

# Rowland Elementary NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Corner

Yahoo! School starts on August 13, just twelve days from now! Can you hear that buzz in the air? Is it our office staff answering phones, making copies, and completing before school clerical work? Is it our custodians and District facilities staff getting the campus ready? Is it our teachers preparing their classrooms? Is it the principal pecking away at his laptop? Is it the laughter, good cheer, and excitement shared by our staff as they reconnect with each other and look forward to meeting our students? It is all of that and more!

We imagine there is plenty of buzz in homes too. There are kids who are excited to see their friends and meet teachers and staff. There are others who are a bit anxious and perhaps worried about the challenges the new school year will bring. I know parents too have lots of mixed emotions about the new year for their children. When my own children start each school year, I feel a range of emotions and I have lots of questions. Will they continue to be challenged to think and problem solve? Will they be leaders in their peer groups by standing up for what's right and helping those in need? Will they continue to dream and believe that anything is possible? That's how every year starts and they know that my wife Sonya and I will support them. As the days become weeks and the weeks become months, those beginning of the year questions are answered as we talk to them about their school experience. Whichever challenges come, we face them together with the confidence that we will get through it and that the experience will make us stronger.

This year we will be re-examining our school Vision and we invite you into that process. Stay tuned for more information on this. In the meantime, I want each of our parents to know that our school team is ready to work with every student. We want every child to feel safe, feel cared for, feel successful, and feel inspired.

A new school year is about to begin. Let's dream together. Let's believe together. Let's make it happen together. See you soon Rascals!

Sincerely,  
John Martinez  
Principal, Rowland Elementary School



**Attendance Matters:**  
be at school and on time every day!

Aug 13 First Day of School  
Aug 28 Back to School Night

Our office is now open to serve you.

School gates open at 7:25am for students to have breakfast in the cafeteria or go to the designated waiting areas. Students shall not arrive prior to 7:25am. Parents of students who take a bus to another school must supervise the child until the bus departs.

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