



 Douglas County School District

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## ROCK RIDGE REVIEW

September 2018



September 14th – Rock Ridge Run

September 20th (4:00-7:00pm) – Parent Teacher Conferences

September 21st – No School- Professional Development Day

October 8th-12th Fall Break

**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 . . .

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.



Everyone ready to run? Our annual big fundraiser, organized by our PTO and RRE kicked off this past September 5<sup>th</sup>. The students laughed at my attempt to rollerblade and cheered loudly when it was announced that Mr. A will shave off his hair if we reach the \$35K goal for the run. Donate what you can for a healthy choice fundraising campaign for Rock Ridge, Run 4 Rock Ridge!

On September 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> don't forget to attend Parent/Teacher night here at Rock Ridge. This is a great opportunity to see data about your child, where they currently are at academically and their goals for the end of the year. Your teacher will also be able to address how they plan on supporting your child in reaching their goals as well as be able to give parents ideas on what can be done at home.

Sometimes I have to remind everyone of specific protocols that we all should already be aware of. Here is a list of some of them:

- Please do not text and drive through the Rock Ridge parking lot
- Have students dressed for school. i.e. No hats (except for hat day), mid-thigh shorts, all undergarments covered, proper shoes and dress for weather. (We go outside above 20 degrees)
- The above dress code goes for adults as well.

**EARLY CHECK OUT:** Following the same policy as Douglas County High school, we will no longer be checking students out of class after 3:00pm. If you make advance notice via the attendance line or with a note to have your student leave after 3:00 pm, we can accommodate. However, anyone who comes in at 3:00 or after to check out their student will not be able to do so until dismissal. This includes phone calls past 3:00 to the main office regarding after school messages. We are simply unable to get students in that short of a time frame and manage the end of the school day. Teachers and staff are wrapping up the day and the disruption to the end of the day has become significant. Please plan on any early dismissals to occur prior to 3:00pm. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to call or email our attendance secretary, Mrs. Roach or Mr. Mosby

Looking forward to a wonderful fall. Have a great month.  
Peter Mosby, Principal



### 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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## September

September 12<sup>th</sup> (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club  
September 12<sup>th</sup> (6:00-7:00pm) – WATCH D.O.G.S. Pizza Night  
September 14<sup>th</sup> (7:45-8:15am) – Choir Club  
September 14<sup>th</sup> – Rock Ridge Run  
September 17<sup>th</sup> (7:30-8:20am) – Archery Club (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades)  
September 17<sup>th</sup> (3:30-4:00pm) – Green Team  
September 17<sup>th</sup> (3:45-4:45pm) – Archery Club (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades)  
September 18<sup>th</sup> (4:00-5:00pm) – Parent Teacher Conferences  
September 19<sup>th</sup> – Rock Ridge Run Pledges due  
September 19<sup>th</sup> (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club  
September 20<sup>th</sup> (7:45-8:15am) – Choir Club  
September 20<sup>th</sup> (7:45-8:20am) – Guardians of the Gadgets  
September 20<sup>th</sup> (4:00-7:00pm) – Parent Teacher Conferences

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## September

September 21<sup>st</sup> – No School- Professional Development Day

September 24<sup>th</sup> (3:30-4:00)- Green Team

September 24<sup>th</sup> (7:30-8:20am) – Archery Club (4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades)

September 24<sup>th</sup> (3:45-4:45pm) – Archery Club (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

September 26<sup>th</sup> – Rock Ridge Run Prize Day

September 26<sup>th</sup> (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club

September 27<sup>th</sup> – DCHS Homecoming Parade

September 28<sup>th</sup> (7:45-8:15am) – Choir Club

## October

October 1<sup>st</sup> (7:30-8:20am) – Archery Club (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades)

October 1<sup>st</sup> (3:30-4:40pm) – Archery Club (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades)

October 1<sup>st</sup> (3:30-4:00pm) – Green Team

October 2<sup>nd</sup>-October 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Outdoor Ed

October 3<sup>rd</sup> (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club

October 4<sup>th</sup> – Chick-fil-A Spirit Day

October 5<sup>th</sup> (7:45-8:15am) – Choir Club

October 5<sup>th</sup> (7:00-9:00pm) – Rock Ridge Husky Football Night @ DCHS

October 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> **Fall Break**

October 15<sup>th</sup> (7:30-8:20am) – Archery Club (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades)

October 15<sup>th</sup> (3:30-4:30pm) – Archery Club (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades)

October 16<sup>th</sup> (6:00-7:00pm) – PTO Meeting



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## Celebrating our Students!

### Rock Ridge Run

The Rock Ridge Run has officially begun!!

Please register your child **TODAY** on the [Funrun.com](http://Funrun.com) website so your student can begin to find sponsors for pledges. The Run will take place on Friday, Sept 14 and we hope to see you there to help cheer on your kiddo.

We could also use LOTS of help that day to mark laps, monitor the water station, set up and clean up. Please check out the sign up below to see where you can pitch in.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4daeab2fa64-rock>

Due to PTO Sponsorship of the ROCK RIDGE RUN, 90% of all pledges will be coming right back to OUR SCHOOL. The funds will go towards technology in the classrooms and the PTO yearly budget. This will be an ALL Student Health and Wellness activity during school hours, with live music, that will encourage school spirit. Find as many pledges as you can before and after the Run! Pledges can be paid out by cash, checks made payable to Rock Ridge PTO or through [FUNRUN.COM](http://FUNRUN.COM).

Remember the more pledges paid through the website the LESS YOU HAVE TO KEEP TRACK OF.



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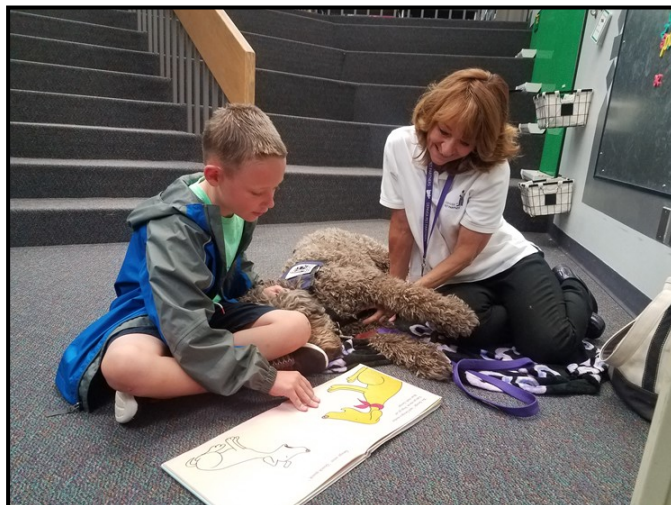
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**Rock Ridge Run Assembly...** Mr. Mosby came out on roller blades to motivate the students to raise money for our school

### R.E.A.D. (Reading Education Assistance Dogs)



On Tuesdays our school has special visitors, Janice Perry and her two labradoodles (Ziva and Halle Berry Perry). Select students have the opportunity to read books to these dogs for 15 minutes. The purpose of this program is to build students' confidence in reading.

### Animals prohibited on school property

In accordance with Board Policy and for the safety of our students, faculty and community, animals are not allowed on school property with the exception of guide or assistance dogs. Please make sure you have proper documentation of any assistance animals with you should you bring one onto school grounds.

Pursuant to Board Policy - Public Conduct on School Property, Superintendent File: KAFF;

*"Douglas County School District welcomes students, parents and the public to visit and use school grounds and facilities when such visitation or use does not interfere with educational, co-curricular or extracurricular use. Persons using or upon School District property for any purpose shall not engage in...*

*13. Bringing animals onto school property with the exception of guide or assistance dogs, or except as specifically authorized by the building principal or other school official. "*

Here is a [link](#) to the policy to read it in its entirety.

Thank you for supporting us in maintaining the safety of our school.

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**RRE Parent Letter for App or Website Use**

September 6, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is being written to inform you that your child/children will be using a variety of instructional websites and/or apps throughout the 2018-19 school year. These resources may include Seesaw, Book Creator for Chrome, Shadow Puppet EDU, Prodigy, Flipgrid, connectED, Boom Cards, Teach Your Monster to Read, Epic!, ReadWorks, ABC Mouse, xTraMath, Educreations, Thrivly, Read Theory, Class Dojo and Padlet.

These tools are not provided by the district, but have been vetted by our teachers, evaluated according to district guidelines and approved by the school administration because of the learning opportunities they provide. Each of these resources offer students the opportunity to share their knowledge and understanding of a topic in a variety of ways including photos, drawing, text and recorded voice. The tools allow us to teach and reinforce reading skills, math skills, communication, critical thinking, collaboration and creativity.

In using these tools we will be sharing the following student data with the vendor:

Seesaw - student first name (gr K-3) or email address (gr 4-6)

Book Creator for Chrome - student username/email address

Shadow Puppet EDU - no student data shared, saved to local iPad/camera roll, upload to Seesaw

Prodigy - student username/email address (gr 3-6 only)

Flipgrid - first name only, in teacher's account/grid

connectED - first name only

xTraMath - first name and grade level

Padlet - no student data shared, students respond on teacher created padlet

Boom Cards - first name and username

Epic - first name, students join their teacher's class/library

Teach Your Monster to Read - first name only

ReadWorks - students join teacher's class with email address and teacher class code

ABC Mouse - first name, within teacher's class account

Educreations - first name

Thrivly - first name, last initial

Read Theory - first name, email address

Class Dojo - first and last name (via teacher)

Vocabulary Spelling City

**Continued on next page.....**

Below are links to the vendor's Privacy Policy, which we have read to ensure that student data is protected appropriately.

[Seesaw](#)

[Book Creator for Chrome](#)

[Boom Cards](#)

[Epic!](#)

[ABC Mouse](#)

[Shadow Puppet EDU](#)

[connectED](#)

[Prodigy](#)

[Flipgrid](#)

[Padlet](#)

[xTraMath](#)

[Teach Your Monster to Read](#)

[ReadWorks](#)

[Educreations](#)

[Thrively](#)

[Read Theory](#)

[Class Dojo](#)

Your student is not required to use these tools, as an alternative assignment will be provided; therefore, your student's grade is NOT dependent on this tool. The alternative assignment will be determined according to project, grade, teacher on an as-needed basis. By not returning this form you are agreeing to the use of these tools and/or account creation.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact our Instructional Technology Specialist, Kia Jeffords at [kjeffords@dcsdk12.org](mailto:kjeffords@dcsdk12.org).

To opt your child out of any of these resources please mark the line below, sign and return the form to Kia Jeffords by **Friday, September 14, 2018**. Please fill out one form for each child you wish to opt out.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to opt my child out of (circle) Seesaw, Book Creator for Chrome, Shadow Puppet EDU, Prodigy, Flipgrid, ReadWorks,

connectED, xTraMath, Padlet, Boom Cards, Epic!, Teach Your Monster to Read,

ABCmouse, Educreations, Thrively, Read Theory, Class Dojo

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Grade/Teacher

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**Questions? Contact:** Kimberly Boulton at [kim.boulton@kidstage.net](mailto:kim.boulton@kidstage.net) (720) 532-4400

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## Guardians of the Gadgets

The first meeting for Guardians of the Gadgets will be September 20th at 7:45 am in the library. We will be going over how the club works, expectations, introductions, and our first task. If you cannot make the meeting, please send us an email and we will find another time to meet with you separately. We will meet one Thursday per month. The schedule is posted on the school website under the student tab. We are very excited to meet everyone!

If you have any questions please reach out to Kia [Jeffords kjeffords@dcsdk12.org](mailto:Jeffords.kjeffords@dcsdk12.org) or Ioana Costas [Ioana.costas@dcsdk12.org](mailto:Ioana.costas@dcsdk12.org).

## Guardians of the Gadgets Schedule:

September 20th	7:45am in Library
October 25th	7:45am in Library
November 29th	7:45am in Library
December 20th	7:45am in Library
January 24th	7:45am in Library
February 21st	7:45am in Library
March 28th	7:45am in Library
April 25th	7:45am in Library
May 16th	7:45am in Library

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## Specials Spotlight

We are off to a great start this school year in **Art** and I look forward to seeing what the remainder of the year has to offer! It is that time again, when the Art Room teams up with Original Artworks for a fundraiser in which your student can have their artwork displayed in unique ways (Magnets, sketch books, keychains, oven mitts, pillow cases. etc.). Be on the lookout for a yellow packet sent home from art class to see if any of these items interest your family! They make great gifts for the holidays and are great keepsakes to revisit as your child grows!

**In Music this month**, we are finishing up our review of the basics and getting prepared to start playing instruments. 3rd and 4th grade watch for the Recorder Order form, it will be sent home soon. As we venture into "How We Organize Ourselves" in writing and reading Music, 5th grade will be working on Guitars and 6th grade will be learning the Piano.

Colorado Rockies vs. Washington Nationals

Saturday, September 29th @ 6:10 pm

Support the Rock Ridge Choir by coming to the Colorado Rockies game on September 29th!

We will be on the field opening the game with the National Anthem. Purchase your discounted tickets online at: [www.ROCKIES.COM/CHOIR](http://www.ROCKIES.COM/CHOIR) Click on ROCKRIDGE to purchase and we will receive \$2 for each ticket sold.

**PE** is off to a great start! Right now we are working on lacrosse skills with the older grades and throwing and catching with different objects with the younger grades. Next unit will be flag football and continue throwing and catching as well. If anyone is willing to donate soccer balls I would greatly appreciate it.

**In Spanish**, we will continue to practice our greetings and review our colors and numbers. This month we will also learn more words in Spanish to describe how we feel and what we like and don't like as we practice working cooperatively and "Who We Are".

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## Box Tops

**September is 6<sup>th</sup> grade's Box Tops month!** Please send in all of your Box Tops before Sept 30<sup>th</sup> so they can be collected and counted. The class that brings in the most will receive a popsicle party and have the brand-new banner put above their door for that month! Please send in your trimmed, non-expired Box Tops in a baggie with your teacher's name on it. Thank You!!

Lydia Goodland  
Rock Ridge PTO President



## 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.

## 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:

- Run for Rock Ridge
- Library
- Fall Book Fair
- Parent/Teacher Conferences

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

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



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## International Baccalaureate

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

*Students who are balanced are healthy and are aware that eating properly and exercising is important in their lives. They understand that it is important to have a balance between the physical and mental aspects of their bodies. They spend time doing many different things.*

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

- Encourage your child to participate in a wide variety of structured activities.
- During less structured time, also be aware of the activities that your child is participating in. Too much time in front of the computer or television is obviously not desirable, but all kids need to do a variety of things. Generally active kids should take time for quiet reading or reflection; students who spend a lot of time drawing or reading, should be encouraged to also exercise and play.
- Discuss the food groups with your child. Spend a few minutes during a mealtime deciding if what your family is eating is balanced.
- Model this attribute. Spend time as a parent or family doing many different activities.



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

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- Monitoring the school's property
- Working one on one in small groups
- Reading
- Flashcards
- Lunch and recess

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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!

## Download our **RRE Mobile APP** today!

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Staff directory	School Closures and Delayed start
Lunch menus	School newsletter
Social Hubs	<b>Search: <a href="#">Rock Ridge Elementary</a></b>

