



ROCK RIDGE ELEMENTARY

ROCK RIDGE REVIEW

400 Heritage Avenue, Castle Rock, CO 80104

December 2020

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Principal

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Attendance Line
303-387-5152

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303-387-5150

Weather Closure
303-387-SNOW

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

School Website



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Note from the Principal, Mr. Mosby

Dear Rock Ridge Community:

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving this past month. For myself, I smoked my first turkey for my family and although it does look a little “dark”, underneath the skin it turned out great! 😊



Christmas break is right around the corner and our big celebration is making it through the 2020 year. I am sure that I am not alone in optimistically looking forward to next year.

At this time, we are planning on returning to Rock Ridge full time, with staff arriving January 4th, 2021 and students arriving January 5th. We are looking forward to some long-awaited normalcy.

Should you have any questions, concerns or celebrations, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you and have a Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,
Peter Mosby, Principal



Mark Your Calendar, Important Dates to Remember

December

Dec 16th 11-12pm & 4-5pm
Hot chocolate drive thru party

Dec 17th Rink at the Rock Spirit Night

**Dec 18th - Jan 4th No School
Winter Break**

January

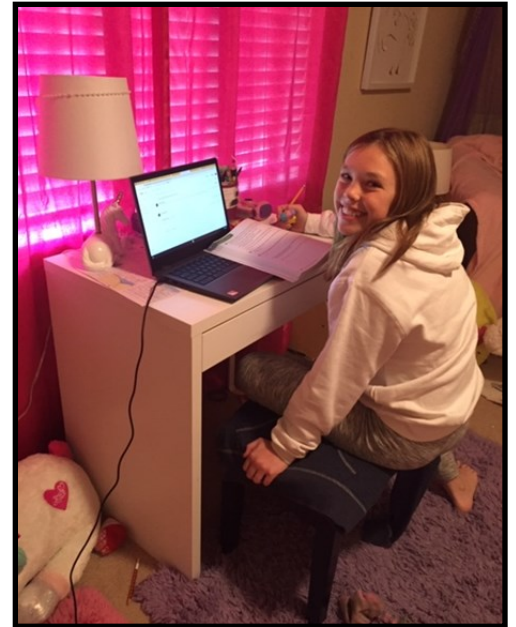
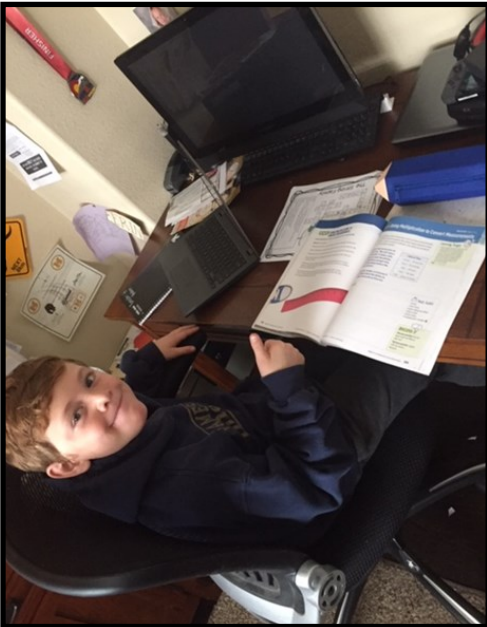
Jan 12th 6:00pm
PTO Meeting (Zoom)

Jan 21st All Day
Chick-fil-A Spirit Day

Celebrating Our Students!

Remote Learning

Way to go, RRE students for continuing to work hard during extended remote learning! And a HUGE thanks to our amazing teachers and staff who continually do everything they can for our students during this unpredictable time. We appreciate you!!



Get your kids the math help they need!

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- ✓ Stop and rewind the teacher until you get it
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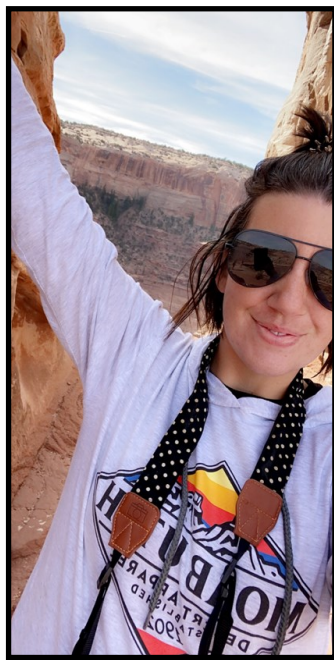
Happy Holidays



New Staff Member Spotlight

We have several new staff members at RRE this school year, so each month someone new will be recognized so that our families can get to know our amazing staff a little better J.

Meet Allie Hocking, RRE's new 4th grade teacher!



Hey ya'll. I'm Allie Hocking, a recent transplant from Montana. Although new to Colorado, I am very familiar with and now beyond lucky to be a part of the Rock Ridge family, where I get to teach and work with my mom and best friend, Mrs. Bostwick. I have two sons, Lincoln who is in first grade here at Rock Ridge, and Wellington who is in preschool. I'm lucky to have a husband that has taken over the stay-at-home duties and helps with the virtual learning while I am teaching. When we are not at school we enjoy camping, rafting, fishing, and pretty much any excuse to adventure outside. Our family bucket list is to travel to all the National Parks and raft the Grand Canyon.

Hot Chocolate Party!

The PTO is hosting RRE's first ever
Drive-thru Hot Chocolate Party!

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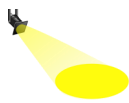
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Drive-thru
HOT
Chocolate
PARTY

hosted by
ROCK RIDGE PTO

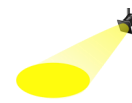
WED. DEC. 16
11-12 OR 4-5

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DRIVE THROUGH TO PICK UP A HOT COCOA PACKET, A
CANDY CANE, AND A SMALL CRAFT FOR EACH KIDDO IN
YOUR FAMILY! [RSVP HERE!](#)



Specials Spotlight



Gym

6th-2nd Grade: During our remote learning we will be learning about the 5 components of fitness. Flexibility, strength, endurance, cardiovascular endurance, and coordination.

K-1st Grade: During remote learning students will be bowling, rolling, striking, catching, and throwing! And also learning how to tie their shoes if they have not already mastered that skill!

Spanish

Feliz Navidad! Maligayang Pasko! Wesołych Świąt! Merikurisumasu! Buon Natale! Fröhliche Weihnachten! Joyeux Noël!

Merry Christmas greetings from around the world from students in Spanish class! During December the students explored the different winter celebrations around the world. They researched the celebrations, traditions, and foods that make these celebrations special.

Music

Mrs. Eads registered our school for a Virtual Field Trip to The Nutcracker! Students and families are welcome to attend anytime during the week of Dec 11-18.



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**Rock Ridge Elementary
Virtual Field Trip
The Nutcracker with Southern California Ballet
week of December 14-18.**



LINK:

www.PowayOnStage.org/vft-nut

Password: Nut2020

The full field trip will take about an hour and 45-minutes to two hours to complete. The detailed breakdown below includes approximate times of each component of the Virtual Field Trip, in the order that they are presented. The field trip can be completed in a single day or over several days – it is up to you. All sections are pre recorded and you have unlimited access to the field trip between December 14 - 18th

- Nutcracker Time Machine – the History of the Nutcracker (8 minutes)
- Virtual Tour of the Poway Center for the Performing Arts (10 minutes)
- Narrated, shortened version of the full Nutcracker Ballet (36 minutes total)
 - o Act 1 – 18 minutes
 - o Act 2 – 18 minutes
- VAPA Extension Activities
 - o Design a costume (templates provided) (10 minutes)
 - o Learn choreography – 4 dance tutorials are included (appropriate for boys and girls)
 - § Party Children Dance (11 minutes)
 - § Toy Soldier Dance (10 minutes)
 - § Chinese Tea Dance (8 minutes)
 - § Spanish Chocolate Dance (8 minutes)
 - o Pantomime demonstration – how to tell a story without words (7 minutes)
 - o Play Nutcracker Rhythms (10 minutes)
- Show What You Know Worksheet (7 minutes)



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Box Tops

We will not be conducting the Box Tops competition between classes this year, but will continue collecting Box Tops. Please remember to scan all of your receipts!

For more information about Box Tops for Education as well as instructions for downloading the app, go to:

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/>.

Rockets B.A.S.E.

Rock Ridge is proud to present the return of Rock Ridge Rockets Before and After School program (Rockets B.A.S.E. for short). This program provides a fun and relaxing way for your students to start or end their in person learning days on site here at Rock Ridge Elementary. Your kids have the opportunity to play gym games, participate in crafts, and learn in a safe, professional environment right here at their own elementary school.

Hours of operation daily are 6:30am-8:30am and 3:30pm-6:00pm, Monday through Thursday, and they are now offering Full day care on Fridays from 7:00am to 5:30 pm! They will do their best to facilitate your students' online learning on Fridays as well!

Lastly, they also provide full day care during breaks and school closures, such as the **November 3rd** Professional Development. If you think you may need care for your children, or just have a few questions, please visit them at <https://sites.google.com/dcsdk12.org/rock-ridge-base>. Or feel free to reach out to the program Manager Josh Schaner. He can be contacted at jschaner@dcsdk12.org or 303-549-7283 with any inquiries! They look forward to hearing from you and hope you have a wonderful day!

International Baccalaureate

Each month we focus on an IB Learner Profile and *Inquirer* is our focus for the month of **December**.



Students who are Inquirers are curious about the world. They can conduct research independently. They love learning and discovering new things and will carry this love of learning with them throughout life.

How can parents help to develop students who are Inquirers at home?

- Encourage areas of your child's interest by visiting the library to borrow books that explore these topics.
- Develop an understanding of the Internet. Work with your son or daughter when the Internet is being used and try to instill the understanding that some Internet sites are not reputable.
- Model being an inquirer. Admit when you don't know the answer to a problem or a question and seek out answers in front of your child.



Mesa Middle School

PASSPORT TO MESA

January 14, 2021

Time: 5:15 pm to 7:30 pm

Dear Future Mesa Families,

Mesa Middle School is hosting PASSPORT to MESA

What is Passport to Mesa?

Passport to Mesa is a *virtual* open house that will give current 5th grade students (from Sage Canyon Elementary School and South Ridge Elementary School) and 6th grade students the opportunity to visit Mesa and explore all of the wonderful courses, programs, organizations, sports, and activities that make Mesa such a wonderful place!

About Mesa Middle School:

Mesa is a building with roughly 1000 students in 6th, 7th and 8th grade. We are a school that follows the guidelines set by the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program. Mesa Middle School is a positive learning environment that inspires students to develop greater roles of responsibility to succeed as globally minded learners, inquirers, and communicators.

What is the IB Middle Years Program?

The IB MYP provides a framework of learning that encourages students to become creative, critical, and reflective thinkers. The MYP emphasizes intellectual challenges; encouraging students to make connections between their studies in traditional subjects and the real world. The IB MYP fosters the development of skills for communication, intercultural understanding, and global engagement – essential qualities for young people who are becoming global leaders.



Please see the following pages for:

- **the schedule;**
- **how to participate; and**
- **what information will be shared.**



**The links and informational videos
will be added in the next few weeks.**

Email Tony Jackowski at ajjackowski@dcsdk12.org with any questions.

Overview:

Passport to Mesa is a chance for you to hear from your student's future teachers as well as ask questions. All sessions will be virtual. Please see the Google Meet links below to meet the Mesa staff.

Departments, Clubs and Services Videos - Watch On Demand:

Staff will share an overview of the student experience including curriculum, experiences and special projects.

Live Sessions Starting at 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Staff and teachers will be available to answer questions during the times listed below via Google Meets. Links for each team and department are listed below.

Administration

Tony Jackowski, Building Principal Shawn Muir, Assistant Principal Brent Sheffield, Assistant Principal	Link to On Demand Video: A pre-recorded session providing information	Google Meets Link for Live Q/A 5:15 pm
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Core Academic Cores

Department	Link to On Demand Video (pre-recorded overview presentations)	Google Meets Link for Live Q/A 6:00 pm Please choose either Google Meet Link.
Language and Literature	Link to L&L On Demand Video	Google Meet Link Google Meet Link
Math	Link to Math On Demand Video	Google Meet Link Google Meet Link
Individuals and Societies	Link to I&S on Demand Video	Google Meet Link Google Meet Link
Science	Link to Science On Demand Video	Google Meet Link Google Meet Link
Wellness	Link to Wellness On Demand Video	Google Meet Link Google Meet Link

Elective Courses

Department	Link to On Demand Video (pre-recorded overview presentations)	Google Meets Link for Live Q/A 6:00 pm Please choose either Google Meet Link.
Performing Arts	Link to P.A On Demand Video	Google Meet Link
Design	Link to Design On Demand Video	Google Meet Link
World Languages	Link to World Language On Demand Video	Google Meet Link Google Meet Link
Innovation and Design	Link to Innovation and Design On Demand Video	Google Meet Link
Special Service Providers		
Department	Link to On Demand Video (pre-recorded overview presentations)	Google Meets Link for Live Q/A 6:00 pm
Special Education SSN	Special Education (SSN) LINK to On Demand Video	Google Meet Link
Special Education Mild Moderate	Special Education (MM) LINK to On Demand Video	Google Meet Link
Special Education AN	Special Education (AN) LINK to On Demand Video	Google Meet Link
6th grade Advisement	Advisement On Demand Video	Google Meet Link
Dimensions in Literacy and Math	DIL/DOM On Demand Video	Google Meet Link
ELD	Link to ESL OnDemand video	Google Meet Link
Gifted and Talented	Link to GT On Demand video	Google Meet Link
Counseling	Link to Counseling On Demand Video	Google Meet Link
Clubs and Special Programming		
Club	Link to On Demand Video (pre-recorded overview presentations)	Google Meets Link for Live Q/A 6:30 pm

Sports - Track Cross Country Tackle & Flag Football Volleyball Basketball Wrestling	Link to Sports On Demand Video	Google Meet Link
ROAR	Link to ROAR On Demand Video	Google Meet Link
National Junior Honor Society	Link to NJHS On Demand Video	Google Meet Link
NYC/DC Trip	Link to NY/DC On Demand Video	Google Meet Link
School Resource Officer	Link to SRO On Demand Video	Google Meet Link
EF Tours	Link to EF On Demand Video	Google Meet Link
International Baccalaureate (IB)	Link to IB On Demand Video	Google Meet Link
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