

# ROWE ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL ROCKET READER



November 2018 issue Hello to our Rowe families, friends, and supporters.

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I hope this message reaches you in health and happiness.

Over the past 3 weeks or so, I've had a number of experiences that have left me in an inquisitive space. We've had the Van Dyke trial verdict, I've watched a fascinating documentary on the Vietnam war, I've listened to an equally fascinating podcast series called Slow Burn which discusses the Richard Nixon/Watergate scandal as well as President Clinton's Lewinsky scandal, we've had the Kavanaugh Supreme Court hearings, and then other life stuff.

Our scholars, staff, and families are often on my mind as I experience these moments in my daily life. No matter what happens – whether it be circumstances with my own family, or events in our public spheres – I often wonder what does this mean for our kids at Rowe? What learning can be taken away from these situations and applied to our work at Rowe so our scholars are the beneficiaries of this knowledge, experience, and perspective?

Asa Philip Randolph was a leader in the Civil Rights Movement and the American labor movement. Randolph is attributed with a quote that synthesizes the work of the people during these two seminal movements – *“At the banquet table of nature, there are no reserved seats. You get what you can take, and you keep what you can hold. If you can't take anything, you won't get anything, and if you can't hold anything, you won't keep anything. And you can't take anything without organization.”*

Considering the events in the first paragraph, as well as the experiences of the women, children, and men currently migrating through Central America, or the experiences of undocumented women, men, and children in our country, in our city, in our school – this quote from Randolph proves to be timeless and a call to action. Honing in on our undocumented neighbors and friends, every day is a day experienced with a cloud of fear and anxiety – not knowing with any certainty what the day will hold. Not knowing if a busted taillight will be the catalyst that leads to a life being upended. Not knowing if a mother or father will be separated from their child without any knowledge of when or how they'll be reunited.

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These experiences should compel us to aggressively and relentlessly convey to our children how important school is. The work we do in morning meeting, or math, or science, or any other class is not just about the discrete lesson from that day. It is a part of a larger effort to equip our scholars with the tools, perspective, critical thinking skills, and resources to advocate for the causes they are passionate about. To maximize their potential so they are in charge of their destiny vs. being at the whim of someone else's. To ensure that our scholars always know they have agency and power and should confidently wield it in the name of justice and equity and progress. We are so grateful that every single day, hundreds of our families – moms and dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, big brothers and sisters and cousins – all encourage our scholars to put their best effort into school every day. To be kind. To demonstrate Pride, Success, and Honor.

Lastly, we are all responsible for doing our part as well. In the coming days and weeks, one critical way for us to show our scholars what being an active citizen means is for us to vote. Regardless of your beliefs, showing our scholars that we have a role in determining outcomes is a critical message for our scholars to learn. If you have any questions about if you're registered, or where to vote, please see the below website:

<https://www.elections.il.gov/infoforvoters.aspx>. You can also call the Chicago office of the Illinois State Board of Elections at 312-814-6440.

Thank you all for the opportunity and trust you're providing us in the journey our scholars are on.

We sincerely hope that we are honoring your trust in us.

Take care,

Tony

# NUSH Thanksgiving Dinner

You are cordially invited to join us for our Annual NUSH Thanksgiving Dinner on Tuesday, November 20th.

The dinner will be held in Guild Hall, 1012 N. Noble, 2nd floor at 5:30pm.

You are welcome to bring a side dish or dessert to share with everyone. This is not required, but if you do please bring the side dish/dessert in a disposable.



## Upcoming Events

- Nov 1—Spirit Week—Picture Day
- Nov. 2—Spirit Week—Spirit Day
- Nov. 2—Progress Report
- Nov. 8—Rowe Science Night
- Nov. 9—PAC Movie Night
- Nov. 12—Veteran's Day—No School
- Nov. 13 - PAC Meeting
- Nov. 20 - Northwestern Settlement Thanksgiving Dinner
- Nov. 21st—23rd—Thanksgiving Break



Thanksgiving Holiday Break is from Wednesday, November 21st through Friday November 23rd.

Please mark your calendar.



Join us for the PAC November Meeting

Tuesday,  
November 13th  
9:00am at RES

*Let's work together*

Mark your calendar!

No school Monday,  
November 12th.



Progress Reports will be sent home on Friday, November 2nd via scholar.



No need to wait for progress reports, login to Illuminate. Contact the main office if you have any questions.



## PAC Movie Night

HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 2



Friday, November 9th  
RES  
4:15pm

Scholars must be with adult  
Ticket \$2.00  
Concessions will be sold

Rowe Elementary School Presents:

## Family Science Night

When: Thurs. November 8th, 4:30 to 6:00 PM  
Where: Rowe Elementary School

Featuring: Hands on, Interactive science activities for all grades!

What: Join us for an evening of activities, experiments, and presentations about Science! Scholars will make and take a few projects and can enter a raffle drawing.



Join Parent Patrol.

Together we can make a difference.  
Contact Ms. Morquecho at  
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