

Rowland Newsletter

Rowland Academy is a community school focused on developing learners who are empowered to succeed in an ever-changing world.





INAUGURAL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our very first Quarterly Newsletter! Our hope is that you will find this newsletter *informative* and *helpful*. Inside you will find tools that we are using along with good things that are happening here in our school. We would love your feedback!

Click [HERE](#) to let us know what you think!

WHAT IS CLASS DOJO?

We use [Class Dojo](#) to  recognize positive student behavior. Students can earn 1 point for attending a class, 1 point each for being **ready**, **responsible**, and **respectful**, and up to 2 gold star points for going above and beyond. Class Dojo allows teachers and parents to easily communicate through the messenger that translates into 60 different languages. We also post information and updates for what is happening around Rowland. Ask your student's teacher for a code to sign up. 

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Meet our team of dedicated teachers and staff in our virtual tour (link [HERE](#))

Please complete the Student work and Image Release Form (link [HERE](#))

Counseling Resources for students (link [HERE](#))

Congrats to our Winter Spirit Week Raffle Winner **Sariah Williams-Carter**! Keep a lookout for our Spring Spirit Week!



ClassDojo

Students have been earning points through class dojo which allows them to earn rewards. Students earn **certificates** for achieving **100 and 200** point levels. Students earn a **goody bag** at **400** points, and earn access to a virtual movie reward at **500** points. Starting in February there will be weekly virtual rewards for students who are at the 500, 800, and 1000 point levels. **Stay tuned to Class Dojo for updates! Check out our virtual pep rally!** (link [HERE](#))

What is PBIS?

(POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS)

The goal of PBIS is to support students' academic and behavioral outcomes by using universal language and expectations, consistent behavioral teaching practices, and consistent behavioral response guidelines and data to make decisions. **Students have a clearer understanding of what is expected, and are acknowledged for expected behaviors.**

Virtual Field Trip anyone?

This past week our 6th grade team hosted virtual field trips ranging from Disney, to Alaska, to the Grand Canyon, to Yellowstone National Park, and Live Animal exhibits around the country.



WELCOME OUR NEW PRINCIPAL, PORTIA M. SLAUGHTER!



My vision as a principal of Rowland Academy is to ensure every scholar has the knowledge, skills, and opportunities necessary to contribute to a global society. By setting a focus everyday, and taking advantage of every opportunity, we can develop the academic and social emotional skills of every scholar. This can be done through a commitment to excellence by providing rigorous instruction and **developing the leadership skills needed for life.**

Reading at Rowland

Did you know that Ms. Serrano reads creative stories to the kids EVERY DAY?? At 12:25pm your child can listen to a book read by your teacher all year long. They just go to Ms. Serrano's Read Aloud in their Cougar Time Google Classroom and click the link for the book.

GOOD STUFF HAPPENING

Congratulations to our **Students of the Month** who have been nominated for academic achievement, leadership, character, and going above and beyond. Check out the Students of the Month for [January](#), [December](#), and [November](#).

In the 8th grade, we have been celebrating our students! Kicking off with acknowledging those who show up for all of their classes, the 8th grade January raffle for attendance went off with a bang. For each day that a student was present for all of their classes, they had their name entered into a drawing for a reward. Congratulations to January's winner, Dionier Chong Marquez! To keep the celebration going, 8th grade will be hosting an "All 8th grade meeting" on Wednesdays where we will share announcements, put a spotlight on skills and goals, award rewards, and play games.

Students in our outstanding **STEM program** have been utilizing the engineering design process in developing several projects this school year. Check out [Rowland's "Balloons Over Broadway" Design Challenge](#) and [Martin's Big Words MLK STEM Projects](#).