



FEBRUARY 12, 2026

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Well, that was a quick 6 weeks since the holiday break. It's hard to believe how fast time is passing by. We just passed our 100th day of school and when we come back, we will be starting our cultural study of Costa Rica and preparing for MCAS tests. Here are just a couple of things to keep in mind for when we return:

If you are calling in with any changes in dismissal, please call the school directly at 413-512-5100 and speak with Laurie, or send her an email at laffond@roweschool.org. We have had a few instances of families sending messages through personal text or Facebook Messenger to various staff members; however, these platforms are not reliable ways for the school to receive important information. Staff are not able to regularly monitor personal devices for school messages, so for everyone's safety and clarity, we ask that all dismissal changes and school-related communication go only through our official school channels to ensure they are received and handled appropriately.

After vacation, please remember to send your children back to school with all of their winter gear: hats, gloves, coats, snow pants, and boots. We go outside nearly every day for learning and recess, and students without proper gear are limited in what they can participate in. We want all students to be able to fully enjoy and benefit from our outdoor time. Also, we are back to our regularly scheduled PE on Wednesdays, which means students will need their sneakers. Boots are not allowed in the gym, so on Wednesday, please check to make sure they have what they need. If you are experiencing challenges obtaining these items or with ensuring your child brings them to school daily, please

contact us so we can support you and work together to find a solution.

Every year, each public school and school district in Massachusetts receives a report card. Just as your child's report card shows how they are doing in different subjects, the school's report card is designed to show families how our school is doing in different areas. Please see the attached letter and DESE Report Card Flyer. A link to our school's report card is available

at <https://reportcards.doe.mass.edu/2025/02530005>. If you have questions about our school's report card, would like to become involved in school improvement activities, or would like to request information about the qualifications of your child's classroom teacher, please contact me. To see our district's report card or to search for other schools' report cards, visit reportcards.doe.mass.edu.

In addition, as we head into this week of vacation, I hope it brings rest, joy, and the time to recharge in whatever ways are most meaningful for you and your family.



Rowe School is seeking caring, dependable Substitute Teachers and Teaching Assistants to support our students and staff. This is a great opportunity to make a positive impact in a school community while enjoying a flexible schedule. Interested applicants please contact the school at (413) 512-5100 or email the Principal, Jon Friedman at jfriedman@roweschool.org



**HAWLEMONT/ROWE BASEBALL
REGISTRATION IN OPEN!**
Open to students in **Preschool through
6th Grade.**

Use this [LINK](#) to sign up.

Please submit all forms and payment
by **March 6, 2026.**

Registration fee: \$60

The fee covers insurance, field
maintenance, umpire fees, and shared
equipment (individual gloves not
included).

Payment options:

Cash or checks (payable to *Hawlemont/Rowe
Athletics*) may be given to **Nurse Lydia
or Shana Totino.**

Please be sure to complete the registration
form as soon as possible.



SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Week of Feb. 23rd

Monday	Tuesday
Chicken Tenders	Chicken Pesto Pasta
French Fries	Veggie
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Fruit, Milk	Fruit, Milk
Wednesday	Thursday
Turkey Taco	Hot Dog, WG Roll
Sour Cream, Salsa	Baked Beans
Guacamole, Cheese	Veggie
Lettuce	-----
Fruit, Milk	Fruit, Milk
	Friday
	Fish Sticks, French Fries
	Veggie Box
	Fruit, Milk



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 16/20th** February Break
- Feb. 28th** Pancake Breakfast- 8:00am-10:00am
- Mar. 6th** 1/2 day of school – 12:30pm
dismissal - Lunch will be served
- Mar. 20th** 1/2 day of school – 12:30pm
dismissal - Lunch will be served
- Mar. 24th** Spaghetti Supper – More information
to follow
- Mar. 26th** Cultural Unit (Costa Rica)
Performance – More information
to follow



100th day fun!



MARCH 2026

Rowe Elementary 5th and 6th Grade Trip to Kroka Calendar Raffle



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 \$25 GIFT CARD & 16OZ BAG OF COFFEE	2 1 PICKUP TRUCKLOAD OF FIREWOOD!	3 4 PUBLIC SKATING PASSES	4 \$30 GIFT CARD	5 \$25 & \$20 GIFT CARD	6 METAL SCULPTURE FROM ARTIST SCARLEY KITCHEN	7 ORAL-B 10 ELECTRIC TOOTHBRUSH FROM GREYLOCK DENTAL
8 \$50 GIFT CARD DONATION FROM NORTHEAST ARMS	9 \$50 AND GIFT BAG FROM JEFF BRISSON, REALTOR	10 \$25 GIFT CARD SAVENPORT'S SERVICE STATION & CAR WASH TICKETS! Golden Nuzzle Car Wash	11 4 MOUNTAIN COASTER TOKENS	12 \$25 GIFT CARD & FREE ROBERT STORO WOODWARE FRUIT	13 \$100 GIFT CARD FROM MATT'S AUTOMOTIVE	14 2 HOURS OF CLEANING SERVICES FROM AYE CLEANING SERVICES LLC
15 \$25 GIFT CARD & FRAMES ROBERT STORO WOODWARD FRUIT	16 \$50 GIFT CARD	17 GIFT BASKET OF ITEMS MADE BY 5/6	18 DINNER FOR 2 APPETIZERS, ENTREES, DESSERT & DRINK VALUE \$170	19 \$40 GIFT CARD	20 \$50 AND BRISSON LAWN CARE SWAG	21 \$50 GIFT CARD
22 \$50 GIFT CARD	23 \$50 GIFT CARD	24 \$50 MEAT BUNDLE	25 \$25 GIFT CARD & CAR WASH TICKETS! Golden Nuzzle Car Wash	26 MINI SESSION	27 \$50 GIFT CARD	28 \$25 GIFT CARD & GIFT BAG FROM MISSY ASHTON
29 \$15 GIFT CARD & FORTY-NINE DIVES	30 \$50 GIFT CARD	31 MAPLE SYRUP FROM BERKSHIRE SWEETGOLD	Thank you!	THANK YOU!	THANK YOU!	Thank you!

TEAR HERE AND RETURN BOTTOM PORTION TO SCHOOL

\$10
Rowe Elementary School PTP
@RowePTP

venmo

NAME: **See a Rowe Elementary 5th or 6th grader to purchase yours today!!**

CASH, CREDIT, VENMO:

Our calendar raffle is in full swing. Please keep encouraging your kiddos to sell those calendars. Reach out to Nurse Lydia if you need a restock.



Rowe Elementary School

"Where children come first..."

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Rowe, MA 01367

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contact@rowschool.org

Jon Friedman, Principal

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FAX: 413-339-8621

February 11, 2026

Dear Families:

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<https://reportcards.doe.mass.edu/2025/02530005>.

The report card includes multiple measures of a school's performance – more than just MCAS scores. It represents a new way of looking at school performance, by providing information on student achievement, teacher qualifications, student learning opportunities, and more.

Report cards are designed to be useful tools for everyone connected to our school. Families can use the information to have meaningful conversations with us about what the school is doing well and where there is room for improvement. Community and education leaders can use the information to understand how to support students and our school.

Rowe Elementary School continues to focus on student performance by keeping class sizes small, utilizing school-wide assessments to analyze student needs, and providing appropriate learning opportunities for students. We see parents as critical partners in the success of our students and school, and we are grateful for your continued support.

If you have questions about our school's report card, would like to become involved in school improvement activities, or would like to request information about the qualifications of your child's classroom teacher, please contact me. To see our district's report card or to search for other schools' report cards, visit reportcards.doe.mass.edu.

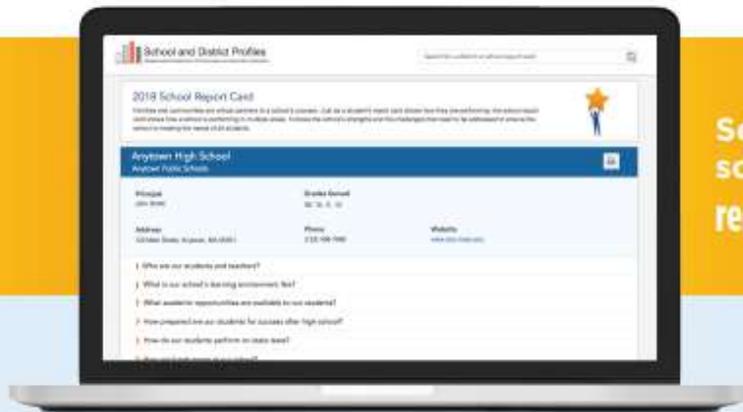
Sincerely,

E. Jon Friedman, LICSW

Principal

LEARN MORE ABOUT MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOLS!

Report Card



Search for your
school's report card at
reportcards.doe.mass.edu

5 Quick Facts

ABOUT THE SCHOOL REPORT CARD

1. Just as a student's report card shows how they are doing in different subjects, the school's report card shows how a school or district is doing in different areas.
2. The report cards include a variety of information, more than just MCAS scores.
3. School report cards reflect the information that is most valuable to Massachusetts families.
4. School report cards identify where a school is doing well and where it needs to improve to ensure that all students' needs are met.
5. District leaders and principals can use report cards to support schools and students and to identify ways to help schools continue improving over time.

Families are critical partners in the success of Massachusetts students. The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is committed to providing detailed information for families, so they have a better understanding of their child's education.

Visit reportcards.doe.mass.edu to find the school report card for every public school in the state.



Report Card Glossary

GENERAL INFORMATION

Basic information about the school or district.

Title I Status: Whether the school or district receives Title I funds. Schools and districts with large populations of students from low income families receive federal Title I grant money to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards.

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Information about student enrollment and teacher qualifications.

Students with Disabilities: Students with special needs who have an Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Economically Disadvantaged: Students who receive assistance through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Transitional Assistance for Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC), the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) foster care program, or MassHealth.

High Needs: Students who belong to one or more of the following groups: students with disabilities, current or former English learners, and/or economically disadvantaged students.

Full-Time Equivalency: The number of full-time teaching positions in the school or district. Some teaching positions are part time and therefore are reported as a decimal (for example, 0.8).

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Information about student participation in broad and challenging courses.

Advanced Coursework: Courses that are considered advanced include Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, dual enrollment, and other challenging classes in a variety of subjects.

MassCore: MassCore is a state-recommended program of study that outlines the minimum core courses needed to meet four-year college and workforce expectations. MassCore includes four units of English, four units of mathematics, three units of a lab-based science, three units of history, two units of the same foreign language, one unit of the arts, and five additional core courses.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE AND DISCIPLINE

Information about student attendance and discipline.

Chronic Absenteeism: The percentage of students who miss 10 percent or more of the school year (for example, 18 or more days in a typical 180-day school year).

Student Discipline: The percentage of students who are suspended, expelled, or removed from regular classroom activities as a result of negative behavior.

SUCCESS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

Information about graduation, dropout, and college-going rates.

High School Outcomes: Graduation, dropout, and college-going information is reported for schools and districts that serve grades 9 through 12.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE ON STATE TESTS

Information about student performance on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests. Each year, students in grades 3 through 8 and 10 take MCAS tests in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics, and students in grades 5, 8, and 10 take science MCAS tests.

Achievement: Students' MCAS scores.

Student Growth: The student growth percentile (SGP) shows how one student's MCAS score compares with other students with similar prior MCAS scores. A school or district's SGP represents the average growth for the school or district.

SPENDING

Information about how much money is spent per student.

Dollars Spent per Student: Amounts vary based on enrollment, staffing, special programming, and the needs of the students in the school.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Information about the school or district's most recent accountability results. The accountability system brings together a set of measures in order to provide clear, actionable information about district and school performance that can be used to help schools improve.

Progress Toward Improvement Targets: The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) sets annual improvement targets, or goals, for every district and school. Targets are set for achievement, growth, English learner progress, chronic absenteeism, high school completion, and advanced coursework completion. Schools and districts are expected to make annual progress toward these targets in order to improve student performance, and DESE reports on each school's and district's progress each year.

Accountability Percentile: Accountability percentiles indicate how a school is performing overall compared with other schools. A school's percentile is calculated by combining information related to achievement, growth, English learner progress, chronic absenteeism, high school completion, and advanced coursework completion. Schools with higher percentiles are generally higher performing, and schools with lower percentiles are generally lower performing. Districts do not receive an accountability percentile.

Overall Classification: Schools and districts are placed into two categories: those that require assistance or intervention from the state, and those that do not. A small number of schools and districts, including those that are new or very small, are classified as having "insufficient data."

To search for a report card, visit reportcards.doe.mass.edu.



ROWE ELEMENTARY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

fundraiser supporting 5th and 6th grade class
trip to Kroka this spring

FEB
28
2026

SERVING-
PANCAKES
LOCAL FREEMAN FARM
BREAKFAST SAUSAGE
COFFEE
ORANGE JUICE



ADULTS- \$10
KIDS 12 UNDER -\$7
FAMILY 5 OR MORE
\$30

8AM -10 AM

SATURDAY

@ ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CAFETERIA
86 POND RD, ROWE MA
413 512 5100



Saturday Feb. 28th, Pancake Breakfast.

Thank you for everyone who signed up so quickly to donate and help. Currently all food needed and shifts needed that day, have been filled.

We do still hope that your student can show up, if available, to help serve and clear tables that morning. The community would love to hear from them about what they are raising money for.