



 Douglas County School District

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## ROCK RIDGE REVIEW

December 2017



December 22<sup>nd</sup>  
**No School:** Teacher  
Work Day

December 25<sup>th</sup>-Jan 5<sup>th</sup>  
**No School:** Winter  
Break

January 12<sup>th</sup>  
**No School:**  
Professional  
Development Day

January 15<sup>th</sup>  
**No School:** MLK  
Day

**Weather Closure**  
303-387-SNOW

**2017-2018**  
**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

## Note From Mr. Mosby, Principal . . .

Dear Rock Ridge Community:

Thanksgiving is behind us, and thanks to Student Council and our very own PTO, eight families were able to enjoy the holiday with their own basket of food, including a gift certificate from King Soopers. Thank you to everyone who participated in the canned food drive to help families in need.



The fundraising rock in front of the school, made possible by Barbara Berndt, has been a huge success. The creativity of our parents continues to impress everyone as well as the diversity in the messages. Thank you again Barbara for making this happen.



Rock Ridge continues to spend money to invest in our students' futures by sponsoring in part the cost for DC Downbeats, a program that promotes the development of instrumental music education for both Orchestra and Band. Along with the other DCHS feeder schools, Rock Ridge helps pay for the instructor of the program. If your child is interested in learning an instrument, please visit the [DC Downbeat Elementary Orchestra web page](#) for more information.

Sometimes I make really cool discoveries about parents in our community and what they do as a hobby, profession, or their story. A while back I discovered that a parent has this passion for photography. As an amateur photographer myself I was naturally intrigued. What a surprise to discover just how amazing his work is. If you too enjoy photography as much as I do, check out this site. I think you will find it enjoyable and will be amazed. <https://www.krsmithphotography.com/>

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### Note From Mr. Mosby, Principal . . .

The Rock Ridge Archery club is doing great so far this year in anticipation of the state tournament that starts in January. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders can join the archery club starting December 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am in the gym. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade archery club will meet every Monday until the end of the season. Be sure to complete the [archery permission slip](#) prior to attending on Monday. There is a \$10 fee for supplies.



To ensure the safety of our students and staff, the Castle Rock Police Department has increased traffic monitoring around our school. They have begun issuing citations for traffic violations and parking in handicap areas (several citations have been issued). Please remember to follow all traffic laws and respect the parking areas designated for our visitors who have special parking needs.

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



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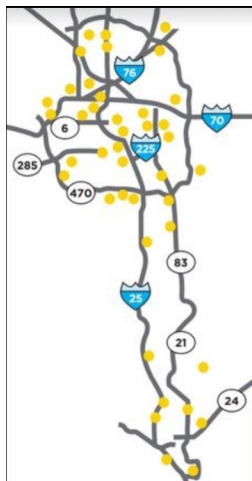


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[Student Lighthouse Team](#)  
[Yearbook Club](#)

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

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December 11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	STUCO Candy Cane Sales
December 11 <sup>th</sup> (7:30-8:20am)	Archery Club (3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> grades)
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	STUCO Caroling
December 12 <sup>th</sup> (7:30-8:20am)	Archery Club (5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> grades)
December 14 <sup>th</sup> (7:30-8:15am)	Guardians Meeting (4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grades only)
December 14 <sup>th</sup> (7:45-8:20am)	Guitar Club
December 14 <sup>th</sup> (3:30-4pm)	Book Club
December 14 <sup>th</sup> (4pm)	Choir: Caroling for Cans
December 15 <sup>th</sup> (7:45am)	Choir Club
December 18 <sup>th</sup> (7:30-8:20am)	Archery Club (3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> grades)
December 19 <sup>th</sup> (7:30-8:20am)	Archery Club (5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> grades)
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	RRE Chick-fil-A Spirit Day!
December 21 <sup>st</sup> (3:30-4pm)	Book Club
December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>No School:</b> Teacher Work Day
December 25 <sup>th</sup> -Jan 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No School:</b> Winter Break
January 8 <sup>th</sup> (7:30-8:20am)	Archery Club (3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> grades)
January 9 <sup>th</sup> (7:30-8:20am)	Archery Club (5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> grades)
January 9 <sup>th</sup> (6-7pm)	PTO Meeting
January 11 <sup>th</sup> (7:30-8:15am)	Guardians Meeting (1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> grades only)
January 11 <sup>th</sup> (3:30-4pm)	Book Club
January 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No School:</b> Professional Development Day
January 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No School:</b> MLK Day
January 16 <sup>th</sup> (7:30-8:20am)	Archery Club (5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> grades)
January 18 <sup>th</sup>	RRE Chick-fil-A Spirit Day!
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January 18 <sup>th</sup> (3:30-4pm)	Book Club



## Celebrating our Students!

### Veterans Day Assembly

Our Veterans Day Assembly was on November 10th. It was a wonderful afternoon honoring those who have served our country. Thank you to those who attended and participated in the assembly, and thank you especially to all of the Veterans!



### Thanksgiving Lunch

Our Thanksgiving lunch was a big success again this year. Thank you to all of the families who joined our students

for this fun tradition! Also, a BIG thank you to Robin Chadwick and the lunch staff for the delicious meal and

thank you to our volunteers and WATCH D.O.G.S. for all of your help!



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## Wonder

Last year, all 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes read the book **Wonder**, and since it is now a motion picture, these students (now 6<sup>th</sup> graders) had the opportunity to go see the movie together on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The next day they compared and contrasted the book and the movie. The teachers were very proud of the exemplary behavior these students exhibited during the movie. They received several compliments from others in the theater. Thank you 6<sup>th</sup> graders!



## Kindergarten Registration



### Kindergarten Registration 2018/2019

#### Registration Dates/Time

December 12<sup>th</sup> From 9am-2pm

December 14<sup>th</sup> From 9am-2pm

Please Call or e-mail Aubrey Jackowski for information:

303-387-5157, [aljackowski@dcsdk12.org](mailto:aljackowski@dcsdk12.org)

**ALL** of the listed are required at time of registration:

- Full completed and signed registration packet (On RRE website)
- Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residency (full signed lease, warranty deed, deed of trust, notarized letter, tax notice)
- Immunization (state law required)

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## Specials Spotlight

Our Choir will be caroling at the Castle Rock Walmart on December 14 from 4:30 - 5:30.

We will be collecting goods for the Douglas County Task Force. Please stop by to sing along and show your support!

[Specials Rotation Calendar](#)

## Yarn Donations

Mrs. Eads (Music teacher) is looking for yarn donations for Recorder Karate. Any color. She can even use old remnants of unused yarn laying around the house. Please bring your donations to the front office. **Thank you!**

## B.A.S.E.

Looking for childcare? How about Douglas County's very own co-curriculum program B.A.S.E. (Before and After School Enterprise).

Throughout the years, B.A.S.E. has provided children with a safe, learning, and friendly environment! B.A.S.E. is offered before school, after school, and all day (on specific days where students do not attend school). Children may pick from several different areas to enjoy their time including: the gym, playground, Tech Lab, and the Craft Club in the cafeteria. Homework Club is also encouraged!

More information can be found online at <https://sites.google.com/a/dcsdk12.org/rockridgebase/> or you can contact Johnathan Hawkins (Program Director) at [jhawkins1@dcsdk12.org](mailto:jhawkins1@dcsdk12.org).



## 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!**

**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 **Communicators** is our focus for the month of **December**.

Students who are Communicators are able to think and communicate in more than one language. They can express their ideas by speaking, drawing and writing. They can also communicate using mathematical language and symbols.

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

- Encourage your child to stay in touch with relatives and friends who live in other countries by writing letters, using the phone or sending email.
- When working on mathematics homework, encourage your child to explain his/her answer to you orally or by drawing a picture.
- Ask your child thought provoking questions and encourage them to discuss them with you. For example:
  - o What would you do if you were scared of someone at school?
  - o Is there anything you cannot buy with money?
  - o Should you get an allowance? Why or why not?

Work with your child to improve his/her listening skills. Being a good listener is an important part of communicating with others.

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## Library opens at 8:20am!

Good news! In conjunction with our students being able to enter the school building at 8:20am in the morning, we will have the library open from that time. Students will be able to check out books and/or return their books before getting to their respective classrooms.

## Download our RRE Mobile APP today!

The RRE mobile app is an important communication tool that helps us better serve our RRE families.

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Staff directory

School Closures and Delayed start

Lunch menus

School newsletter

Social Hubs

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**Key Dates** - Applications will be accepted October 1, 2017 until January 12, 2018. Grants will be announced and presented between April 1 and May 15, 2018.

**Grants** - CenturyLink will award approximately \$145,000 across Colorado. Grants range from \$500 to \$5,000.

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For more information, contact:  
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## Watch D.O.G.S.

Calling ALL Dads, Stepdads, Granddads, Uncles, 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**

### A Big Thanks to those who have already volunteered as WATCH D.O.G.S. this year:

Aaron Edwards	Collin Cacchione	Sean Graham	Charles Flether III	Brandon Juenger
Cliff Waite	Gary Clayton	Art Rodriguez	Christopher Parkins	Daniel Gallegos
Clinton Ellerbe	Trey Walters	Zach Utsler	Don Trujillo	Kevin Grider
Bryan Goodland	Tyson Hurley	Justin Smith	Trey Walters	

Please get in touch with Brittany Shiner at [bshiner@dcsdk12.org](mailto:bshiner@dcsdk12.org) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer!