



OCTOBER 9, 2025

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

It was another busy week here at school, starting the week with all-school chorus, holding a midweek lockdown drill and ending the week with our Adventure day across at the park. Academics are in full swing and you should be receiving regular updates from your child's teacher about what is happening in their classroom. If not, please reach out to either them or myself so we can make sure you stay informed.

A quick note about safety in our parking lot, especially during pickup: it's one-way only, enter, keep right around the circle, and exit as directed. Please **only pull out** to leave **once your child is in your car. Please DO NOT pull out to pass other cars to pull up in line.** This is a change from past practice but we had a near miss between two vehicles this week, one pulling up and one passing to get further ahead in line. It may take a little longer but we want to make sure we are keeping our families and students safe during dismissal. We appreciate your assistance in following these new car line protocols.

Family Conferences are in a couple weeks. These will occur on Oct. 29th, Oct. 30th and Oct 31st. The 30th and 31st will be 12:30pm release days. More information to follow soon about how to sign up for yours. For students in 3rd or 4th grade, please use the following [LINK](#) to sign up. For parents of students in all other grades, please call Laurie to schedule a time.

The ROWE PTP is moving their meeting time back to mornings. The next PTP meeting will be on November 5th at 8:00am at the school. We encourage you to attend to see how you can become more involved here at school.

The Rowe PTP is also hosting Kid's Night Out. Drop off the kids and enjoy an evening out. Pizza, games, crafts, activities and a movie will be provided. RSVP wnorcross@roweschool.org

Additionally, Trunk or Treat will be at the school on Friday, October 24th. A flyer went home with last week's newsletter, with information about Trunk or Treat, and the

Community Pot Luck Dinner immediately following.

As I shared earlier this year, you may notice more communication around student absences and tardies. The state has asked schools to be more consistent in tracking and sharing this information to encourage regular attendance. While schools do track excused and unexcused absences differently, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) doesn't make this distinction when measuring chronic absenteeism. According to DESE, a student is considered chronically absent if they miss at least 10% of their enrolled school days for any reason, whether excused or unexcused.

To support this process, we are now using a system that will help identify children who are at risk. If you receive a letter, it is because a threshold has been met and we are required to communicate that threshold to you. If there is ever a specific concern beyond this general communication, I will reach out to you directly. Our goal is always to partner with families in supporting students' success and making sure they are in school as much as possible.

The Academy at Charlemont is hosting a Middle School Ultimate Frisbee Clinic on Saturday November 1st for grades 5-8. This fun-filled clinic is designed for athletes who are completely new to the game of ultimate Frisbee or looking to build on existing skills! Led by experienced coaches and players, the clinic will cover basics of throwing, catching, and cutting as well as drills, games, and scrimmages, all in a supportive and welcoming environment! See the attached flyer, and register to join at charlemont.org/middle-school-ultimate-clinic.

Finally, we appreciate connecting with families beyond the classroom. We are looking for individuals who may be interested in running an afterschool club, or sharing their expertise or even just coming in to read to the students. Please contact me at jfriedman@roweschool.org or (413)512-5101 if you would be interested in any of these opportunities.



**STUDENT PROGRESS
CONFERENCES**

It is that time of year again. Student Conferences will be on Wednesday, Oct. 29th from 3:40-6:00pm, Thursday, Oct. 30th from 12:40pm – 3:00pm and Friday, Oct. 31st from 12:40pm – 3:00pm.

Please call Laurie Laffond at 512-5100 to set up your conference. Thank you.



PICTURE RETAKE DAY!

SCHOOL PICTURE MAKE-UP DAY

Picture Retake Day will be on **Tuesday, October 14th in the morning.**

Make sure you brush your hair and smile for the camera!



SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Week of Oct. 13th

Monday	Tuesday
NO SCHOOL	Grilled Chicken Patty
INDIGENOUS	Seasoned Rice
PEOPLES' DAY	Roll
	Veggie
	Fruit, Milk
Wednesday	Thursday
Chili	Hamburger or
Corn Bread	Cheeseburger, Roll
Sour Cream	French Fries
Cheese, Veggie	Romaine Salad
Fruit, Milk	Fruit, Milk
	Friday
	Turkey Wrap, Chips, Veggie
	Fruit, Milk



ADVENTURE DAY

On Friday Oct. 10th we will be changing things up a bit. We are going to try an Adventure Day at the park! This will be for all students in Grades Prek-6th. Students will be able to choose different activities instead of an all school hike (a hike will be offered).

Students will walk to the park after morning attendance and be back in time for dismissal. A brown bag lunch will be provided.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 10th** Exploration Day at Pelham Park.
- Oct. 13th** Indigenous Peoples' Day- No School
- Oct. 14th** Rowe Flu Clinic
- Oct. 17th** 1/2 day of school – 12:30pm
- Oct. 24th** Tailgate Trick or Treat –
- Oct. 29th** Family Conferences 3:30pm-6:00pm Full School Day
- Oct. 30th** ½ Day – Family Conferences 12:30pm-3:30pm
- Oct. 31st** ½ Day – Family Conferences 12:30pm-3:30pm
- Nov. 4th** Professional Development Day – No School
- Nov. 7th** 1/2 day of school – 12:30pm dismissal - Lunch will be served
- Nov. 11th** Veterans Day – No School
- Nov. 21st** 1/2 day of school – 12:30pm dismissal - Lunch will be served
- Nov. 26th** 1/2 day of school – 12:30pm dismissal - Lunch will be served
- Nov. 27/28** Thanksgiving Break – No School

Trunk or Treat

Organized by the Rowe PTP

Friday
Oct. 24

All are welcome!

Start:
6pm
Trunk set up:
5:30pm



Rowe Elementary School
86 Pond Rd. Rowe, MA



Community potluck to follow in the
cafeteria. Bring a dish to share!



Flu & Covid Vaccine Clinic

When: Tuesday, October 14th from 12-4pm

Where: Rowe Elementary School Gym

What: Flu vaccines for those ages 5+ and
Covid vaccines for those age 12+

How: Sign-up or enquire with Rachel, the
Town Nurse, at (413)339-5520 ext 107 or
via email at nurse@rowe-ma.gov



*Pre-registration is **NOT**
required, but is recommended*



HOLIDAY GIVING TREE

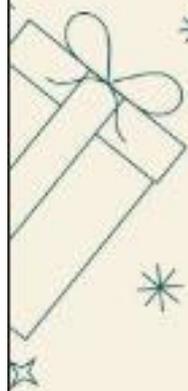
Are you interested in signing your children up for The Holiday Giving Tree this year?

The sign-up deadline is Sunday, November 16th!

The Mary Lyon Foundation organizes The Holiday Giving Tree, which will be displayed at Greenfield Savings Bank (GSB). Each ornament on the tree will be coded to reflect the wants and needs of a child enrolled in the program. All children participating will remain anonymous to the gift giver.

Gifts will be returned to GSB, and the Mary Lyon Foundation will collect them and distribute them to families the week of December 15th.

If you would like to sign your children up for The Holiday Giving Tree, please click this link: [Holiday Giving Tree](#), or reach out to Nurse Lydia at lbrisson@roweschool.org or 413-512-5103.





The ACADEMY at CHARLEMONT

MIDDLE SCHOOL **ULTIMATE FRISBEE CLINIC**

Saturday, November 1st

1:30-4:30pm

1359 Route 2

Charlemont, MA

*Free & open to athletes of all
experience levels in
grades 5-8!*

*Throwing technique, drills,
scrimages, and snacks with
The Academy's coaching staff!*

Register at
[charlemont.org/middle-
school-ultimate-clinic](http://charlemont.org/middle-school-ultimate-clinic)