



# ROCK RIDGE ELEMENTARY

## ROCK RIDGE REVIEW

October 2019

**Peter Mosby**  
Principal

**Julie Roach**  
Assistant Principal



**Attendance Line**  
303-387-5152

**Office**  
303-387-5150

**Weather Closure**  
303-387-SNOW

**2019-2020**  
**School Calendar**

**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

### *A Note From the Principal*

Dear Rock Ridge Community:

I hope this letter finds you well as we approach Halloween and our annual Monster Mash/Haunted Maze celebration which will be held on October 25th from 5-7. You can also find this and other events on the website calendar.



The Run 4 Rock Ridge was again, another huge success! Students duct taped Mr. Lentz and I as part of their reward for raising a specific amount for the fundraiser and for the first time ever we were suspended off the ground, held up only by the duct tape! Thank you, Mrs. Goodland, for having painter's coveralls to wear during the event. She has saved us from the unfortunate experience of having tape tearing off the hair on our arms after the event is over. J

By the time this is released fall break will have come and gone. I hope everyone had a safe and restful week and are ready for the upcoming holiday

excitement!

Finally, remember to check the district website, call the district weather line (303.387.SNOW) or check with local news for school closures. Keep in mind that school begins at 8:30am so please do not drop your children off (especially the young ones) before 8:20am. The school does not have supervision for lineup prior to this time and thus, you could be placing your child at unnecessary risk. This is especially true if your children are not dressed properly for inclement weather. Our students go outside for recess when the weather is above 20 degrees so please plan accordingly.

I hope you had a safe and wonderful break.

Sincerely,

Peter Mosby, Principal





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## QUICK LINKS

Book Club  
Choir  
Green Team  
Spanish Club  
Student Council  
Student Lighthouse Team  
Yearbook Club

(Click on the Team/Club to  
go  
directly to their website)

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## *Important Dates/ Mark Your Calendar*

### October

October 14th-18th	<b>No School Fall Break</b>
October 21st (7:45-8:25am)	Guardians of the Gadgets meeting (grades 1-3)
October 21st (7:45-8:20am)	Minecraft Club
October 23rd (8:30-11:30am)	Picture Retakes
October 24th (3:45-4:30pm)	Spanish Club
October 25th (5:00-7:00pm)	<b>RRE Monster Mash Dance</b>
October 28th (7:45-8:20am)	Minecraft Club

### November

November 4th (7:45-8:20am)	Minecraft Club
November 7th (3:45-4:30pm)	Spanish Club
November 11th	<b>No School: Teacher Professional Development Day</b>
November 12th (3:45-4:45pm)	SAC Quarterly Meeting
November 12th (6:00-7:00pm)	RRE PTO Meeting
November 14th	Chick-fil-A Spirit Day! (all day)
November 18th (7:45-8:20am)	Minecraft Club
November 21st (3:45-4:30pm)	Spanish Club
November 25th-29th	<b>No School: Thanksgiving Break</b>

## Celebrating Our Students

### Pizza/Dodgeball with Dad

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Watch D.O.G.S. Pizza and Dodgeball Night! It was a fun night for students to have one on one time with their Dads, Grandads and Uncles.

Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) is the father involvement initiative of the National Center for Fathering that organizes fathers and father figures in order to provide positive male role models for students and to enhance school security.

Anyone interested in joining the Watch D.O.G.S. program should contact Brittany Shiner (Volunteer Coordinator) at [bshiner@dcsdk12.org](mailto:bshiner@dcsdk12.org).



## 2019 Fall Family Festival

Oct. 12-13, 19-20, & 26-27  
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## Star Lab



Students had the opportunity to take a trip through space thanks to the Star Lab. They were able to view the 2017 total solar eclipse, all of the planets, and some classes watched the movie "To the Moon Again" (Star Lab Google X Project).



## Mike Nelson visited Rock Ridge!

Chief Meteorologist, Mike Nelson, from Channel 7 News visited RRE! He talked about tornadoes, thunderstorms, jet streams, and more! The students had a great time learning about weather, asked lots of questions, and loved seeing themselves on the news that evening.



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**Gym: 3rd-6th Grade:** We will begin a unit called "Project Fit America". Students will participate in cardiovascular activities where they earn cups to create/build structures during class. We will focus on teamwork, cooperation, and communication during the unit.

**K-2nd:** We will begin a throwing and catching unit. Students will learn proper throwing form, and a few strategies to successfully catch.

**Art:** Hello Parents, your student's Original Works packets were sent out last week. Please have your child return them to school if you would like to purchase them. The last day to order is October 10th so please send them in either before or on the 10th! Also, don't forget a portion of the proceeds gets put into the art department to buy more art supplies!

**Music:** In Music class, we are continuing our exploration of musical systems through the IB Transdisciplinary theme, "How We Organize Ourselves". **K-2** is working on rhythms and singing songs, **grades 3-4** are working on playing Ukuleles, reading the treble clef and strumming beats and rhythms; **5th grade** is learning how to read music and play the guitar; **6th grade** is learning how to read the grand staff and play songs on the piano.

**Join or Rock Ridge Choir at Mesa Middle School on Tuesday, October 29th at 6:00 pm. We will be performing with our feeder schools, Mesa and Douglas Co High School Choirs!**

**Spanish:** **Hispanic Heritage Month is from September 15 - October 15.** Members of the Spanish Club have researched famous Hispanic people and have presented their research to the school during morning announcements. We have learned about famous artists, filmmakers, astronauts, dancers, and singers who are all Hispanic.

During October, students in Spanish class will be learning to identify the different parts of the body in Spanish, as well as learning descriptive adjectives. They will be describing themselves, family members or other people.

  
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**RRE Digital Citizenship Spirit Week****October 7-14, 2019**

**Monday “Relationships & Communication”** - We’re all part of a digital team - wear your favorite sports team shirt.

**Tuesday “Digital Footprint & Reputation”** - Create a positive digital footprint – Wear your crazy socks and/or shoes.

**Wednesday “Creative Credit & Copyright”** - Giving credit and copyright protection – Dress in identical (copy) outfits with one or more of your friends.

**Thursday “Internet Safety”** – Super Safe Digital Citizen, keeping kids safe online and offline - Dress up as your favorite superhero.

**Friday “Privacy & Security”** – Wear RRE’s spirit wear.



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## The Box Tops Incentive Program

We are super excited to announce an all new Box Tops incentive program!!

Starting now, each month will have 2 grades compete AGAINST each other. For example, October will be 6th Grade vs. 5th grade. The grade that wins will get treats!

We will continue our year long Box Tops class competition so the class that brings in the most from Oct 1 to April 30 will receive a pizza party and the epic Box Tops trophy!!

Make sure to give credit when using the Box Tops app. Simply enter your teacher's name and grade. Please continue to send in paper Box Tops in plastic baggies with your child's teacher's name on it.

Lydia Goodland  
Rock Ridge PTO President



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**B.A.S.E.**

Rock Ridge is proud to present the 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 day 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 in their own elementary school. Hours of operation daily are 6:30am-8:30am and 3:30pm-6:00pm.

B.A.S.E also provides full day care during breaks and school closures, for example we will be here for Fall Break from October 14th through the 18th. We will be visiting Anderson Farms, Adam's Mystery playhouse and taking your kids to see a movie! Days start as low as \$34 a day and they operate 6:30am - 6:00pm all break.

If think you may need care for your children, or have general questions, please visit them at the Rock Ridge B.A.S.E. Website. 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!

**Make a difference, Volunteer!**

If you are interested in volunteering in your child's classroom or would like to help with a school wide event, please contact Brittany Shiner at [bshiner@dcsdk12.org](mailto:bshiner@dcsdk12.org). Your precious gift of time provides much needed assistance to our amazing teachers and allows you to actively participate in our children's academic success. **THANK YOU!**

**Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:**

- We can always use an extra hand in the **Library!**
- Book Fair

**Keep in mind, you are always welcome to stop by and have lunch with your student(s)!**







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## International Baccalaureate



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

Students who are CARING want people around them to be happy and are sensitive to their needs. They think about the world and work to take care of their community and the environment. They remember to treat others how they themselves would like to be treated. Caring people make friends easily. As Anais Nin, the French born American author of novels and short stories says, "Each friend represents a world in us, a world possibly not born until they arrive, and it is only by this meeting that a new world is born."

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

- Model the caring behavior you would like to see in your child all the time. Your child has big eyes and ears and notices everything you do. Using kind words, helping people without being asked, being an active listener all show your child that you care about people. Even a simple thing, like holding a door for someone, shows your child that you are aware of others around you and want to help them.
- Think about how your family can get involved with community organizations.
- Reduce, Reuse & Recycle. Make the effort to establish these habits in your home. By developing children who care about the environment, you are helping the future of the globe.
- Smile.
- After reading a book, spend some time considering how the people in the book acted. Was someone in the book caring? All of the time or just some of the time? Were all of the characters in the book caring or just some of them? Some books to consider:

Lily's Purple Plastic Purse , Kevin Henkes  
The Giving Tree , Shel Silverstein  
Yertle the Turtle , Dr. Seuss  
The Grouchy Ladybug , Eric Carle

## WATCH D.O.G.S.



Calling ALL Dads, Stepdads, Granddads, Uncles, and Brothers!

Ever feel like you want to get involved with your kid's day but not sure how? **Watch D.O.G.S.** is an innovative program focusing on education and safety in schools by using the positive influence of fathers and father-figures.

You can be a positive role model and provide an extra set of eyes and ears for our students' safety by:

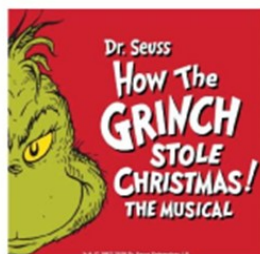
- Monitoring the school's property
- Working one on one in small groups
- Reading
- Flashcards
- Lunch and recess
- Or whatever needs to be done to **PLANT SEEDS OF SUCCESS**

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