



# ROCK RIDGE ELEMENTARY

## ROCK RIDGE REVIEW

February 2019

**Peter Mosby**  
Principal

**Julie Roach**  
Assistant Principal



**Attendance Line**  
303-387-5152

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303-387-5150

**Weather Closure**  
303-387-SNOW

**2018-2019**  
**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,

We just wrapped up DCHS's Feeder Wish Week for JT, a student diagnosed with *fibrolamellar hepatocellular* and currently attends Flagstone Elementary. Rock Ridge students, staff, and community raised \$1,938.58 for JT's Wish Week, adding to the overall total over \$50,000 that was raised by the entire DCHS feeder system. Thank you also much for participating and helping his dream come true.

I wanted to recognize a local business, [Chef Curry's Cuisine](#), who was gracious enough to feed the Rock Ridge staff during our professional development day on January 18th. The staff had a difficult decision on what to have for lunch, choosing between Herb-Roasted Chicken and Butternut Squash and Italian Beef Stew. Chef Curry offers a healthy, customized menu for families who need a break from making dinner for the family. Chef Curry buys the groceries, prepares the food, and does all the clean-up as well. Check out his website and thank him for supporting the Rock Ridge elementary staff.



The PTO silent Auction Spaghetti Dinner (March 1st, 2019, 5:00-7:00pm) is quickly approaching and every year one of the items that we give away is a brand-new bow from Diamond Archery. The Diamond Edge SB-1 Breakup Country with Package sells for \$400.00 but it can be yours if you have the winning ticket. This is a great bow that can be used by either an adult or child with a draw weight range from 7-70 lbs. Tickets are on sale now, \$5 for one ticket or \$20 for five tickets. All proceeds go towards the archery club. A winner will be drawn at the PTO Silent Auction and you do not need to be present to win. Plan on joining us for a fun filled night with lots of cool stuff to bid on and an awesome spaghetti dinner. (\$10-entire family)

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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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Check out the [cool video](#) from the Douglas County School District to all of the Douglas County voters. Rock Ridge staff are well represented as we give a shout out to all of you in thanks for passing 5A/5B!

Thank You!  
Douglas County  
Voters

After a long spell, we finally had poor enough conditions for the school district to call a “delayed start” for our school day. In case you have forgotten, when the district has a delayed start, Rock Ridge elementary will have first bell at 10:00am with doors opening at 9:50am. BASE will also be on a 90-minute delay and all morning activities are cancelled as is morning pre-school classes and ½ day am kindergarten classes. Breakfast will also not be served. Please be sure that your children are well bundled and are not dropped off or sent to school any earlier than 9:50am. If the weather was severe enough to result in a delayed start, then your child could be placed in jeopardy should you bring/send them to school any earlier.



Should you have any questions, concerns or celebrations, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you as we set our eyes on spring.

Sincerely,

Peter Mosby, Principal

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## *Dates to Remember*

### February

February 14<sup>th</sup> (7:45-8:30am) – Dodgeball Club

February 14<sup>th</sup> (7:45-8:20am) – Social Leader Meeting

February 15<sup>th</sup> – No School- Teacher Professional Development Day

February 18<sup>th</sup> – No School- President's Day

February 19<sup>th</sup> – RRE Chick-fil-A Spirit Day! (all day)

February 19<sup>th</sup> (3:30-4:10pm)- Guardians of the Gadgets (grades 1-3)

February 19<sup>th</sup> (3:30-4:15pm) – Project Unify

February 20<sup>th</sup> (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club

February 21<sup>st</sup> (7:45-8:20am) – Social Leader Meeting

February 21<sup>st</sup> (7:45-8:30am) – Dodgeball Club

February 21<sup>st</sup> (3:30-4:10pm) – Guardians of the Gadgets (grades 4-6)

February 21<sup>st</sup> (3:45-4:15pm) – Spanish Club

February 25<sup>th</sup> (7:30-8:20am) – 4th-5th grade Archery Club

February 25<sup>th</sup> (3:30-4:00pm) – Green Team

February 25<sup>th</sup> (3:30-4:30pm) – 6th-8th grade Archery Club

February 26<sup>th</sup> (3:30-4:15pm) – Project Unify

February 27<sup>th</sup> (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club

February 28<sup>th</sup> (7:45-8:20am) – Social Leader Meeting

February 28<sup>th</sup> (7:45-8:30am) – Dodgeball Club

*Dates to Remember***March**

March 4th (7:30-8:20am) – 4th-5th grade Archery Club

March 4th (3:30-4:00pm) – Green Team

March 4th (3:30-4:30pm) – 6th-8th grade Archery Club

March 5th (3:30-4:15pm) – Project Unify

March 6th (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club

March 7th (7:45-8:20am) – Social Leader Meeting

March 7th (7:45-8:30am) – Dodgeball Club

March 7th (3:45-4:15pm) – Spanish Club

March 12<sup>th</sup> (3:30-4:15pm) – Project Unify

March 12<sup>th</sup> (5:00-6:00pm) – Parent Academy

March 12<sup>th</sup> (6:00-7:00pm) – PTO Meeting

March 12<sup>th</sup> (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club

March 14<sup>th</sup> (7:45-8:30am) – Dodgeball Club

March 14<sup>th</sup> (7:45-8:20am) – Social Leader Meeting

March 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> – **No School-** Spring Break



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## Celebrating our Students!

### Spelling Bee Winner!

Congratulations to **Meracohl Melville**, 5<sup>th</sup> grade student in Mrs. Bruner's class, who took 1<sup>st</sup> place in RRE's Spelling Bee! Meracohl will represent our school at the DCSD spelling bee.



Way to go, Meracohl!



### Castle Rock Fire Department Coloring Contest



Every school year Douglas County schools 3rd-6th graders are able to enter a drawing contest for the Castle Rock Fire Department.

This year, Rock Ridge Elementary had two students chosen to put their artwork on the side of two fire trucks! Their artwork will be displayed with pride on the side of these fire trucks during the year of 2019!

Congratulations to the winning students, Sophia Wyatt and Micah Reiter!!!!



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## Specials Spotlight

**Gym:** PE is focusing on heart challenge this month. With heart challenge we are looking for ways to get our heart rate up all throughout the month. 4th-6th grade is getting fitness testing done. 6th grade also has hex tryouts going on during the week they have PE. Hex team will be announced at the end of the month.

**Spanish:** Spanish is continuing our study of "How We Organize Ourselves". Students are getting very good at reading 2-digit and 3-digit numbers in Spanish.

**Music:** Congratulations 6th grade District Honor Choir Members!! You did an amazing job representing Rock Ridge.

In Music Class this month, we are applying all of the skills we have been working on throughout the year to start expressing ourselves through composition and performance. Our focus will be on "How We Organize Ourselves" through musical composition and in performance.



### Relax Together

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## Domino's Pizza Shout Out!

We want to thank Domino's Pizza on Perry St. for being a wonderful supporter for our Parent's Night Out program here at Rock Ridge Elementary School. *You are truly appreciated.*



## Before/After School STEM Clubs

### Enrichment programs:

- Zany Zoology
- Extreme Electricity
- Radical Reactions
- Unsolved Science
- My Amazing Flying Machine

### Register online:

[www.sciencematters.TV](http://www.sciencematters.TV)

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## Castle Rock Rec Center Activities

### Spring Break Camps

Looking for somewhere to take your kiddos over Spring Break? Our licensed day camp is open when school is closed.

**March 18-22**

For more information or to register, please go to:

[www.crgov.com/recreation](http://www.crgov.com/recreation)

### Upcoming Programs

- Canvas & Croissants
- Creative Kids Clay
- Fencing Classes
- Key Log Rolling Parties

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### New Mobile App for RRE

As of December 2018, Rock Ridge will no longer be using the RRE Mobile App. Instead, we will be using the DCSD Mobile App. Please download this App to stay informed on what's going on at RRE.

#### New DCSD Mobile App Now Available!

DCSD has a new mobile app that is now available for download for both Apple and Android devices. As a district app, you'll receive alerts for snow delays and closures and you'll be able to access at your fingertips employee resources, district news, a full list of schools with phone numbers, links, and maps, and more.

Additionally, if you work at one of the 34 schools that currently have websites hosted by SchoolMessenger, or if you have children that attend one of these schools, you will also be able to utilize this app to access your school news, calendar of events, staff directory, and more! Please note that only schools with SchoolMessenger websites are listed in this settings menu; however, all schools are listed in the schools menu.

[To download the app from the Apple Store, click here.](#)

[To download the app from Google Play, click here.](#)

*The cost of the app was also completely underwritten, resulting in no expense to DCSD. Thank you to Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children at Sky Ridge Medical Center, for their sponsorship of this new app.*

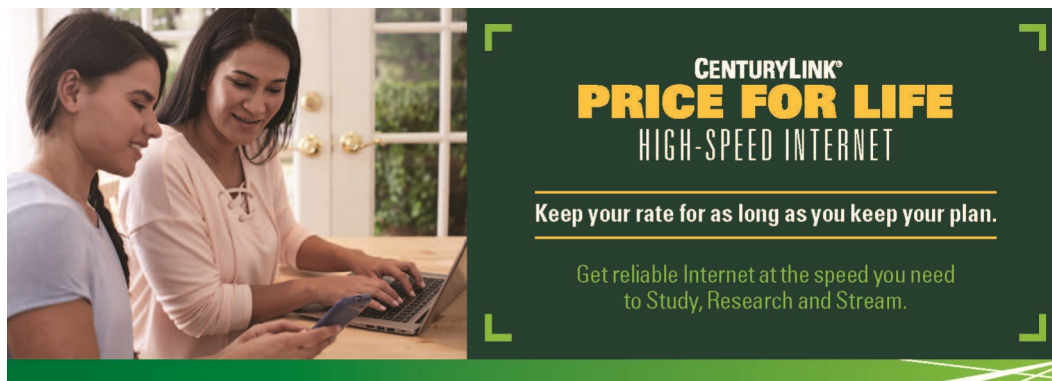
### Colorado State Assessments

Rock Ridge will be participating in the Colorado State Assessments from **April 8th to April 26th**.

Third through Sixth graders will be taking the English Language Arts and Mathematics Assessment. Fifth graders will also be taking the Science assessment.

For a more detailed description of specific assessment administration times and dates at RRE, please visit our RRE website. Information regarding Colorado State Assessments is located under Parent Resources on our State Mandated Assessment page ([link](#)).

If you have any questions, please forward them to your child's teacher or Julie Roach. Thank you.



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### Box Tops



Our Box Top **class winner for December** was Mrs. Bradley's 3rd grade class, and for **January** it was Ms. Loseman's 2nd grade class!! Congratulations to each of those classes on their popsicle party! February is 1st grade's month so please start sending in ALL your Box Tops in a plastic baggie with your teacher's name on it.

We are behind in our numbers for Box Tops collection this year so if you have been holding on to yours please send them in ASAP.

We will have another check coming to us by the end of the semester so we need to get as many submitted as possible.

### 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.

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## 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:

Library

MTSS Workshops

Spring Book Fair

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

## B.A.S.E.

### Mission Statement

*Promoting the safety, well-being, and development of every child while partnering with schools and community to be the best choice for families.*

**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 available and encouraged!

Starting in the **2018-19** school year B.A.S.E. will also be beginning new clubs at the request of the children who currently attend! First up puzzle club! This will provide students in the morning the opportunity to collaborate with fellow B.A.S.E. students in truly testing their puzzle building skills!

Additionally, they will also be starting the year with a unit focused on acceptance of those around us, with an emphasis on anti-bullying. They will be creating a unity quilt in which they hope all B.A.S.E. students can create their own piece!

If you have any questions, or would just like some more information, please contact the new Program Manager Josh Schaner at [jschaner@dcsdk12.org](mailto:jschaner@dcsdk12.org) or Senior Program Leader Amanda Pierce at [arpierce@dcsdk12.org](mailto:arpierce@dcsdk12.org). Additional info can also be found on the **Rock Ridge BASE website**. For any immediate questions or concerns please call (303)549-7283.

Thank you all and welcome back to what we all hope will be a wonderful new year at Rock Ridge Elementary!



## International Baccalaureate

Each month we focus on an IB Learner Profile and **Open-Minded** is our focus for the month of **February**.

*"Open-minded students respect the views, values, and traditions of other individuals and cultures, and are accustomed to seeking and considering a range of points of view."*

An Open-Minded student knows that all people are different. They listen to the points of view of others and consider many possibilities before making a decision. They celebrate the differences that make all people unique.

### How can parents help to develop this Open-Minded trait at home?

- Encourage your child to try new things – new foods, new games, and new activities.
- Expose your child to different festivals, celebrations, and traditions and be sure to present them in a non-judgmental way.
- Encourage your child to really listen to others when they speak.
- Introduce literature about many different cultures into your home library. Be sure that it is appropriate and reflects the culture in an appropriate way.
- When you observe your child being Open-Minded, reinforce this positive behavior and use the PYP learner profile terminology.





## 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.

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- 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 school year:

Collin Cacchione	Sean Graham	Cliff Waite	Charles Fletcher	Art Rodriguez
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Shane Reincke	KC Yarcho	Jerome Revis.	Jeramy Freckleton	Travis Tinnes
Matt DeJong	John Thompson	Andrew Pires		

Please get in touch with Brittany Shiner at [bshiner@cdsdc12.org](mailto:bshiner@cdsdc12.org) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer!

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