



How can we help our inner city children when schools continue to fail them? Who offers practical helps that have been tested and proven effective? *Fantastic Voyage* offers a helpful and hopeful tool for educators at every level. It also serves as a guide for communities to know how to better love and serve their neighbors and advocate for sustained improvement in their local school systems. Lee Roland believes every child deserves the best. He shares his experience at Tulakes Elementary to inspire educators to passionately work to ensure that EVERY child succeeds—regardless of color or class—and to encourage communities to fight for a quality public education for ALL children.

Lee Roland's Bio

Mr. Lee Roland is the husband of 39 years to Wanda Roland, father to Irving and Chanel and grandfather to, 1 year old, Elliott Brown. Lee recently retired after 30 years in public education, 25 of which in administration. Perhaps most gratifying to him are his last 12 years as the proud principal of Tulakes Elementary, a high poverty, high diversity and once failing school (by every significant indicator) that was completely turned around under his leadership. Because of the culture and staff that remains, Tulakes is now among the best schools in Oklahoma City.

Over his celebrated career, Mr. Roland served in the Oklahoma City Public School as well as the Putnam City School District. In addition to enjoying great success as a special education teacher, principal, and superintendent liaison, Lee has spoken and presented at countless venues, conferences, and workshops across the state and country, particularly with regards to effectively addressing diversity, poverty efficacy and motivation.

Finally, while also endeavoring on a number of city, civic and community boards, mostly involving the welfare of children, Mr. Lee Roland is a motivational speaker; a school, church and business consultant, especially regarding race; Pastor at The Parish in OKCs Plaza District; and an adjunct professor of sociology at Southern Nazarene University where he strives to help future administrators prepare to truly "*Leave no child behind.*"