



ROCK RIDGE ELEMENTARY

ROCK RIDGE REVIEW

November 2018

Peter Mosby
Principal

Julie Roach
Assistant Principal



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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 . . .

Good day Rock Ridge! I wanted to take this opportunity to celebrate some of the great things that I love about Rock Ridge, the staff, the community and especially the kids:

- I know students who started at Rock Ridge as Kindies and are now in 4th grade. How amazing it is to watch them grow up along with their parents.
- We love your kids and their parents and we love and support each other. When one of us is in need, we are there for them.
- Our students are getting better at math, my favorite subject.
- I get to share my passion for archery with fifty kids this year during archery club.
- Our building engineer, Richard Martinez. I love when he takes time to play his guitar and sing for all of us in front of the school before school starts. Also, how he is here at 5:00am when we have weather to make sure that the snow is removed and ice melt is applied to make it safe for all of us.
- The front office staff who are there for everyone for anything and everything.
- All the staff members who volunteer their time to bring kickball club, book club, Minecraft club, Green Team, Spanish Club, Pokeman club and more to our students.
- Parents who make coming to work fun. i.e. Two moms dressed up as dinosaurs and mock fighting in the front lobby on Halloween, high fives mixed in with the kids at drop off, bonding moments as we wallow in our mutual disappointment in Colorado State University's football performance this year and so much more.
- The stories parents share with me. They are fun and sometimes really funny. How many people can say they harvested a Thanksgiving turkey with their truck? One of my parents can.
- Having an amazing Thanksgiving lunch created by Robin in the kitchen with kids and parents every year.
- Throwing the football with a bunch of screaming 3rd graders, or 4th graders, or 5th graders or 6th graders.
- Mochas at car loop.

There are so many things that I am thankful for being the Principal at Rock Ridge and this is only a taste. With Thanksgiving just around the corner and Christmas shortly behind that this is a time to celebrate friends, family and what we are thankful for. Thank you Rock Ridge community.

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[Book Club](#)
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November

November 7th (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club
November 9th (7:45-8:20am) – Choir Club
November 12th (7:30-8:15am) – Minecraft Club
November 12th (7:30-8:20am) – Archery Club (4th & 5th grades)
November 12th (3:30-4:00pm) – Archery Club (6th-8th grades)
November 12th (3:30-4:00pm) – Green Team
November 13th (3:45-4:45pm) – **RRE School Accountability Meeting**
November 13th (6:00-7:00pm) – **PTO Meeting**
November 14th (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club
November 15th (3:45-4:15pm) – Spanish Club
November 16th (7:45-8:20am) – Choir Club
November 19th (7:30-8:15am) – Minecraft Club
November 19th- 23rd – **No School- Thanksgiving Break**
November 26th (7:30-8:15am) – Minecraft Club
November 26th (7:30-8:20am) – 4th & 5th Grade Archery
November 26th (3:30-4:40pm) – Green Team

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November

November 26th (3:30-4:30) – Archery Club (6th-8th grades)

November 27th (3:30-4:10pm) – Guardians of the Gadgets
(grades 1-3)

November 27th (3:30-4:15pm) – Project Unify

November 28th (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club

November 29th (7:45-8:20am) – Social Leader Meeting

November 29th (9:30am-2:15pm) – 5th Grade field trip- Denver
Museum of Nature and Science

November 29th (3:30-4:15pm) – Guardians of the Gadgets
(grades 4-6)

November 30th (7:45-8:20am) – Choir Club

December

December 3rd (7:30-8:20am) – Archery Club (4th & 5th grades)

December 3rd (3:30-4:00pm) – Green Team

December 3rd (3:30-4:40pm) – Archery Club (6th-8th grades)

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

December 5th (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club

December 6th – Chick-fil-A Spirit Day! (ALL DAY)

December 6th (7:45-8:20am) – Social Leader Meeting

December 6th (3:45-4:15pm) – Spanish Club

December 10th (3:30-4:00pm) – Green Team

December 11th (3:30-4:15pm) – Project Unify

December 11th (5:00-6:00pm) – Parent Academy

December 11th (6:00-7:00pm) – PTO Meeting

December 12th (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club



December

December 13th (7:45-8:20am) – Social Leader Club

December 17th – 20th Christmas Kringle Week (RRE Staff Appreciation)

December 17th (3:30-4:00pm) – Green Team

December 18th (3:30-4:10pm) – Guardians of the Gadgets (all grades)

December 18th (3:30-4:15pm) – Project Unify

December 19th (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club

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

December 20th (4:30-9:00pm) – Rink @ the Rock

December 21st **Teacher Work Day – No School**

December 24th - January 4th - **Winter Break –No School**



PreK - 12 Colorado Teachers!

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Celebrating our Students!

National Geographic Giant Colorado Traveling Map

Students had the opportunity to explore Colorado in the comfort of the Learning Commons by working with grid coordinates, elevation, and a scavenger hunt.



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Monster Mash

A big thanks to RRE's Student Council and everyone who pitched in to make this year's Monster Mash a huge success. The students had a blast with the Haunted Maze, Cake Walk, dancing in the gym and Little Scream Street.

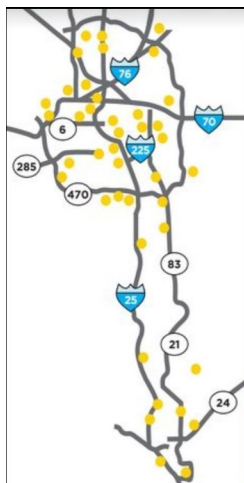


Trick-or-Treating at the District Building



Rock Ridge Elementary was invited by district administration to trick or treat at the main office of the Douglas County School District (Wilcox building).

DCSD staff was dressed in costume and distributed treats to students K-6.



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Celebrating our Students!**Red Ribbon Helicopter Day!**

The Colorado National Guard flew a Black Hawk helicopter to RRE on October 18th in honor of Red Ribbon Week. Students were taught about the dangers of drug use, pledged to live drug-free, and were given a red ribbon to wear.

**PreK - 12 Colorado Teachers!**

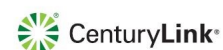
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New Mobile App for RRE

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.](#)

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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.



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Canned Food Drive

Rock Ridge Canned Food Drive

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Non-perishable food items

November 7-14

Donations will help families in our community.

Our goal is to make baskets where families can make a complete Thanksgiving meal.

Kindergarten/1st grade: Boxed stuffing and rolls

2nd/3rd grade: Boxed potatoes and gravy

4th grade: Canned vegetables and cranberries

5th/6th grades: Dessert items (pie fillings, pie crusts, boxed desserts)

Box Tops



Congratulations to Mr. Rasavage's class for winning the 5th grade monthly Box Tops competition with 453 Box Tops.

All of 5th grade brought in 951 Box Tops equaling \$95.10! Great job 5th grade!!

4th grade is up for the November class competition.

Please send in all of your Box Tops in clear plastic baggies with your teacher's name on it.

Specials Spotlight

As we head into Fall, the Specials team is looking forward to inquiries into "How We Express Ourselves" and "Where We Are In Place and Time." In **Spanish** our focus will be on families, culture and their many celebrations during the seasons. **Art** will also discover and express cultural values in our appreciation of the aesthetics. **Music** classes will continue to reflect on, extend and enjoy our creativity via music performance with pianos, guitars and recorders. In **Gym**, 3rd-6th grade classes will be creating a dance and will present it to their classes. K-2nd will be learning different kinds of dances.



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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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. 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

Fall Book Fair

Thanksgiving Lunch

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 or Senior Program Leader Amanda Pierce at 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 **Communicator** is our focus for the month of **November**.

Communicators

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 Caring 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:
 - *What would you do if you were scared of someone at school?
 - *Is there anything you cannot buy with money?
 - *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.



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**

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
Carl Anderson	Don Trujillo	Rob Baumann	Bryan Goodland	

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

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