



# ROCK RIDGE ELEMENTARY

# ROCK RIDGE REVIEW

400 Heritage Avenue, Castle Rock, CO 80104

APRIL 2021

## Note from the Principal, Mr. Mosby

**Peter Mosby**

Principal

**Julie Roach**

Assistant Principal

**Attendance Line**

303-387-5152

**Office**

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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Hello RRE families:

Spring is here and with that comes our April showers and severe weather. I am including a reminder of what our new severe weather practice is with Covid so PLEASE review prior to our next lightning storm.

Severe Weather and Lightning (**NEW COVID LIGHTNING PROCEDURES**)

In situations where the weather is severe or the threat of lightning exists, Rock Ridge will hang a yellow flag on the front flagpole. Teachers will hold children in their classrooms. Parents need to park and come to the students' respective entrances/exits IF you desire to acquire your student prior to the severe weather ending. **Parents can sign their students out at different exits around the building, depending on grade level.**

- **Ms. Poalillo (Kindi), Pre-school and SSN will be checked out at their outside classroom doors.**
- **AN, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be checked out at the playground doors.**
- **Gilbert & Grider (Kindi) along with 1<sup>st</sup> grade will check out at the 1<sup>st</sup> grade door (southside doors)**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade will check out of the gym doors by the parking lot.**
- **4<sup>th</sup> grade will check out of their classroom doors in the mobiles.**

Parents should provide the classroom teacher with an emergency release form that indicates alternate adults that can pick up students in the event of emergency/severe weather. Rock Ridge students will not be released to middle or high school students during severe weather dismissals. Buses will be held until safe to transport students. Walkers and bikers will be released once the severe weather has passed.

If you have any questions please contact the office so that we can further explain the new safety procedures.

We had our first virtual student lead conferences recently and the feedback was that it was well received and a success. Thank you all for your understanding and working with staff so that your students could celebrate their success.

I want to give a big thank you to Lydia Goodland, Paula Graham and Alexous Montoya who served on the PTO board for the past six, two and two years, respectively. Thank you for your service, dedication and support of Rock Ridge. Under your watch we have grown as a community and a school for the betterment of our students. I look forward to working with the new board in the coming years.

In closing our last day of school for students is May 25<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will be in the building on May 26<sup>th</sup> to close out reports and prepare classrooms for summer cleaning. After this date no one will have access to the building for the rest of the summer as they begin the Bond construction improvements for Rock Ridge. This is exciting because we will be returning to Rock Ridge in the fall to a new roof, HVAC system, some new floors, cabinets and more. Thank you, Rock Ridge families, for passing the bond that made this possible.

Sincerely,

Peter Mosby  
Principal, Rock Ridge Elementary

## Mark Your Calendar, Important Dates to Remember

### April

April 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:00-7:00pm PTO meeting (Zoom)
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	No School Teacher Comp Day
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	No School Professional Development Day
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Smart Cow Spirit Day!

### May

May 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:00-7:00pm PTO Meeting (Zoom)
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	4:00-5:30pm Book Swap
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Lat Day of School!
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	3:00-4:30pm Kona Ice

### Celebrating our Students!

Spring time means baseball! Several of Mr. Rasavage's 5<sup>th</sup> grade students have been enjoying baseball during recess.



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## 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 ☺.

Hi! I'm Jenny Prestin and I work at RRE as a Kitchen Assistant. I started in March 2019 and I absolutely love the school, staff and awesome students. I earned a BA in English from Cal State Fullerton and an Advanced Culinary Certificate from Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, CA. My favorite job after culinary school was working as a pastry chef at a local fine dining restaurant. My husband Scott and I have 2 children, James (10) and Leah (8.) We've lived here in Castle Rock since 2014 and love enjoying all the outdoor activities Colorado has to offer—especially skiing, paddle boarding and camping.



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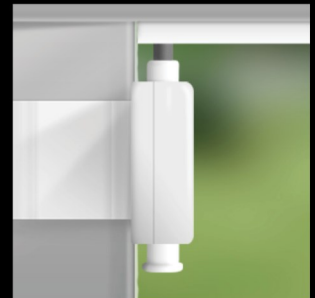
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## RRE Kindness Week!

Mark your calendars! April 26-30 will be RRE's Kindness Week Celebration! During this week we will be

**KINDNESS WEEK**  
Be the "I" in Kind  
April 26-30, 2021

**Mon, April 26**  
Get comfy with kindness - PJ Day!  
Say hello and smile to someone you don't know!

**Tues, April 27**  
Don't turn your back on kindness - Backwards Day!  
Give someone a thoughtful compliment.

**Wed, April 27**  
Eagles choose to be kind - Wear your NEW RRE shirt!  
Write and deliver a kind note.

**Thur, April 27**  
We are TIED to kindness - Tie Dye, neck ties, bow ties, etc.  
Pick up a piece of trash from the ground.

**Fri, April 27**  
Hats ON to kindness - Wear a hat!  
Bring a non-perishable food item for a food bank.

## Smart Cow Spirit Day!



**You get some, we give some.**

**Tuesday, April 20th**

We are excited to partner with  
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Come anytime from 1-9pm!

**TREAT YOURSELF** at this event to celebrate your school community! Enjoy dozens of flavors of frozen yogurt, ice cream and toppings. Weigh and pay, and part of your purchase will be donated to your school to support student learning.

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**Tdap Letter for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders****COLORADO****Department of Public  
Health & Environment**

To: Parents/Guardians of students enrolled in Colorado schools  
From: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Immunization Branch  
RE: Tdap vaccine required at 6<sup>th</sup> grade entry

January 9, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In Colorado, students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade are required to get the tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) vaccine before they start school. See [www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/schoolrequiredvaccines](http://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/schoolrequiredvaccines).

Tetanus is a rare, non-contagious disease that can cause painful muscle tightening and stiffness; people can get tetanus through a cut or wound. Diphtheria is a rare, contagious disease that can cause breathing problems, heart failure, and other serious issues. Pertussis, or whooping cough, is a very contagious disease that can cause severe coughing spells, difficulty breathing, and other serious issues, especially in infants, toddlers, and other people who have weakened immune systems. Adolescents who get pertussis can be sick for up to three months.

A Tdap dose administered at 10 years of age counts as the adolescent Tdap dose and meets Colorado's 6<sup>th</sup> grade Tdap requirement: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/dtap.html>

If your student does not receive Tdap vaccine and does not meet Colorado's 6<sup>th</sup> grade Tdap requirement, a Certificate of Medical Exemption or an annual Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption must be submitted to the school: [www.colorado.gov/vaccineexemption](http://www.colorado.gov/vaccineexemption). This will assure that your student is in compliance with the Colorado school immunization law and be allowed to attend school.

For questions or more information, contact [cdphe.dcdimmunization@state.co.us](mailto:cdphe.dcdimmunization@state.co.us).



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## Important PTO Information

This April the PTO will be hosting their Board elections for all board positions, President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Fundraising Coordinator. The Communications Liaison will be filled by a staff member. Each position holds a 2 year term and all job descriptions can be found on the school website. Due to term limits and student ages the majority of the current board will not be able to reapply. This means we are looking for all new parents who are ready to join this amazing and active organization. If you are looking to become more involved, want to support your kids, support your teachers, and build amazing relationships this is the BEST way to do it. Please contact Lydia Goodland at [rockridgepto@gmail.com](mailto:rockridgepto@gmail.com) for more information or a Board application.

*Lydia Goodland*  
*Rock Ridge PTO President*

## Specials Spotlight

### Gym:

K-6th Grade: Students will have a two-sport week coming up. We will be learning about lacrosse and volleyball during our next week of PE.

Field days are quickly approaching. This year we will be stretching out field day over three days, May 17th-19th. Students will be participating during their specials time each day. Parents are encouraged to attend to support their student(s), but must stay on the other side of the playground fence...similar to the Rock Ridge Run last fall. Also there is an opportunity to help support the PE program, we will be selling field day t-shirts prior to field day. Coach Lentz is still waiting on pricing, more information should be available the week of April 19th. All funds raised will be used for future PE purchases. T-shirts will be available in youth and adult sizes. Look for more information from your classroom teacher soon.



**Spanish:** ¡Hola! ¿Cómo estás? During the month of April, the students in Spanish will be learning about and identifying emotions and feelings. They will identify what makes them feel a certain way.

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## International Baccalaureate

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

Students who are Reflective know what their strengths and areas to improve are. They try to think about these things, and they make changes where they can. They give thoughtful consideration to their own learning and consider their personal strengths and weaknesses in a constructive manner.

### *How can parents help to develop students who are Reflective at home?*

Spend some time reviewing your child's report card with them. They should have the opportunity to look at this document and consider it as well. Discuss it with them and truly consider their thoughts on their strengths and areas for improvement.

Consider the goals that your child could set for the next term. Make a list not only of the goals, but of specific actions that can be taken to achieve these goals. You might want to list action that your child will take independently as well as action parents will take to support them. For example, if one of the goals your child sets for herself is to improve her writing, her action might be to keep a journal and write in it for at least 10 minutes each night. As a parent, you might decide that the two of you will participate in shared writing, for 30 minutes each week and produce a book of narratives together.

Consider your child's Learner Profile Self-Assessment that came home as part of the report card. This is a significant section of the formal report card that is often overlooked. Ask your child to clarify this part of the report card for you and explain why she rated her performance the way she did. Can she give an example of an area in which she is particularly strong? How does she know that this is a strong point? Can she set specific goals for improvement in other areas?