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# *THE Rowe Goal Post*

## August 2024



photo by Stephen Provost



**On Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup> the town of Rowe held its first ever Rowe Summer Social Event.** This event was a compilation of many events in town as well as many boards, departments and private citizens' hard work. Planning for this event began in the early spring and according to many that worked at, played at, and attended thought it was a great event. The day started with a historic talk at the museum about the Hoosac Tunnel, from there a garden tour and vintage car show held the attention of many interested attendees. At the park the Rowe fire truck was parked, and ice cream was given out. The Council on Aging, with the help of many town bakers supplied desserts and drinks to the attendees. A food truck sold out of delicious homemade paninis and the School PTP provided Rowe merchandise. The event ended with music at the beach. There was really something for everyone at the event.

The planning group will regroup in August to start working on their Fall A Palooza event which we hear will include a mac and cheese competition...

Anyone that is interested in working with this group to plan and implement town events can reach out to Molly at the library or Donna at town hall. We would love to work with you towards our goal of community building...



*Summer Social Car Show*





*Tables & Lunch*



*Food Truck*





*Music on the Beach*



*Checking out the new Fire Vehicle*



## Assessor's News

Submitted by Christine Bailey

### Recent Property Transfers (July 2024)

Further details may be obtained by researching the specific deeds at the Franklin County Registry of Deeds website at [masslandrecords.com/franklin](https://masslandrecords.com/franklin)

**HOLBROOK, RACHEL** of Rowe, MA, for consideration of \$280,000.00, grant to **SILVA, EDWARD & LEDGER, LORI** of Rowe, MA, property located at 127 County Road (Map 203 Lot 037) (Bk 8342 Pg 309)

**KELLY, SHERI A.** of Williamstown, MA & **McKAY, KATIE E.** of North Adams, MA, for consideration of \$137,700.00, grant to **HALL, ELIZABETH** of Brattleboro, VT, property located at 50 Pond Road (Map 201 Lot 004) (Bk 8347 Pg 85)

**BEAUMIER, ROBERT P. and VALITSKY-BEAUMIER, DAWN M.** of Rowe, MA, for consideration of \$1, grant to **BEAUMIER, DANIELLE & BEAUMIER, CHRISTIE** both of Rowe, MA, property located at 2 Cyrus Stage Road (Map 201 Lot 023) (Bk 8347 Pg 149)

## Assessor's Meetings and Office Hours

Assessor's meetings are held in person on a roughly monthly basis (as posted) at the Town Hall. Christine Bailey (Assessor's Administrative Assistant) has posted office hours on **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays (8am to 1pm)**. She can be reached in the Assessors' Office at **413-339-5520 x104**, via fax at 413-339-8585 or via email at [assessor@rowe-ma.gov](mailto:assessor@rowe-ma.gov). For additional information please also refer to the Assessor's page on the Town website at [rowe-ma.gov](https://rowe-ma.gov)

### Board of Health

Submitted by Christine Bailey

Have you purchased your FY25 dump tag for use at the Refuse Gardens? The new FY25 tags went into effect on July 1, 2024. The yearly price remains at \$25.00! This includes your FY25 hang tag and 52 bag of stickers. **Please note: After September 1, 2024 the price will be raised to \$50.00 no exceptions unless you are a new residents relocating to town.**

You may continue to purchase your tag and stickers with cash, personal check or money order made out to The Town of Rowe. Also, Rowe has instituted an online form of payment which is on the Home Page of the Rowe Website.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 413-339-5520 x105 or in person at the Town Hall on any Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.





## Rowe Town Library News

Submitted by Molly Lane, Library Director

### HOURS:

**Tuesday 10-5**

**Wednesday 12-8 Thursday 3-7**

**Saturday 10-3**

The Rowe library is developing a Strategic Plan to identify priorities for services and programs over the next 5 years. We would like to find out what your needs and interests are. We will use this information to guide decisions for specific library goals and activities. This survey is voluntary and all ages are welcome to fill it out. Please feel free to skip any questions you prefer not to answer. Whether you use the library or not, your input is valued. **Please find the Survey online at the town website under the library tab, on our Facebook page or you can pick up a hard copy at the town hall or the Library.**

### Programs:

**August 7th @ 4:30 pm** - Last Summer Reading Kids Craft with Ms. Caitlyn

**August 14th @ 5:30 pm** - Summer Reading Program Finale Party - Treats and Grand prizes will be drawn

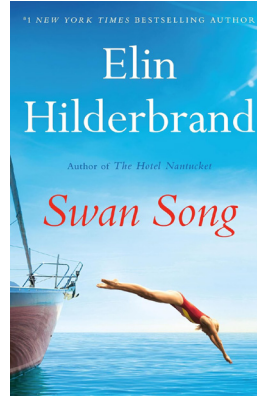
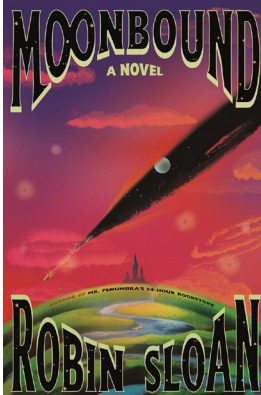
**August 21 @ 6pm-** Adult Craft- Plate Garden Flowers with Becky Bradley  
Bring your old dishes or use ours and create beautiful art for you gardens. Space limited so please call or stop in to sign up.

Contact the library if you would like to be put on our email notifications for programs Rowelibrary@gmail.com

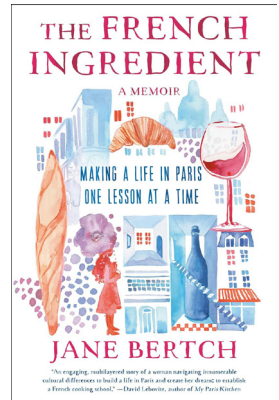
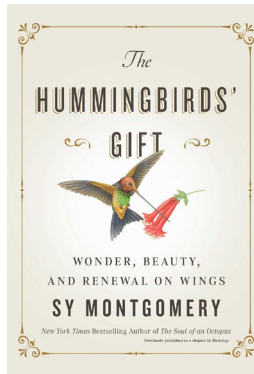
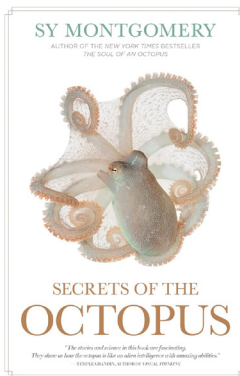


## Some New Books:

### Adult Fiction:



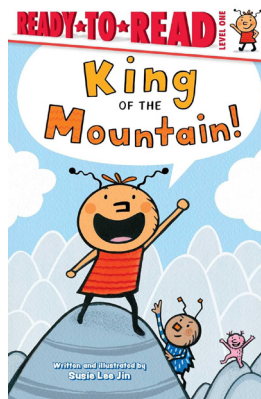
### NonFiction:



### Graphic Novel:



### Kids:





# ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



As we pass the midpoint of summer, it's hard to believe that in less than a month (Wednesday, August 28th if you must know), the halls of the school will again be filled with the happy sounds of children talking, laughing, playing...and learning. It is a time of renewal, when everything seems fresh, and the possibilities are limitless.

This past school year was another exciting one for students and staff at the Rowe School, as we continue to look for ways to engage the students more directly in their learning in a hands-on, inquiry-based way. The 3/4 class continues to make their Outdoor Classroom an amazing space for learning and fun, and the other classes use the space outside the school, and Pelham Lake Park, to get students outside, having fun, and learning. We will be starting our second year with our new Math curriculum, Illustrative Mathematics, that we found to be a real positive for our students and their engagement with, and success in, Math.

This year, we will continue our After School Learning Activities for students. Last year, students experienced everything from art and hiking to crafting and board games. We're looking for any interested adults with a particular subject or activity they would like to bring to our students, who are interested in running a six-to-eight-week, once-a-week after-school activity for students on that subject, whatever it may be. I'll be sending more details out to families soon, but if you think you might be interested, please get in touch. We will also be figuring out what a Rowe soccer team will look like this fall.

Our information packet for families will go out mid-August, please be looking for that.

Despite the fact that things are slower here at the school during the summer, it has definitely not been quiet. Acceleration Academies were held to offer support for students in ELA and Math. Our school secretary, Laurie, and our custodian, Jim, have been working hard to prepare for the first day of school. Teachers will be coming in during the month of August, preparing their classrooms for when the students return. As for me, I'm working to figure out how we can get the community more involved in the school. We'll again have monthly Community Lunches on the last Wednesday of



each month, please join us if you can The PTP is planning an Ice Cream Social for Monday, August 28 at 2:30 at the school...mark your calendar. If you have some advice for me on ways to get the community more involved with the school, or any other topic, please call (413-512-5101) or email (wknittle@roweschool.org). I'd truly like to hear from you.

-Submitted by Bill Knittle



Hello, Rowe folks. I'm looking for some help.

I plan to make a slideshow this summer to show our students how our mascot became the Phoenix. Many (most?) of our younger students have no idea that there even was an old school, or a fire. I'm looking for pictures of the old school, the fire, the construction of the new school, and any interesting shots of the new (now 10-year-old!) school. It won't be scary, just informative. Any pictures (or memories) you could share would be helpful. And if you have any suggestions on who else to contact, that would be appreciated as well.

Thanks in advance.

Bill

Bill Knittle (he, his)  
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413-512-5101  
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Cell 413-446-4949



# A Summer Trip to Rowe at the Turn of the Century

Submitted by Joanne Semanie

Summers in Rowe leave an impression on people, especially young ones. Percy Brown first visited as a little boy in the 1890s. He wrote an essay considered one of his first literary efforts describing his arrival on the stage from Zoar after a day on the train from Concord.

“We lean back with a refreshing sense of rest after the warm day in the train and realize with difficulty that we are really in Rowe – Rowe, the town of hay fields, hill-side pastures with cows quietly chewing their cud – and now and then the tinkle of a bell as a sheep scampers off up the hillside. Everything gives a sense of relief and rest.



*Kings Highway looking towards Zoar Rd.*

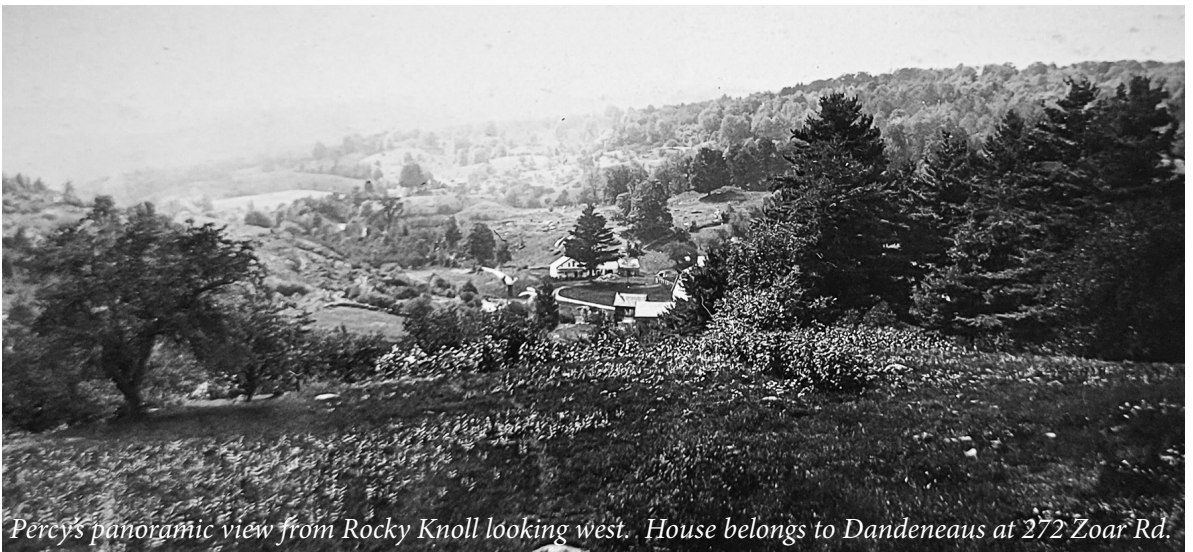


Halfway up we stop at a spring by the roadside and water the horses. Nor do we fail to drink ourselves but sip the most delicious cold and sparkling water that one ever tasted and that too from a coconut shell.



*Rocky Knoll on Kings Highway*

Mile after mile is travelled as the air becomes cooler and more bracing till finally, we reach the last climb, at this pitch we feel so fine that we jump out and run up it. We soon are on the steps of Rocky Knoll with its vast panorama before us and the long road which we have just climbed winding in and out down the valley."



*Percy's panoramic view from Rocky Knoll looking west. House belongs to Dandeneaus at 272 Zoar Rd.*



**-Vitamin Joy-**

One of the most important goals in life should be feeling and expressing joy. I propose a column devoted to raising joy in ourselves, our family, town and further. We welcome all stories you would like to share that inspire joy and kindness that you have experienced.

Please submit your stories, ideas, lists, recipes, or memories to:  
[adminasst@rowe-ma.gov](mailto:adminasst@rowe-ma.gov)

Summer on the Front Porch  
**Submitted by Sarah Stine**

Cool mornings  
Hot Days

Tiger Lilies  
Maple Trees  
Lamp Post  
Bird House

Wrought Iron Hitching Ring  
Bright orange bike helmet

Sun Shining  
Rain Pouring  
Paint peeling

Coffee  
Popsicles



photo by Abby Lively

## PELHAM LAKE PARK NEWS



**Free yoga classes at the Rowe town beach!** Come enjoy the peacefulness and serenity of yoga on the beach with our certified instructor. Classes will take place on the following Saturdays from 8:30-9:30 AM: August 3rd and 10<sup>th</sup>. Bring a towel, mat, or blanket to place on the sand. Enjoy a refreshing start to your week-end!

submitted by Laurie Pike

## Kemp-McCarthy Museum

### Schedule 2024

**2nd & 4th Saturdays**

**10 am - 2 pm**

**August 10, 24**

**September 14, 28\***

**\*hike and lunch**





***\*\*Keep Summer Cruising from your Council on Aging\*\****

In July the COA held its monthly ***Third Thursday Coffee Morning*** in combination with the Park's Senior Picnic at Pelham Lake Park. Wow! What a great day- so many friendly smiling faces, wonderful BBQ meal put on by the park staff and scrumptious desserts from the COA. ***SAVE THE DATE for a second Senior Picnic/COA Coffee morning collaboration on August 15<sup>th</sup> from 11am-1pm at the Pelham Lake Park Pavilion!***

***The Council on Aging would like to SINCERELY thank all residents who baked/donated baked goods to our dessert table at the Rowe Summer Social. What a wonderful turnout at the event and a beautiful community to be a part of!***

- ❖ ***Walking Club*** with Kelle Quist and Rachel Lewis is a continuation to our 'get moving' initiative. The walking club will run each Monday in August starting August 5<sup>th</sup> at 10am. The walk will be an hour long of moderate intensity so make sure to bring good walking shoes. Don't forget bug spray/bug net and a water bottle. MEET AT THE TOWN HALL! No need to sign up- just show up!
- ❖ ***September 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Coffee Morning*** will bring advocates from the National Grid who are willing and ready to answer questions about bills, offer advice to lower energy bills, and council residents about potential programs residents may be eligible for- please bring a recent energy bill with you! There will of course be delicious baked goods and coffee/tea for all!
- ❖ ***There is so much more to come this fall from your COA- please keep up to date with robo-calls and through the goal post to make sure you know what's going on!***

submitted by Rachel Lewis



*The senior picnic at the park*



*Walking club- meets every Monday 10am at the Town Hall*



## **Mosquitoes**

Here is a crazy statistic to make you feel itchy all over- There are over 150 species of Mosquitoes in North America and over 3000 species in the entire world! Most adult mosquitoes spend the day in damp, shady areas where they can find protection from the sun. They need water to lay their eggs in and plants to hide in, so they are usually found around water and plants. Mosquito eggs are laid on water or damp soil where the young mosquitoes grow and develop. When they become adults, they leave the water and fly away. The life of an adult mosquito is quite short- most female mosquitoes live for less than 2 weeks and most male mosquitoes live for less than a week, but depending on conditions, they can live up to 8 weeks. Female mosquitoes are the only ones that bite because they use the blood to make their eggs. Some mosquitoes carry viruses that are transmitted with a bite, which can make people and some animals sick. In Massachusetts, the diseases linked to mosquitoes are West Nile virus (WNV) and eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) virus. Both of these viruses can be deadly and if survived can leave lasting neurologic disability due to the inflammation of the brain that they cause. For more info on these viruses please visit: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/mosquito-borne-disease-prevention>

Throughout the summer, mosquitoes are routinely trapped and tested for diseases across the state. The prevalence of mosquitoes carrying disease tends to increase as the summer passes. By mid-July of this year, mosquitoes in Eastern Mass have tested positive for both West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE). Public health officials are keeping an eye out for increased EEE activity this summer because there was mild winter, above average rainfall, and there was EEE activity last year. Follow this link to check out the risk map of mosquito activity in Massachusetts. <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-arbovirus-update>

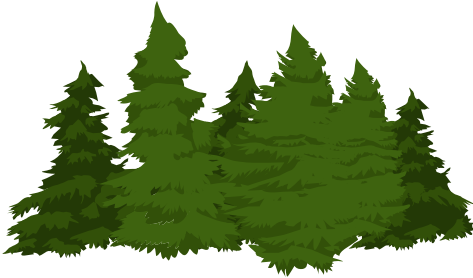
The good news is that WNV and EEE are rare and only a small number of mosquitoes are infected at any given time, so being bitten by a mosquito does not mean you will get sick. However, the best way to avoid EEE and WNV is to PREVENT mosquito bites.

### **Prevention tips:**

- ☐ Use insect repellents any time you are outdoors
- ☐ Wear long-sleeved clothing
- ☐ Schedule outdoor activities to avoid the hours from dusk to dawn during peak mosquito season
- ☐ Repair damaged window and door screens
- ☐ Remove standing water from the areas around your home

# Help Prevent Tick Bites!

**\*\*Come Get Your Shoes Or Boots Sprayed\*\***



**When:** Tuesday, August 20th from 3-6pm

**Where:** Town Hall Parking Lot

**What to bring:** Shoes and/or boots that are used frequently for walking or hiking (1-3 pairs)

**\*\*Community members will bring their shoes, (which are placed in a container) and sprayed with permethrin, a chemical naturally found in chrysanthemum flowers. The shoes will then be handed back to folks in a paper bag, to dry overnight. As their shoes get sprayed, it would be an opportunity to chat informally about ticks and provide handouts/resources, etc.**

Permethrin is odorless and colorless, once it is dried. The treatment lasts for weeks at a time so it would be helpful for summer hiking or walking.

Although spraying shoes is not a particularly hazardous undertaking, it can seem intimidating due to the use of chemicals. Every safety precaution will be undertaken to make this a pleasant (and successful) experience for all!

**Any questions??? Please contact the Town Nurse at 339-5520 ext 107**

-Submitted by the Town Nurse



Thank you to all the Rowe residents and friends who have favorably commented on the flower planters we have placed around town. We've also planted many perennials in various areas. We appreciate and welcome all feedback and will do our best to accommodate them. The Beautification Committee has been busy watering all the plants in town which this summer has been a daily task. Despite the heat and humidity, everything is blooming and surviving.

As always, we welcome any folks who would like to join us on our committee so please contact any member if you might be interested. Members are Cyndie Stetson, Virginia Gary, Dawn Beaumier, Ann Greico, and Danielle Beaumier.

Also, the Rowe Summer Social garden tour was a success and we are interested in having another one next year. If you would like to be on the tour please let Cyndie Stetson 413-339-4231 know. The hours of the tour would be extended with a few additional gardens available.

Again, thank you for your support.

-Cyndie Stetson

#### A note from Paulette and Reed

So me and Paulette have been busy this summer. With the youngest daughter Graduating College congratulations Morgan Roccio on receiving a Bachelors degree from UVM .

And the oldest daughter getting Married  
Congratulations to Madison and Issac Sissum .

As always, The proud Parents.

Just a Reminder Reed and Paulette are trying  
To find a way to Open the Church back up  
and Keep it going for another generation.  
People are welcome to Visit The facebook page  
RoweCommunityChurch and request to join .  
Ph# 413-663-1299 email reedbrown10@yahoo.com

## August Birthdays

- 1 - Henry Dandeneau
- 2 - Doris Fensky
- 2 - Norma Denson
- 4 - Nicole Denouden
- 3 - Virginia Gary
- 6 - Lenny Laffond
- 6 - Raymond Boutwell
- 7 - Frank Wheeler
- 8 - Ellynn Packard
- 8 - Brianna Vega
- 13 - Elizabeth Palmer
- 13 - Richard Hamilton
- 13 - Linda Avery
- 14 - Robin Booth
- 14 - Rebecca Angstadt
- 16 - Raymond Wilson
- 18 - Robert Boyd
- 20 - Jay Williams
- 22 - Andrea Crowningshield
- 23 - Christine Bailey
- 24 - Presley Veber
- 24 - Daniel Wessman
- 25 - James Sousa
- 25 - Eugene Donovan
- 27 - Kyle Shippee
- 27 - Rebecca Katz
- 30 - Herbert Butzke
- 31 - Jeanette Crowningshield

If you would like to add or remove a name from this list, please contact me at:  
[GoalPostEditor@gmail.com](mailto:GoalPostEditor@gmail.com)

## Town Departments

The Town Hall is Open Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm (413) 339-5520

Position/Dept.	Ext #	Email Address	Hours
Town Administrator	100	<a href="mailto:townadmin@rowe-ma.gov">townadmin@rowe-ma.gov</a>	Mon-Thurs 9am-4pm
Admin Assistant	101	<a href="mailto:adminasst@rowe-ma.gov">adminasst@rowe-ma.gov</a>	Mon-Thurs 9am-4pm
Town Accountant	102	<a href="mailto:accountant@rowe-ma.gov">accountant@rowe-ma.gov</a>	By Appointment Only
Town Clerk	103	<a href="mailto:townclerk@rowe-ma.gov">townclerk@rowe-ma.gov</a>	Tuesday's 6:00pm-8:00pm
Board of Assessors	104	<a href="mailto:assessor@rowe-ma.gov">assessor@rowe-ma.gov</a>	Tues-Thurs 8am-1pm
Board of Health	105	<a href="mailto:boh@rowe-ma.gov">boh@rowe-ma.gov</a>	Tues-Thurs 8am-1pm
Treasurer	106	<a href="mailto:treasurer@rowe-ma.gov">treasurer@rowe-ma.gov</a>	Mon, Wed, Thurs 9am-4pm
Tax Collector	106	<a href="mailto:collector@rowe-ma.gov">collector@rowe-ma.gov</a>	Mon, Wed, Thurs 9am-4pm
Town Nurse	107	<a href="mailto:nurse@rowe-ma.gov">nurse@rowe-ma.gov</a>	Mon, Wed, Thurs 8am-4pm
DPW	111	<a href="mailto:dpwhighway@rowe-ma.gov">dpwhighway@rowe-ma.gov</a>	Monday – Friday 6:30a-2:30p
Fitness Center	149		Mon, Wed 9am-11am/4pm-6pm

## Emergency Services

Position/Dept.	Ext #	Email Address	Hours
Fire Chief	112	<a href="mailto:firechief@rowe-ma.gov">firechief@rowe-ma.gov</a>	Thursday's 2pm-8pm
EMD	112	<a href="mailto:firechief@rowe-ma.gov">firechief@rowe-ma.gov</a>	Thursday's 2pm-8pm
Police Chief	113	<a href="mailto:policechief@rowe-ma.gov">policechief@rowe-ma.gov</a>	Wednesday's 5pm-8pm

**Town Library (413) 339-4761**  
[rowelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:rowelibrary@gmail.com)

Days	Hours
Tuesday	10am-5pm
Wednesday	12pm-8pm
Thursday	3pm-7pm
Saturday	10am-3pm

**Transfer Station (413) 339-0216**  
[boh@rowe-ma.gov](mailto:boh@rowe-ma.gov)

Days	Hours
Wednesday	7am-10am & 4pm-7pm
Saturday	8am-2pm
Sunday	8am-Noon

## Elementary School (413) 512-5100

Name/Position	Ext. #	Email
Principal, Bill Knittle	1	<a href="mailto:wknittle@roweschool.org">wknittle@roweschool.org</a>
Secretary, Laurie Laffond	2	<a href="mailto:llaffond@roweschool.org">llaffond@roweschool.org</a>
Nurse, Lydia Brisson	3	<a href="mailto:lbrisson@roweschool.org">lbrisson@roweschool.org</a>



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