

# Rowland Elementary NEWSLETTER

November/December 2018

## Principal's Corner

So much has been happening at Rowland Elementary! During October, we highlighted National Anti-Bully Month. Throughout the month, we worked with students on ways to address bullying at school and the neighborhood. We extended this learning to the digital world by teaching Digital Citizenship lessons which focused on teaching kids be safe on-line. We also continued our efforts to make attendance a priority through our Attendance Challenges. Another October highlight was the launch of the BUG Program; Bring Up Grades is an after-school class that provides academic help to select students in grades 4-6.

The month of November was full of learning opportunities for students and parents. Some of our November highlights include:

- **Cardboard Challenge** - Our students participated in this Global event where students used the Design Thinking process to collaboratively designed and built carnival games using cardboard. Classes then teamed up with their classroom buddies and played the games they designed. Our students constructed amazing carnival games! This event highlighted the many talents and skills our kids possess. Thank you to all the parents who donated items for the event and thank you to our teachers who did a wonderful job facilitating this learning for kids.
- **STEM Family Learning Night** - We had approximately 100 families attend this event which included learning activities in science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Students from the leadership club assisted with activities and registration – they are super stars! It was a fun filled learning event. Thank you to parents and students for attending. Thank to you to our teachers and staff who planned, organized the event.
- **Reading Interventions** - We started classes for extra reading instruction for select students in grades K, 1, 2, 4, and 5. For some students these classes are in the afternoon before dismissal. For other kids, the classes are after school.
- **Parent University** - We partnered with Jellick Elementary to provide parents with a 7 session training series from Mind Growers. This Parent University is designed to help increase student academic achievement by developing parents as home learning leaders and enhancing existing home-school collaboration.
- **Morning Break Club** – We launched this parent focused monthly meeting for parents that is focused on parent needs and includes guest speakers and resources for parents.

Looking ahead into December there is much in store including:

- Trimester student recognition assemblies are scheduled for the first week of December. We will honor students for attendance, Honor Roll, and the Rockin' Rascal Award. The student recognition assemblies are very important to us. They honor the students for their effort, and also acknowledge the support kids receive from parents, teachers, and school staff.
- We will continue *Parent University*, *Morning Break Club*, and *Coffee with the Principal*.
- Stay tuned for news on upcoming Attendance Challenges.

Sincerely,  
John Martinez  
Principal, Rowland Elementary School



TK and 6<sup>th</sup> grade buddies working on their cardboard challenge projects.

## Upcoming Events

Nov 27	Coffee with the Principal
Nov 29	Parent University (at Jellick)
Nov 30	Schoolwide Flag Salute Assembly
Dec 6	Parent University (at Jellick)
Dec 6	Grd TK-1 Student Recognition Assemblies
Dec 7	Schoolwide Flag Salute Assembly
Dec 7	Grd 2-4 Student Recognition Assemblies
Dec 7	Grd 5-6 Student Recognition Assemblies
Dec 11	Morning Break Club
Dec 13	ELAC Meeting
Dec 13	School Site Council Meeting
Dec 14	Schoolwide Flag Salute Assembly
Dec 18	Winter Performance
Dec 20	Parent University (at Jellick)
Dec 21	All RUSD Elementary Schools are closed
Dec 24	Winter Break begins, school is closed
Jan 11	Last day of Winter Break, school is closed
Jan 14	Classes resume, school is open

Access the school calendar [here](#)

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