

# ROWE ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL ROCKET READER



September 2019 issue

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Hello to all of our Rowe families, friends, and supporters,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! We hope you have had an amazing summer full of fun memories, good health, and relaxation. My summer, for what it's worth, has been amazing. I had the great fortune of visiting Cuba for several days. About half my time was in Cienfuegos and the other half was in Havana. The people, culture, history, food, beaches – it was wonderful. I cannot wait to go again.

On the school end, it was an amazing summer. We said farewell to some staff members who were an important part of Rowe as well as welcomed new staff members to our community who we are excited for you to meet. You will get a chance to meet our new elementary school staff at Meet Your Teacher Night on August 29<sup>th</sup> as well as Back to School Night on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and our new middle school staff at their Back to School Night on September 26<sup>th</sup>. People are what makes Rowe a great place.

The new folks we brought on board will fit right in and continue in that spirit.

Speaking of people, we are excited for what this year will bring for the most important people here at Rowe, our scholars. We are introducing a new ELA curriculum to serve our scholars from Kindergarten thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We began piloting Expeditionary Learning this spring and cannot wait for our scholars to engage in it. We're entering our 2<sup>nd</sup> year of our Kindergarten thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade math curriculum, Eureka. The rigor and engagement of both curricula will support our mission of preparing our scholars to get to and graduate from college while also ensuring, as a school, we are providing an excellent and equitable educational experience for all of our scholars.

We are excited about the year ahead of us. We have all the ingredients necessary for our best year yet. We have a community of scholars who are thoughtful, engaged, and kind people. We have a collaborative, reflective, purpose driven staff, and we have you all – the incredible families who believe in and support Rowe at every turn. We thank you in advance for your commitment and partnership.

Wishing you all a wonderful year,

Tony Sutton





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### About The Food Pantry

Throughout its history, Northwestern Settlement has provided food and emergency services to residents of the West Town community. In 1933, Settlement board members began distributing meals to neighborhood schools to feed students coping with the Great Depression, dealing an average of 4,000 meals each day.

We are open Monday through Thursday from 9:00AM to 11:00AM and 1:00PM to 3:00PM. We are located at 1400 W. Augusta.

### Upcoming Events

**Sept. 3rd** - First Day of School—Doors open at 8:10am—School starts at 8:30am. **Be on time!**

**Sept. 7th** - Greater Chicago Food Depository Hunger Walk in Jackson Park

**Sept. 26th** - Rowe Middle School Back to School Night—4:30pm to 6:00pm

### Rowe Fun Fact

Our first Rowe graduating class are now seniors in high school.



Once a Rowe Scholar,  
Always a Rowe Scholar  
Go Rowe!!



### Attention Parent

Please update your information with the main office. We need:

- ☺ Your current telephone number
- ☺ Your current email address

**Please contact the school clerks at RES 312-445-5870 or RMS at 773-799-2730**

**34<sup>TH</sup> HUNGER WALK**  
GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY

Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 2019  
7:30am - 12pm  
Jackson Park

Free transportation to and from the event will be provided!

**Deadline to sign up is August 26th, 2019**

Sign up to join the Settlement Team today!

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### Tips for a Great First Day of School

1. Get uniform set up the night before
2. Get a good night sleep
3. Get a good breakfast at home or at school (8:10am to 8:30am)
4. Smile and be friendly
5. The first day of school is just another day at school.

Failure to prepare is preparing to fail.

*Benjamin Franklin*

### First Day of School Playlist

My scholars are usually pretty nervous the first day of school. In order to calm their nerves and pump them up, I create a "First Day of School Playlist." Here are some recommendations:

1. Can't Stop this Feeling—Justin Timberlake
2. Happy—Pharrell
3. We're Going to be Friends—The White Stripes
4. I Will Survive—Gloria Gaynor
5. The Middle—Jimmy Eat World



Mrs. Velasco

### RMS Back to School Night

Thursday, September 26th  
from 4:30pm—6:00 pm.

### RES Back to School Night

Wednesday, October 2nd  
from 4:30pm—6:00 pm.

Mark your calendars!!

### RMS High School Fair is coming!

Mark your calendar for our RMS High School Fair  
October 3rd  
4pm-5:30pm at RMS.  
Mark your calendar!!