

Rowland Elementary NEWSLETTER

February/March 2019

Principal's Corner

February 28, 2019

It feels like we just started the new year, but two months have already passed for 2019. It's amazing how quickly time flies some weeks and months. 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 January and February 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.
- **Global School Play Day** - Our school participated in this an annual, worldwide event where students had unstructured play. In 2018, over 385,000 students from 58 nations participated. Unstructured play promotes cognitive development while supporting physical development as well as social and emotional development. Check out this [Wakelet Stream](#) which highlights photos and other media from the event.
- **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 (Kiwanis community service learning club)
 - Science Olympiad Team classes
 - After School Reading Workshop classes
 - After School Compass Learning math and reading classes
 - Student Leadership After School classes
 - BUG Classes (Kiwanis Bring Up Grades after school tutoring)
 - Stay tuned for more afterschool programs coming soon

- **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](#).
- **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.
- **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. Stay tuned for another Parent Education course coming soon to Rowland Elementary.

There's lots of more happening in March and April, including:

- Read Across America
- Science Olympiad
- Women's History Month
- Family Learning Night
- Parent Involvement Academy
- ELPAC Testing (California State testing for English progress, grades TK-6)
- Trimester 2 Student Recognition Assemblies
- Morning Break Club and Coffee with the Principal
- SBAC Testing (California State testing in Reading and Math, grades 3-6)

Sincerely,
John Martinez
Principal, Rowland Elementary School



Top: 4th graders join the performers for our We Tell Stories Black Folklore assembly.
Bottom: 1st graders show off their learning making digital stories.

Upcoming Events

Mar 1	Parent Involvement Academy
Mar 1	Read Across America
Mar 1	Women's History Month
Mar 1	Schoolwide Flag Salute Assembly
Mar 4	National School Breakfast Week
Mar 4	Pennies for Patients continues
Mar 8	Schoolwide Flag Salute Assembly
Mar 8	RUSD Band Festival
Mar 12	Morning Break Club
Mar 12	Family Learning Night - Game Night
Mar 14	Coffee with the Principal
Mar 15	Schoolwide Flag Salute Assembly
Mar 15	Trimester 2 Report Cards go home
Mar 15	Schoolwide Flag Salute Assembly
Mar 22	PTA Movie Night
Mar 25	Spring Break begins, school is closed for 1 week
Apr 4	ELAC
Apr 4	School Site Council
Apr 16	Morning Break Club
Apr 19	TBD: PRIDE Fill the Tub Assembly

Access the school calendar [here](#)

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