



 Douglas County School District

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ROCK RIDGE REVIEW

September 2017



September 15th - Run for
Rock Ridge Fundraiser

September 18th (3:30-
4:30pm) – SAC Meeting

September 18-21 Fall
Book Fair

September 19th (3:30-
6:00pm) – Parent Teacher
Conferences

September 21st (4:00-
7:00pm) – Parent Teacher
Conferences

September 22nd No
School—Professional
Development 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:

Welcome to Colorado and our awesome, crazy weather. With that said, please remember that with our lightning protocol, we will not release students if lightning has been within a 6 mile radius inside of a 30 minute window. We will have a yellow flag on the flag pole to signal that we are currently following our lighting protocol. Should you wish to enter the building to retrieve your child you have that option. However, I would recommend waiting until we have deemed the area safe and begin releasing students.



Last year I began working directly with parents, district, and the city of Castle Rock, evaluating traffic patterns and crosswalks around the school area. We worked on increasing student safety awareness, safe pathways to and from school and monitoring specific areas of concern. Since that time, the City of Castle Rock has installed cross walks at key locations around the school, increasing local awareness to student traffic and making a student's trip to and from school safer. Thank you, parents, Douglas County School District and the town of Castle Rock for making this happen!!

In addition, Castle Rock Police Department has increased traffic monitoring around our school and has begun issuing citations for traffic violations and parking in handicap areas. Please remember to follow all traffic laws and respect the parking areas designated for our visitors who have special parking needs.

As you are all aware, hurricane Harvey had a devastating impact on portions of the Texas Gulf coast, especially Houston. We have families who are either originally from the Houston area and/or have family there. In support of the relief and recovery effort currently under way for the Houston area, Rock Ridge will be collecting new or gently used backpacks from the community. Please place any backpacks that you are able to donate in the donation boxes that will be located near the entry way of the school before September 15th. Thank you in advance for your support.

Should you have any questions, concerns or celebrations, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

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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Ridge
PTO](#)

September 12th (3:45-4:45pm) – Archery Club kick off

September 12th (6-7pm) – Watch D.O.G.S. Pizza Night

September 15th - Run for Rock Ridge Fundraiser

September 18th (3:30-4:30pm) – SAC Meeting

September 18-21 Fall Book Fair

September 19th (3:30-6:00pm) – Parent Teacher Conferences

September 21st (4:00-7:00pm) – Parent Teacher Conferences

September 22nd **No School**—Professional Development Day

September 25th - Run for Rock Ridge Donations Due

September 25-29 - Spirit Week

September 26th (7:30am) - Archery Club- 5th & 6th graders

September 28th (3:30pm) - Book Club

September 28th - Chick-fil-A Spirit Day

October 3rd-5th - 6th Grade Outdoor Ed

October 3rd (7:30-8:20am) - Archery Club- 5th & 6th graders

October 5th (3:30pm) - Book Club

October 9th-13th – Fall Break

October 17th – Archery Club- 5th & 6th graders





Celebrating our Students!

Back to School BBQ

Our Back to School BBQ was a huge hit! Thank you to all those who attended and to those who volunteered their time and donated items... we could not have done it



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Book Exchange

A HUGE THANK YOU to Boy Scout Pack 262 and Troop 780 for partnering with the PTO to build and install our brand new Rock Ridge Book Exchange! It is up and running! All you have to do to participate is bring a book and take a book.

Box Tops Mailbox

Check out our brand new Box Tops Mailbox! Be on the lookout as it travels around the school! Feel free to begin using it to drop off your Box Tops in baggies with your teacher's name on it. A HUGE THANK YOU to the Ellenberger Family for building and donating the mailbox.





Run for Rock Ridge

This year the Rock Ridge PTO is hosting our very own Run for Rock Ridge! We kicked off this amazing month long Health and Wellness fundraiser celebration on Wednesday, Sept 6, with the Run for Rock Ridge occurring on Friday, September 15. Monies raised will go towards technology and the PTO yearly budget.

We would love to have you join your children on Run day! We need parents to come and cheer on their kiddos plus we need help with set up, clean up, and lap markers. Lap marking is the craziest and most fun volunteering you can do this year!

Please click on the link below to volunteer. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4daeab2fa64-runfor>. Thank you!!

Specials Spotlight

Welcome back from a wonderful summer break!!! The Specials team Mrs. Connelly (Spanish), Mrs. Eads (Music), Mr. Goodfellow (Physical Education), and Mr. Alcock (Art) are very excited to be back and to have a great 2017-2018 School Year! We are starting off with Exploration Into Self and getting a better understanding of Who We Are. Specials will be on a full week rotation throughout the month this school year!

The Link below is the calendar to see your child's schedule.

[Specials Rotation Calendar](#)

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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!

Picture Retakes

Picture Retakes will be on October 26th (only in the morning). If you have any questions regarding school pictures and retakes, please contact Dorian Customer Support at www.dorianstudio.com/support or 1-800-826-3535.

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.



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. 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:

Run for Rock Ridge

Fall Book Fair

Parent/Teacher Conferences

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

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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.



International Baccalaureate

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

These students develop their natural curiosity. They acquire the skills necessary to conduct inquiry and research and show independence in learning. They actively enjoy learning and this love of learning will be sustained throughout their lives.

Resources [LINK](#)

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

- Encourage areas of your child's interest by visiting the library to borrow books that explore these topics.
- Develop an understanding of the Internet. Work with your son or daughter when the Internet is being used and try to instill the understanding that some Internet sites are not reputable.
- Model being an inquirer. Admit when you don't know the answer to a problem or a question and seek out answers in front of your child.

More information about International Baccalaureate-Primary Years Programme.



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**

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

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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