



ROCK RIDGE ELEMENTARY

ROCK RIDGE REVIEW

August 2020

Peter Mosby
Principal

Julie Roach
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Attendance Line
303-387-5152

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303-387-5150

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:

It is so great to see all the students this year, a nice change from where we were in May. Lots of smiling faces (you can tell by the crinkling of their eyes) and students who are excited to be back to school. Also, a huge shout out to our PTO for the nice "Welcome Back" rock and the chalk messages on the sidewalk/entry area. The love and support of the community is appreciated by all of us at Rock Ridge and we are proud to have such amazing parents.



The 'X's marking social distancing is a reminder of where we still are at when it comes to coping with Covid and instruction but the message speaks to our practices at the school. As you have seen in the video as well as communications sent out by the school and the district, we all are taking your child's health and the health of everyone associated with Rock Ridge seriously. We appreciate your understanding as well as your patience as we continue to work through the kinks that may develop over the next few weeks. Please remember, if you have any questions or concerns to contact us so that we can address them immediately.



One unfortunate side-effect is that parents and the community are not able to appreciate what teachers are doing to create a fun, positive environment for your children. Ms. Gonzalez, our esteemed art teacher has decorated the entrance to her room in a 3-D artistic design that is fun and way cool. Students are reminded just how creative Ms. Gonzalez is and how much fun her class is. Thank you, Ms. Gonzalez for being an amazing teacher here at Rock Ridge.



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Continued Note From the Principal

A few final last reminders:

1. Call the school if you are picking up your student early. A staff member will walk your child out to your vehicle. Please stay in your vehicle.
2. If you need to drop off items for your child, a crate is located outside of the school for you to place items. Please label clearly with the student's full name and teacher. Ring the bell and a staff member will retrieve and deliver the item.
3. If your child has any Covid symptoms, please keep them at home.

Thank you again for all of your support. We appreciate our Rock Ridge family community and we will continue to keep your students safe and in a positive learning environment.

Sincerely,

Peter Mosby

Principal, Rock Ridge Elementary





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Important Dates

Mark Your Calendars

Aug 17th - 21st	Orientation Week
Aug 24th	First day of school
Aug 24th (8:45am)	Kindie Parent Boo Hoo Anti-Social (drive through at Ridgeline Church)
Aug 25th (8:45am)	Kindie Parent Boo Hoo Anti-Social (drive through at Ridgeline Church)
Aug 25th (6:00-7:00pm)	PTO Meeting (Zoom)
Sept 1st. (3:45pm)	SAC Meeting (virtual)
Sept 15th	Parent Teacher Conferences
Sept 16th	Rock Ridge Run Kick Off video
Sept 17th	Parent Teacher Conferences
Sept 18th	No School: Teacher Professional Development Day
Sept 23rd-24th	Rock Ridge Run
Sept 28th	Rock Ridge Run donations due
Oct 6th (6:00-7:00pm)	PTO Meeting (zoom)
Oct 10th	No School
October 12th – 16th	No School: Fall Break

Celebrating Our Students

Keeping our students safe



Social Distance markings have been placed all around the inside and outside of the school in effort to protect our students.

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Celebrating Our Students

Orientation Week

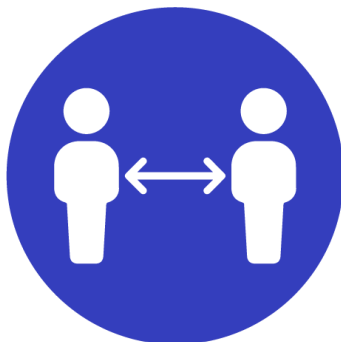
It has been so wonderful having students back at RRE this week! They have been doing a great job with social distancing and adjusting to the new procedures.



Superheroes PSA Video

DCSD's Communications Department produced a superhero-themed Public Service Announcement regarding the importance of health and safety protocols such as handwashing, social distancing, etc. This video features cameos from four of DCSD's own superhero principals (thank you Nikki Ballow, Rex Corr, Nick Holtvluwer, and Sid Rundle).

[Video Link](#)





Welcome back to Specials at Rock Ridge. This year's rotation will look a little different. You will be in PE, Art or Music for 3 weeks before rotating to your next Special. This will usually give your class 6 in person days and 9 virtual days during each rotation. Spanish will be a second special in your classroom, every three weeks.

We are so excited to see you all again and can't wait to get started!

Gym: 6th-3rd grade students will be jumping into throwing/catching activities that help teach teamwork and cooperation during our first unit. Our second unit will introduce students to the sport of disc golf.

2nd-Kindergarten students will be running through a gradual increase in intensity/choice during our first unit. Students will be practicing their listening/following direction skills along with learning (or reviewing) how to jump rope, juggle, and hula hoop!

Art: Hello parents, please visit my school website regularly for the most updated information regarding art. This year I will be using google classroom and seesaw for the virtual learning days. I will still be doing Original Works this year. For those of you who are unfamiliar with OW, it is an art fundraising program that allows students the opportunity to get their artwork printed on a variety of items for you to purchase. Artwork can be printed on items such as mugs, magnets, and much more. When you purchase one of these items a portion of the proceeds goes towards art supplies for our classroom! I will provide more details and information in September.

Science Matter STEM Clubs – Online!

For more information about the online programs available, please go to info@sciencematters.TV



International Baccalaureate

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

Students who are Courageous have the confidence to try new things. They try to solve problems in a lot of ways. They have the courage to tell people what they think is right.

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

- If your child is feeling uneasy about trying something, encourage them to attempt it and then reflect on both whether they liked the activity and how it felt to try something new.
- Your child might want to set some short-term goals. Consider activities that make him/her nervous. What are realistic goals for the week? Your child might set a goal to:
- Offer an opinion in class
- Spend one recess with someone they might not usually play with
- Order something different from the lunch menu
- Try an activity they haven't tried before
- Be careful to explain to your child the difference between being a risk-taker by trying new things and doing dangerous things.



The Box Tops Incentive Program

We **will not** be conducting the Box Tops competition between classes this year, but **WILL** continue collecting Box Tops. Please remember to scan all of your receipts!

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

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/>.

BASE

Rock Ridge is proud to present the return of Rock Ridge Rockets Before and After School program (Rockets B.A.S.E. for short). This program provides a fun and relaxing way for your students to start or end their in person learning days on site here at Rock Ridge Elementary. Your kids have the opportunity to play gym games, participate in crafts, and learn in a safe, professional environment right here at their own elementary school.

Hours of operation daily are 6:30am-8:30am and 3:30pm-6:00pm, Monday through Thursday, and they are now offering Full day care on Fridays from 7:00am to 5:30 pm! They will do their best to facilitate your students' online learning on Fridays as well!

Lastly, they also provide full day care during breaks and school closures, such as the November 3rd Professional Development. If you think you may need care for your children, or just have a few questions, please visit them at <https://sites.google.com/dcsdk12.org/rock-ridge-base>. Or feel free to reach out to the program Manager Josh Schaner. He can be contacted at Jschaner@dcsdk12.org or 303-549-7283 with any inquiries! They look forward to hearing from you and hope you have a wonderful day!

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

[Click here to apply](#) for Free and Reduced lunch status for the 2020-2021 school year (applications accepted at any point in the school year).

USDA has updated their guidance for feeding students during remote learning or COVID-related building closures. Once the school year begins, DCSD Nutrition Services will offer free meals to those students who qualify for the Free and Reduced Meal Program. Effective August 17, meals will no longer be available for free for any student 18 years and under (as with the summer meal program). Full pay students will need to pay for meals at the regular rate. Lunch prices are \$3.00 at Elementary Schools, \$3.25 at Middle Schools and \$3.50 at High Schools. Charter school meal pricing may vary. A la carte options vary in pricing.

Pre-Order Your Weekly Meal Bags

Available to all students registered in eLearning and Hybrid learning
Free to those on the Free and Reduced Meal Program

Weekly meal bags for 100% **eLearners** contain 5 breakfast meals and 5 lunch meals, including fruits/veggies and milk for each meal. Weekly meal bags for **Hybrid learners** will contain 5 breakfast and 3 lunches. A lunch-only bag will be available for Hybrid learners as well with 3 lunches.

[Please fill out this order form for EACH student.](#) Pre-orders must be placed each week by Thursday at midnight. Pickups will be every Monday from 1:30-2pm OR Tuesday from 9:30-10am.