

# ROWE ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL ROCKET READER



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Dear Rowe Families, Friends, and Supporters –

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I hope this message reaches you in health and happiness.

Our mission, *We best serve our students and their families by instilling in them the college mindset — holistically preparing them to successfully navigate the road to college graduation. We believe that our community is full of brilliant young people who, when provided an excellent education, are able to compete at colleges across the country,* drives the thinking and action of everything we do to support the lifelong learning of all scholars. I'd like to share with you all a few examples of some of the things we're doing at the middle school that speaks to this. Sharing the wonderful opportunities our scholars engage in during their middle school years helps to provide context around the decisions we make at the elementary school, and the importance of things like attendance, problem solving, accountability, and collaboration.

- **Poetic Warriors**

We are entering our 3<sup>rd</sup> year of working with the Smart Museum of Art through our partnership with Communities in Schools where our middle school scholars are able to use poetry as a means for understanding their burgeoning sense of place in the world. The poems that your children, our scholars, create are exceptional.

- **Robert Crown Drug Health Program**

Adolescents everywhere are dealing with unprecedented pressures due to the confluence of social media and evolving societal views on topics such as drugs. We are supporting our middle school scholars on two fronts as it pertains to drugs. Partnering with the Robert Crown Foundation, our middle school scholars learn the influences of drug use. There are discussions on risk factors, brain development, and the difference between use, misuse, and abuse. Scholars also learn how drug use can impact goal setting and decision making as well as more complex details on the effects of drug use on the brain.

- **Building Champions – Chicago Blackhawks Foundation**

Building Champions, is a 7-week after school program fostering social and emotional learning through sports that takes place at Fifth Third Arena. Over the course of the program, students learn about key life lessons gained from being a member of a team through group discussions and physical activities. Each lesson begins in the classroom with a short video featuring a Blackhawks player shares his personal experience as it relates to the life skill being covered. The five life skills covered in the program are *Respect, Leadership, Decision Making, Perseverance, and Teamwork.*

- **Obama Presidential Center Design Day Challenge**

It is exciting to share that Rowe is one of 10 schools in the city of Chicago selected to participate in the Obama Presidential Center Design Day Challenge. This full day challenge brings together middle school students from across Chicago, local businesses, and community members to participate in a fun and engaging design thinking activity. During the day, student teams will create a collaborative design for the Plaza of the Obama Presidential Center that is innovative, needs-driven, and serves the interests of the community. They will then present their solution to a panel of professional judges, and further share the designs at a gallery walk and reception. Eight Rowe 7<sup>th</sup> graders are amongst the select group of students from across the city chosen for this honor.

These are just a few of the examples of the wonderful opportunities regularly afforded to our scholars because of their exceptional work, character, passion, and commitment to excellence. Our core values of Pride, Success, and Honor are an integral piece of the formula so our scholars can continue to do amazing things. We sincerely thank you all for everything you continue to do to support our scholars and Rowe.

Sincerely,  
Tony

# Settlement Thanksgiving Dinner

You are cordially invited to join us for our Annual Settlement Thanksgiving Dinner on

**Tuesday, November 26th.**

**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 container.



## Upcoming Events

**Nov 2**—Dia de los Muertos Celebration at Northwestern Settlement House

**Nov. 5**—Families 4 Scholars Meeting 10am & 4pm at RES

**Nov. 8**—No School for Scholars—Professional Development Day

**Nov. 11**—Veterans Day—No School

**Nov. 19**—BPAC Meeting 9am at RES

**Nov. 26**—Settlement Thanksgiving Dinner 5:30pm—Burnside Hall

**Nov. 27th thru 29th**—Thanksgiving Break



Thanksgiving Holiday Break is from

**Wednesday, November 27th through Friday November 29th.**

Please mark your calendar.

No School For Scholars Friday, November 8th



*Professional Development Day*

**Mark your calendar!**

**No school Monday, November 11th.**



Join us on **Tuesday, November 5** at RES for our Families 4 Scholars meeting. Meetings will be held at **10:00 am AND at 4:00 pm.**

Perfect opportunity to participate. Everyone is welcome! We will be planning our fundraisers and fun family events for the year.

Email Ms. Solow with questions: [asolow@nush.org](mailto:asolow@nush.org)

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## Lice Advice Parents are Itching to Know

1. Head lice do NOT transmit diseases
2. Lice likes clean hair.
3. Advise your scholar not to share hats, headbands, brushes, coats, etc.
4. Check your scholar weekly. Look for nits or louse. Check the neck area for tiny red bumps—signs of lice bites.
5. Use over the counter treatment and second treatment 10 days after the first treatment



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