

# Rowland Elementary NEWSLETTER

February 2018

## Principal's Corner

February, 2018

2018 is well under way and our Rascal students and staff have been focused on the business of our school: learning. We have lots to share about what's been happening at Rowland Elementary as well as what's coming soon. Please read the info below and let us know if you have any questions.

Some of our recent highlights include:

- **Student Achievement** - Students have recently taken several assessments in reading, math, and writing that help our teachers monitor the learning progress of our students. These assessments help teachers identify strengths and needs which they then address in their daily lessons.
- **Student Leadership Presentations** - Our 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade student leaders had two recent opportunities to practice their leadership skills in real world settings. First, they presented a spotlight report on Rowland Elementary to the Rowland USD School Board in January. In February, they presented a Reader's Theater skit on PRIDE behavior expectations that they authored at the RUSD Showcase in early February. Check out some of our [Tweets featuring Student Leadership at the Showcase](#).
- **Enrichment and Intervention Classes:** We have had many after school classes to support our student through enrichment activities and additional learning opportunities including:
  - K Kids (Kiwans community service learning club)
  - STEM Enrichment (Robotics and 3D Printing)
  - Science Olympiad Team classes
  - After School Reading Workshop classes
  - After School Compass Learning math and reading classes
  - Student Leadership After School classes
  - Systems 44 Intensive Reading Intervention
- **Parent Teacher Conferences** – Teachers met with parents to discuss learning progress of students.
- **Black History Month** - We have been providing an opportunity for our students to learn about and recognize the contributions of African Americans to U.S. history and culture. This has included classroom learning activities, student presentations during our weekly Flag Salute Assembly, and an educational assembly at the end of the month. Check out some of our [Black History Month Tweets](#).
- **Lunar New Year** - We have been teaching our students about the Chinese New Year with classroom activities and student presentations during our weekly Flag Salute Assembly. Students will learn more about the role Asians and Pacific Islanders have had in our country during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.
- **Fun Friday PRIDE** Attendance and Behavior Challenge - We continue our commitment to improve attendance on Mondays and Fridays and to have students do their best on our PRIDE behavior expectations. We will continue Fun Friday into March. Check out some of our [Fun Friday Tweets](#).
- **Parent University** - Our seven session parent training series in partnership with Jellick Elementary concluded in early February. Parents raved about the learning experience. We plan to have Mind Growers come back next year for another round of Parent University. Check out some of our [Parent University Tweets](#).

Looking ahead into the next month there is much in store including:

- Science Olympiad
- Women's History Month
- Read Across America
- Kiwanis BUG Program
- Family Learning Night
- Parent Involvement Academy
- Fun Friday PRIDE days
- Trimester 2 Student Recognition Assemblies

Sincerely,  
John Martinez  
Principal, Rowland Elementary School



Student Leadership kids & teachers at the RUSD Showcase.

## Upcoming Events

Feb 19	President's Day Holiday, school is closed
Feb 20	Kiwanis BUG Program starts
Feb 23	Schoolwide Flag Salute Assembly
Feb 24	Science Olympiad
Feb 28	ELAC and Coffee with the Principal
Feb 28	School Site Council
Mar 1	Women's History Month
Mar 2	Schoolwide Flag Salute Assembly
Mar 2	Fun Friday PRIDE Day
Mar 2	Read Across America
Mar 5	National School Breakfast Week
Mar 7	RUSD Instrumental Festival
Mar 8	Alvarado 6th Grade Parent Info Night
Mar 9	Schoolwide Flag Salute Assembly
Mar 9	PTA Founder's Day
Mar 16	Schoolwide Flag Salute Assembly
Mar 16	Parent Involvement Academy
Mar 16	Fun Friday PRIDE Day
Mar 16	Trimester 2 Report Cards go home
Mar 20	Family Learning Night
Mar 22	ELAC and Coffee with the Principal
Mar 22	School Site Council
Mar 23	Schoolwide Flag Salute Assembly
Mar 26	Spring Break begins, school is closed

Access the school calendar [here](#)

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