have learned.
  - We ask that you have discussions at home with your kids about bullying. It is very important that kids are able to share their experiences and feelings and that the adults in their life are good listeners. Also, it is every adult's responsibility to teach kids how to take steps to address and solve problems so that they build confidence and independence. Together, we can make our school a place where kids feel safe and bullying is not tolerated.
- Attendance Awareness Month – thank you to students, families and staff for their attention and effort on attendance in September. Our attendance has been good so far this year. That is great news because we know that good attendance and achievement go hand in hand. We have used our social media outlets to share attendance messages during the month of September.
- Our PTA membership drive has started, so please join our PTA. PTA is also raising funds for our school by asking students to collect Box Tops and bring them to school. Students who participate will be eligible for a monthly raffle.
- Our recognition for National Hispanic Heritage Month continues into mid October. Students are learning about and recognizing the contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans to our culture in classroom learning activities. We have posted Hispanic Heritage information on social media all month long.

As we look ahead to October and beyond, there is plenty to look forward to. Three items I want to highlight is National Bully Prevention Month, Digital Citizenship, and Red Ribbon Week. We will continue teaching students about ways to address bullying and we will have an educational assembly in support of this learning. We will also be posting messages on Bully Prevention, Digital Citizenship, and Red Ribbon Week on Facebook, Twitter, and the school web page.

Sincerely,  
John Martinez  
Principal, Rowland Elementary School



*Student buddies from TK and grade 6 reading books together (Mrs. Masada's and Mrs. Delligatta's classes).*

## Upcoming Events

Sep 21	Pupil Free Day, no classes today
Sep 26	Bully Prevention Assemblies
Sep 28	Schoolwide Flag Salute Assembly, 8:15am
Oct 1-31	National Bully Prevention Month
Oct 1-30	Digital Citizenship Month
Oct 5	Schoolwide Flag Salute Assembly, 8:15am
Oct 8-12	Parent Teacher Conferences
Oct 10	Pupil Free Day for Conferences
Oct 13	Schoolwide Flag Salute Assembly, 8:15am
Oct 14	National Hispanic Heritage Month ends
Oct 16	ELAC Meeting, 8:20am
Oct 18	School Site Council Meeting, 2:45pm
Oct 19	Schoolwide Flag Salute Assembly, 8:15am
Oct 19	Picture Day
Oct 23	TBC: Coffee with the Principal, 8:20am
Oct 23-31	Red Ribbon Week
Oct 24	Unity Day
Oct 26	Schoolwide Flag Salute Assembly
Oct 31	Book Character Costume Parade, 8:20am

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