

ROCK RIDGE ELEMENTARY

Rock Ridge Review

October 2023

400 Heritage Avenue, Castle Rock, CO 80104

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Principal Message

Dear Rock Ridge Families,

Thank you everyone for your generous support of our Fun Run fundraiser this year. What a huge turnout and with your generous contributions we will be able to install a new digital marquee. Thanks again to our PTO for organizing this event and a huge thank you to our supportive community.

The marquee, (sample image inclosed), will be double sided and will bring Rock Ridge into the 21st century. We are looking forward to sharing communications with all of you and our building engineer, Richard, is very excited not to have to brave the cold to place the letters onto our current signage.



Historically, we have hosted a Thanksgiving lunch here at Rock Ridge with families joining us for a huge feast. Unfortunately, the school district does not have enough resources to support a community lunch this year and thus, we will only be able to serve students and staff a Thanksgiving lunch on Wednesday November 15th.



The town of Castle Rock has started road construction on Enderud Blvd between Heritage Ave and N. Carlton St. with east and west bound lanes periodically closed to one lane. **PLEASE REMIND WALKERS TO USE THE TUNNELS UNDER ENDERUD FOR SAFETY!** The construction project is expected to last through the month of November.



Thanksgiving break is just around the corner and winter weather is here. Be sure to use this link for updates on school closures and late starts due to [severe winter weather](#).



Election day is quickly approaching. Be sure to turn in your ballot by November 7. Find a ballot box or voting location near you and track your ballot at www.DouglasVotes.com.

FAQs

There are many answers to Frequently Asked Questions available on the DCSD funding website. [See FAQs here](#).

There are a variety of infographics on the DCSD funding site that you are welcome (and encouraged) to share with your school community. [Find them here](#).

Thank you everyone again for all of your support. Our staff and I greatly appreciate you, our community. Sincerely,

Mr. Mosby, Principal
Rock Ridge Elementary



HOURS

First Bell: 8:30 am
School Begins: 8:35 am
All Dismiss: 3:30 pm
AM Kinder: 8:30-11:15
PM Kinder: 12:45-3:30

Principal: Peter Mosby
Assistant Principal: Julie Roach





RRE Calendar

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, October 31 - HALLOWEEN

- Orchestra @ 7:30
- Green Team @ 8:00
- Band @ 3:45

Wednesday, November 1 - Thanksgiving Meal Box Requests DUE

- Archery @ 3:45

Thursday, November 2

- Climbing Club @ 7:15-8:20a
- Orchestra @ 7:30
- Band @ 3:45

Friday, November 3 - Professional Development Day - No Students

November 5th - Daylight Savings

November 7th

- News Crew @ 3:35

November 20-24: Thanksgiving Break

December 25-January 5: Winter Break

January 8: Teacher Work Day

January 9: First Day Back with Students

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Counselor's Corner



School attendance is so important. Boosting school attendance lays the groundwork for academic success and lifelong learning. Especially in elementary school, consistent attendance is crucial for fostering academic confidence. [Here](#) are some tips about improving attendance and some facts about why on time attendance matters. [DCSD Health Guidelines for Attendance](#)

School breaks can often create hardships for families who rely on the free breakfast and lunch. As we anticipate a week long Thanksgiving break and more time off for the winter break, I want to remind families of local community resources. Click [here](#) for lists of community health, food, employment, child care, and other assistance. The [Front Range Food Pantry](#) and the [Faith Lutheran Food Pantry](#) have been gracious supporters of Rock Ridge Elementary.

If you would like to request a holiday meal box, please contact me via email. dtmcknight@dcsdk12.org. The Thanksgiving meal box order deadline is November 1st and you will need to pick it up at Rock Ridge Elementary the week of November 13th. December holiday meal box order deadline is December 1, 2023 and you will need to come to Rock Ridge Elementary to pick it up the week of December 11th.

The Colorado legislature has earmarked millions of dollars to provide every kid in the state with a free evaluation and 3 free counseling sessions. Please [see this link for](#) details on the imatter program. Any child over 12 can self refer by filling out a survey, and all kids under 12 need their parents to do it.

Dawna McKnight, RRE School Counselor, dtmcknight@dcsdk12.org

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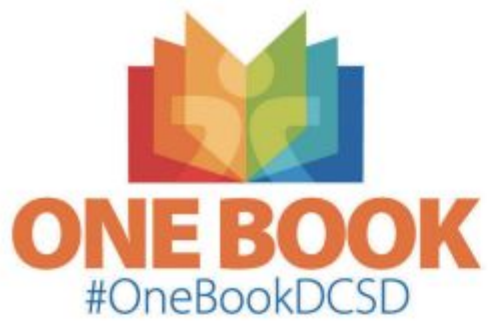
Facts about what is done with the books when picked up from the bins

- The books that can't be repurposed are appropriately recycled. Most commonly they get made into either paper board or paper.
- The books that can be recirculated, are either given to a charity(children's books only), sold by us, or wholesale.
- We use funding from the bins to provide free recycling to the school that hosts the bin (the entire DCSD school district if 15 schools participate) and to fund giving a \$50 monthly credit to school teachers. The credit can be used by every teacher once a month at our in-person bookstore located at 4455 Grape St. Denver,



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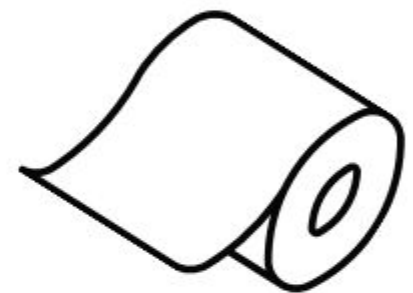
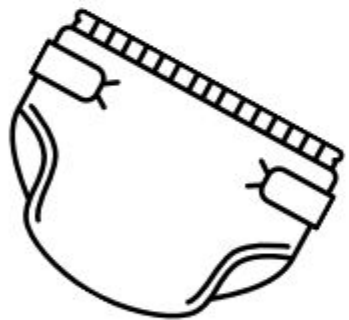
DCSD Districtwide Community Toiletry Drive

Caring for others is a major theme in our One Book One District selection, *Becoming a Good Creature* by Sy Montgomery. DCSD is sponsoring a toiletry drive and all donations will benefit SECOR CARES, a local nonprofit.



WE NEED:

- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Diapers
- Baby Wipes
- Hand, Body, & Bar Soap
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Facial Tissues
- Toilet Paper
- Deodorant
- Hand/Body lotion
- Chapstick



Students - please bring donations to your school library

COLLECTION DATES: October 1 - November 16

The elementary, middle, and high school that collects the most toiletries will be awarded \$500 in books for their library!

For more information



Raising Royalty

Royal Crest Dairy is partnering with your school! Sign-up for our home delivery service using your code [RRERR](#) to receive 20% off your groceries. Royal Crest Dairy will then donate \$100 to your school.

Share with your family and friends! Donations accumulate with each new customer and fund local education and extra-curricular activities in your community. Support your school and enjoy Royal Crest Dairy's fresh dairy and Colorado Proud products!

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here!*



Please reach out to rockridgepto@gmail.com if you have any questions!

Celebrating Students

5th

WALKING FIELD TRIP TO MITCHELL CREEK

We wrapped up our 1st planner with a field trip to Mitchell Creek Canyon. Students participated in the “Amazing Race” as they explored and investigated many organisms in various ecosystems right in Castle Rock’s backyard.



Celebrating Students



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

6th grade got to go to SNow Mountain Ranch for their Annual Outdoor Education Trip. Students learned survival skills, made new friends, and explores the outdoors.



Celebrating Students



BIRDS

1st grade students have been exploring how animals use their external parts to survive. They had the opportunity to do a project where they simulated how birds with various types of beaks use their beaks to eat many different types of food.



PARTY SAFARI

As part of our IB planner, Sharing the Planet, first graders enjoyed an in-house field trip with Party Safari. Party Safari provides students the opportunity to explore and learn more about various exotic animals in a hands-on setting.



SPECIALS SPOTLIGHT



On 10/7 the Choir participated in the DCHS Choir Feeder Festival held at Mesa Middle School. The event included singing, Q&A sessions and games with the middle/high school students and ended with a combined performance in front of friends and family. It was a wonderful day of music and the kids represented Rock Ridge beautifully!



Games and Q&A session.



CELEBRATIONS:

Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept 15-Oct 15)

Hispanic Heritage Month offers a wonderful opportunity to explore Hispanic culture, pick up some Spanish language skills, or immerse yourself in the works of Hispanic and Latino authors. There are various engaging activities you can partake in during this time, such as watching informative videos about the significance of celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month or indulging in some creative crafting like making bracelets or earrings with a Hispanic touch. This month holds great significance, making it a perfect occasion to honor and celebrate Hispanic culture.

By Brinley Burman



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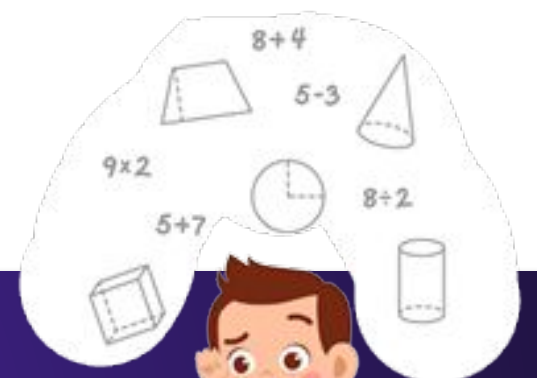
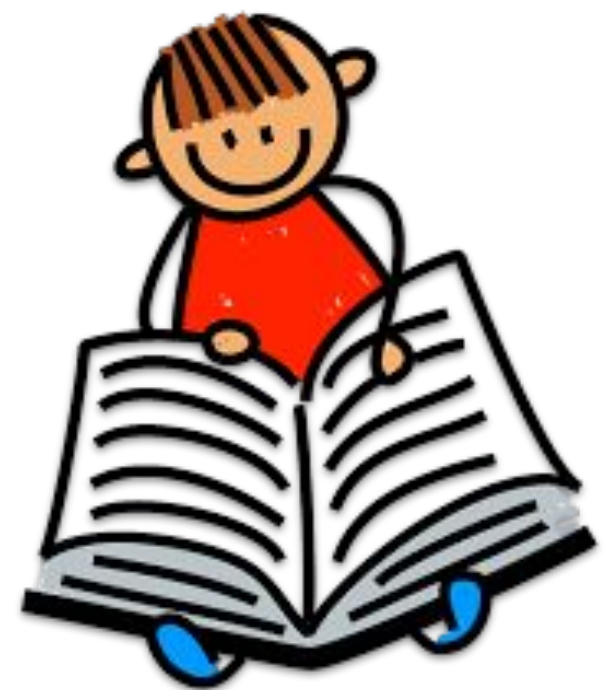


STUDY TIPS:

An essential aspect of effective studying is the use of a daily or weekly to-do list, which can significantly enhance your productivity. Additionally, employing a calendar or planner can further aid in organizing your tasks and schedule. Another valuable strategy is rising early to tackle your workload. Furthermore, reading more can have a positive impact on your performance in all subjects.

By: Mila Cer

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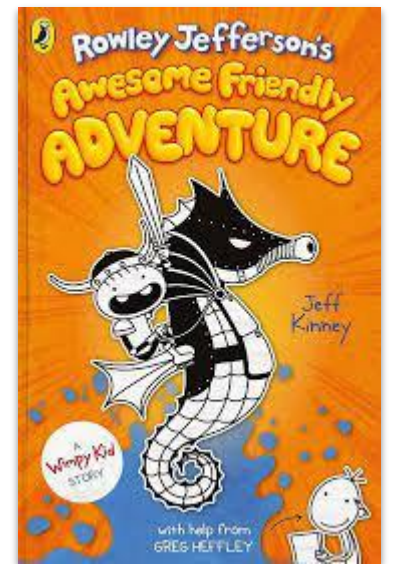
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BOOK REVIEW

Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Adventure

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"Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Adventure" is an entertaining and imaginative book that takes readers on a delightful journey through the wild and wacky world of Rowley's storytelling. As a spin-off from the popular "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" series, this book offers a fresh perspective through Rowley's eyes.

Rowley's quirky and innocent narration adds a unique charm to the story, making it relatable to young readers while delivering humor that appeals to all ages. The adventures within the story are filled with clever references, absurd humor, and delightful surprises that keep the reader engaged.

Jeff Kinney's writing is as witty and engaging as ever, and the book cleverly explores the power of imagination and friendship. It's a light-hearted and fun read that celebrates the joy of storytelling, making it a perfect addition to the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" universe. "Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Adventure" is a book that will leave readers with smiles and a renewed appreciation for the magic of storytelling.

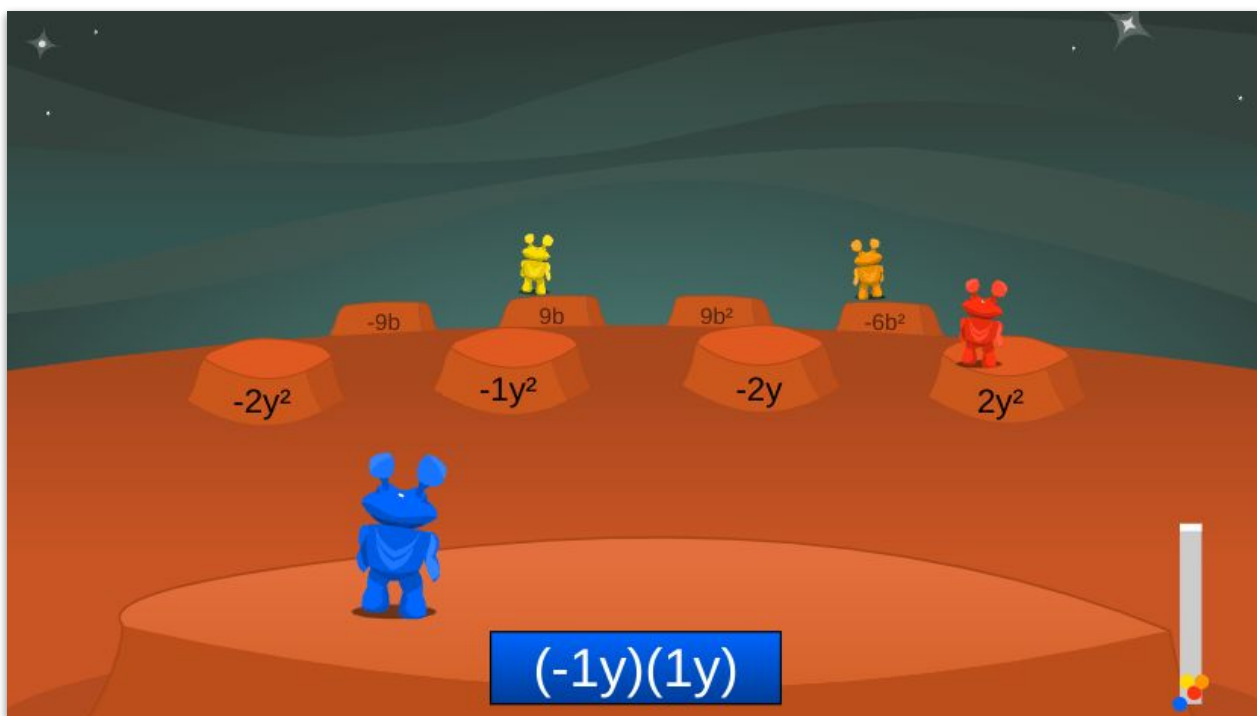
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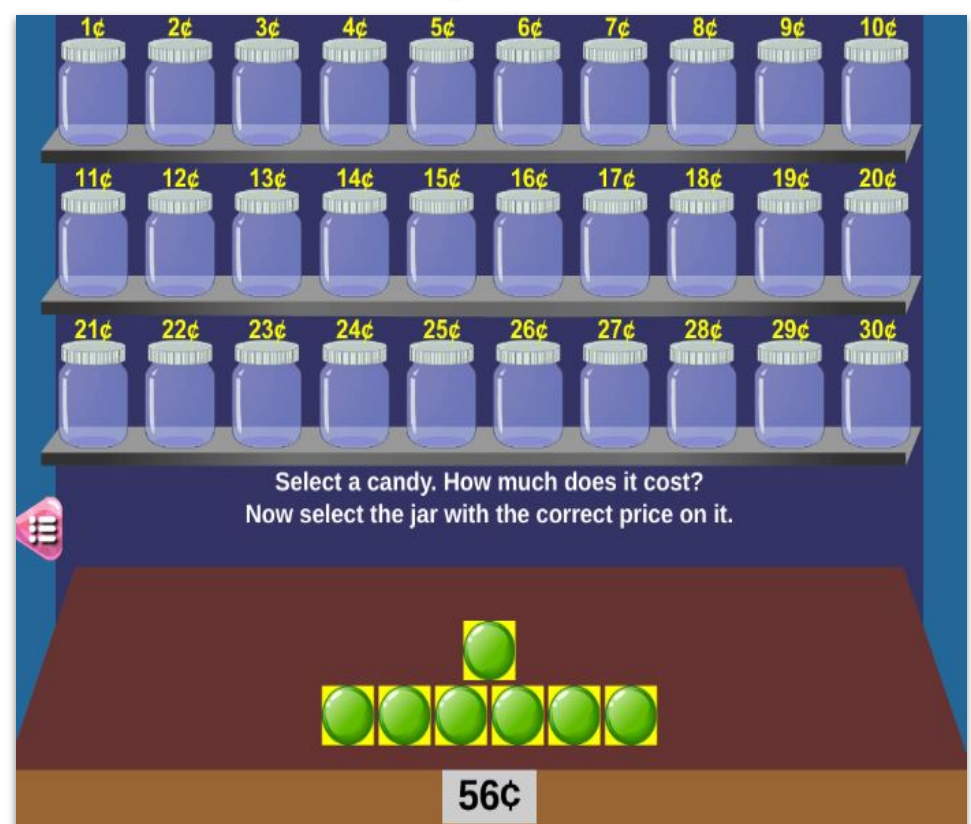
EDUCATIONAL GAMES



The game is known as "Jumping Aliens." In this game, players employ positive and negative elements to outpace their fellow Aliens in a race to the finish line. Players can monitor the progress of other Aliens and the positive and negative factors that require multiplication. Upon reaching the finish line, a timer initiates, compelling those who haven't made it to hurry, avoiding being in the last place.

Introducing "Candy Challenge," a brain-teasing game that tests your mathematical prowess to determine the candy's destination. In this game, your objective is to locate the jar with the precise cents value, allowing you to progress to the subsequent level. As you advance in this game, the challenges become progressively more complex.

By Chase Burger



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COMICS & RIDDLES

INSPIRATION



What's a skeleton's
favorite instrument?
A trom-bone.

"Autumn carries more
gold in its pocket than
all the other seasons."

JIM BISHOP



War and Peas



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Pumpkin Maze

Can you make it through the maze?



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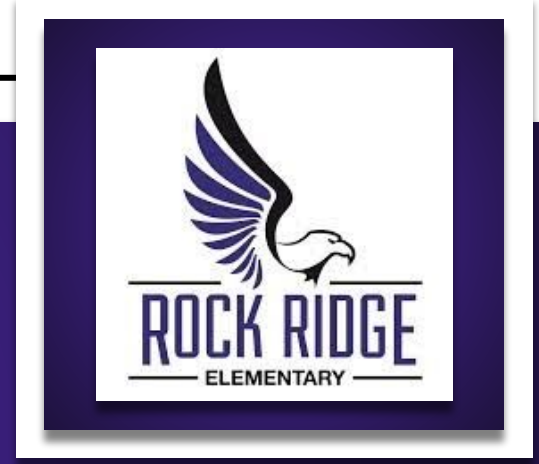
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INQUIRING MINDS

"Why do we carve pumpkins?"

Carving pumpkins for Halloween is a tradition with historical and cultural roots. The practice of carving pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns is believed to have originated from Irish and Scottish traditions. Here's a brief explanation of the tradition:

- **Folklore and Legend:**** The tradition can be traced back to an Irish myth about a man named Stingy Jack, who was known for his deceitful and cunning ways. Jack managed to trick the devil, but his behavior led him to be neither welcome in heaven nor hell after his death. As a result, he was condemned to roam the Earth with only a burning coal inside a carved-out turnip to light his way. People in Ireland and Scotland began to carve their own versions of these "jack-o'-lanterns" to ward off evil spirits.
- **Harvest Season:**** Halloween falls during the harvest season, and pumpkins were readily available in North America. The pumpkin's large size and ease of carving made it a suitable replacement for the traditional turnips and other root vegetables used in the past.
- **Decoration and Festivity:**** Carved pumpkins were used to decorate homes during the Halloween season, both as a way to symbolize protection from malevolent spirits and to add a festive, spooky atmosphere to the celebrations.
- **Evolution of Tradition:**** Over time, the practice of carving pumpkins has evolved into a creative and artistic tradition, with people carving intricate and elaborate designs. It has become a popular family activity and a way for individuals to express their creativity during the Halloween season.

Today, carving pumpkins is an integral part of Halloween festivities in many countries, and it has become a fun and creative way to celebrate the holiday. People often compete in pumpkin carving contests, and the designs can range from traditional spooky faces to more elaborate and artistic creations.



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