

ROCK RIDGE ELEMENTARY

ROCK RIDGE REVIEW

April 2020

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Weather Closure 303-387-SNOW

2019-2020 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

A Note From the Principal

Hello Rock Ridge:

I hope this note finds you all safe and healthy. Writing a newsletter is usually a lot easier than where I find myself today. To say that this is an unprecedented moment seems an understatement and thus, makes it difficult to come up with what to say. Times are tough. Those that have jobs that are deemed essential are working under stressful conditions while others may be struggling to sustain themselves financially. We hope to find ourselves in good health with the knowledge that there are those who are fighting for their lives against this virus. With all of these difficult thoughts I figured I'd focus on some silver linings.

- Although I have been working more than I ever have as an administrator, I am also getting to spend a lot of time with my family, involved more with my children's learning and cleaning closets that have not been touched since we moved into our house.
- 2. The honey-do list is finally complete. Oops. My wife just corrected me, "not quite yet"
- 3. People are getting outside more than ever.
- 4. Parents have the opportunity to read a complete book to their children.
- 5. We are all becoming experts in virtual conferencing.
- 6. Everyone's pets are stoked to have the family at their disposal 24/7.
- 7. We are learning to appreciate what kind of job being a teacher really is. ;-)

- 8. Spouses are able to see and enjoy each other more than just a couple hours a day.
- 9. A new social connection has been created: the elbow bump.
- 10. Washing hands thoroughly might stick around longer resulting in overall healthier habits.

There are so many "silver linings" that are unique to each of us and I welcome for you to share them with me via email or other social media. This is a time to be grateful for what we have and with whom we have to celebrate this life. We are grateful for the Rock Ridge families and kids who we are used to seeing most every day, giving us inspiration and smiles. Thank you.

Mr. 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)

facebook

Rock Ridge PTO



Important Dates/ Mark Your Calendars

** DCSD Closure extended through the End of the Year**

April 14th (6:00-7:00pm) PTO Meeting (Facebook live)

April 17th No School

April 20th No School – Teacher Professional

Development Day





A Special Colorado Camp that Helps Heal Heartbreak

Camp Comfort is a weekend-long bereavement camp offered twice each summer (June and July) that brings support, fun and healing to Colorado children grieving the death of a loved one.

To learn more, apply or volunteer, visit CampComfort.org or call 303-674-6400.





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Supporting Schools & Local Businesses

Celebrating Our Students

Remote Learning

A BIG thanks to RRE staff who have made this transition to remote learning as smooth as possible. We appreciate you and all you are doing for our students!!

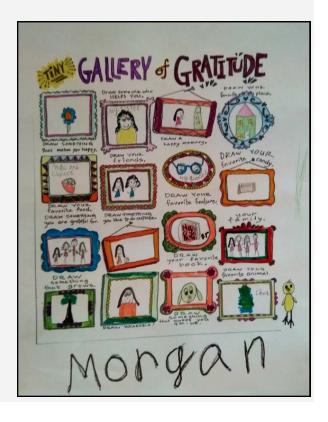


Rory (4th grade) always looked at sharp at RRE, wearing a tie every day.... it's good to see he continues to wear a tie, even while learning at home! :)



Adam (6th grade) and Allie (4th grade) playing a game of "Spanish War" to practice saying numbers in Spanish.

Remote Learning Art Project done by Morgan (4th grade).





Gym: During each student's virtual learning week, Coach Lentz posts a daily PE task. Students have the opportunity to create a putt-putt hole, practice yoga, improve their basketball dribbling skills, create their own workout, and even play BINGO PE style with Coach Lentz.

Art: Please go on my class website for all assignments/projects during this time of remote learning. I also have extra activities posted there as well, for student's who would like extra art activities! If a project requires certain materials that you don't have at home don't worry, use whatever you have available to you. Also please email me directly with students' artwork instead of their classroom teachers. My email is lgonzalez@dcsdk12.org please email me with any questions or concerns."

Thank You! Ms. Gonzalez

Music: In Music this month, we are continuing to explore "Where We Are In Place and Time." April is Jazz Appreciation Month so check out your Music Who's Who Wednesday this month to learn about Louis Armstrong and the History of Jazz Music.

Make sure you check out Mrs. Eads' Music Room Website for new games, coloring sheets and Recorder, Ukulele, Guitar and Piano Music! If you are looking for a resource and can't find it there, please email me!

The Talent Show Audition deadline is going to be extended.

If you have already sent in your audition video, keep practicing for your final show video! Send all audition videos or links to skeads@dcsdk12.org by April 16th! Looking for a variety of acts ** Show us what you can do **

Serena Eads





The Box Tops Incentive Program

Box Tops are still going!! Make sure to scan your receipts and give credit to your teachers. We will award the Box Tops trophy to the top collecting class in May!

For more information about Box Tops for Education as well as instructions for downloading the app, go to:

https://www.boxtops4education.com/.

PTO Virtual Spirit Week

RRE's PTO is inviting ALL parents, siblings and staff to get involved with Virtual Spirit Week! Simply post your photo on RRE's PTO Facebook page or tag them on Instagram. If you do not have social media but would still like to participate, email your picture to rockridgepto@gmail.com. Everyone who posts or emails a pic in their Spirit Day gear will be entered into the daily drawing! It is going to be a fun week!



PTO News from Lydia Goodland, PTO President

Our April and May PTO meetings will still happen on Facebook Live. Please make sure to join us for both as we will be reviewing this year's budget (and any changes that are being made), reviewing and voting for next year's budget, and any other business that arises. Since it will be Facebook only, any and all who join will have the ability to vote. You can also join us because you are super bored and want to simply break the monotony. Either way, it is always a good time and everyone could use a laugh right about now.

Please make sure to Like and Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @rockridgepto.

Thank You!









International Baccalaureate

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

Reflective students thoughtfully consider the world and their own ideas and experience. They work to understand their strengths and weaknesses in order to support their learning and personal development.

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

- Spend some time reviewing your child's report card with them. They should have the opportunity to look at this document and consider it as well. Discuss it with them and truly consider their thoughts on their strengths and areas for improvement.
- Consider the goals that your child could set for the next term. Make a list not only of the goals but of specific actions that can be taken to achieve these goals. You might want to list actions that your child will take independently as well as actions parents will take to support them. For example, if one of the goals your child sets is to improve their writing, their action might be to keep a journal and write in it for at least 10 minutes each night. As a parent, you might decide that the two of you will participate in shared writing, for 30 minutes each week and produce a book of narratives together.
- Consider your child's Learner Profile Self-Assessment. Ask your child to clarify for you and explain why he/she rated their performance the way they did. Can they give an example of an area in which he/she is particularly strong? How do they know that this is a strong point? Can they set specific goals for improvement in other areas?

