



NOVEMBER 18, 2021

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Next week is Thanksgiving, and we got a special preview today with Mrs. Lively's turkey dinner with all the fixin's. It's a little bittersweet, because we have an amazing meal, but it comes right after the news that we had a positive COVID case at the school this week. More on that later. For me, it reflects the bittersweet nature of the coming holidays. We all thought this Thanksgiving would be back to somewhat normal, but with COVID cases on the rise nationally and locally, we have to pay close attention to the guidelines. The increase in vaccinations helps (and now that children 5-11 are eligible, I encourage you to get them vaccinated) but following the state and local guidelines, we can all have a safe and happy Thanksgiving and help keep the Rowe School community safe and learning in-person. Please do your part. I know everyone is tired of COVID-19 and the restrictions we have to follow, but now is not the time to let our guards down. There is a link to the State's latest COVID guidelines in the Principal's Corner on the school website, Facebook page, and in our new app (have you downloaded the app yet?).

We've known from the beginning that this might happen, but up until now we have been whatever combination of lucky and good was necessary to not have any known cases in the school. We've paid attention to the details, and took the proper precautions.

Having a positive case at the school this week was challenging, but it's what we've been prepared for all year. Once the case was diagnosed, we paid attention to the details and took the proper precautions. The students needed calm direction, and that's what the staff did. Hopefully, this will be an isolated case. We'll know more as the days go on, and we'll deal with whatever presents

itself. Nurse Lydia has been in touch with the Board of Health, the Public Health Nurse and is following their recommendations for how to handle the next few days. We're keeping the classes separated and getting close contacts tested. Let's keep working together, asking questions, and supporting each other through this.

Next week, we have regular days of school Monday and Tuesday, a 12:30pm release Wednesday (lunch is served), then no school Thursday or Friday. Enjoy the time off, I'm thankful for what we have here at Rowe, and know we can continue as we are if we all follow the guidelines.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 24th	Early Dismissal at 12:30pm Lunch will be served
Nov. 26th	Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 27th	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 23rd	Early Dismissal at 12:30pm Lunch will be served
Dec. 24th -	Winter Break
Jan. 1st	--
Jan. 3rd	Classes resume





SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Week of Nov. 22nd

Monday

Baked Potato
Broccoli, Chili
Tomatoes, Salsa
Sour Cream
Dinner Roll
Cheese
Fruit, Milk

Wednesday

Ravioli
Green Beans
Dinner Roll
Carrots
Fruit, Milk

Tuesday

Turkey Taco
WW* Tortilla
Tomato, Lettuce
Cheese, Salsa
Sour Cream
Refried Beans
Fruit, Milk

Thursday

NO SCHOOL
THANKSGIVING

Friday

NO SCHOOL
THANKSGIVING BREAK

*Whole Wheat



WINTER DRESS

Please be sure to come to school dressed for the weather. Students need to come prepared for a cold recess outside. A hat, gloves or mittens, warm dry socks (preferably not cotton or short socks), a warm jacket, ski pants, and boots (when needed) enable your child to participate fully and comfortably in school programs. Dressing in layers is best. The nurse's office only has a limited supply of clothing when someone forgets something.

Any extra gloves or mittens would be greatly appreciated. This is the one item of clothing we are short on.



NOT FROM THE HORSE.

There are local opportunities available for children (5-11y/o) and adult community members (12+) to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. The Franklin County VaxBus will be at Hawlemont Regional School (Tuesday, 11/30) and Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School (Thursday, 12/2). We are hopeful in the near future something similar will be made available in Rowe but encourage you not to wait. Thank you. Nurse Lydia

The VaxBus is headed to Franklin County!

The **VACCINE SAVES LIVES** 



Youth ages 5-18 are eligible to get a vaccine!

Register for an appointment by clicking on the school/date of your choice.

Parents/caregivers who need a vaccination or booster are welcome to get a shot at the same time as their child is vaccinated.

Adult community members without children are welcome! Adults without children, please select an appointment slot later in the day.

All three vaccine types (Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson) are available at each mobile clinic.

Hawlemont Regional Charlemont

**Tuesday, November 30
2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Other upcoming mobile vaccination clinics below! Click the school name to register for that clinic

Friday, November 12	Pioneer Valley Regional School (Northfield)	2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Monday, November 15	Federal Street School (Greenfield)	2:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 17	Deerfield Elementary (Deerfield)	12:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Friday, November 19	Sunderland Elementary (Sunderland)	1:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Monday, November 22	Newton School (Greenfield)	2:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 23	Erving Elementary (Erving)	2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Monday, November 29	Sheffield Elementary (Turners Falls)	1:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 1	Dexter Park School (Orange)	1:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 2	Buckland Shelburne Elementary (Shelburne)	2:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Friday, December 3	Leverett Elementary (Leverett)	2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

The Franklin County VaxBus clinics are co-sponsored by the [Franklin Regional Council of Governments](#), MA DPH, and participating local school districts.

