



# ROCK RIDGE ELEMENTARY

## ROCK RIDGE REVIEW

August 2019

**Peter Mosby**  
Principal

**Julie Roach**  
Assistant Principal



**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*

Dear Rock Ridge Families,

**Welcome back!** I am excited for everyone's return for another great year and look forward to all the adventures that are in store for us. Our clap-in event was a huge success with lots of excited kids and families kicking off the school year. This year we had a special clap-in event for just the Kindergartners on Monday after the students completed the New Beginnings program.

This year we are starting with a full-time counselor thanks to the voters from last year's elections. We welcome Stacy Hancock who will be overseeing our Rocket's Landing room where students can receive emotional, social and academic support as well. Thank you, Rock Ridge community, for helping to make this happen.

I would also like to thank a donor, David Anderson, who donated \$300 towards the Archery program here at Rock Ridge. His donation is in memory of his father, Harold Anderson who was a three-time National Archery Champion. David wanted to give back to a program that honored the passion that his father had. Thank you, David and Harold for your generosity.

A new school year brings many opportunities including the opportunity to become more involved with your neighborhood school. There are many ways you can be a part of RRE, including

including joining our [PTO](#), [SAC](#) (School Accountability Committee), [Watch Dogs](#), [volunteering in the classroom](#), [helping out with a club](#), or just dropping by to have lunch with your student(s). Please take the time to check your calendars and make time to help make Rock Ridge a better place. It takes a Village. With the new school year, we also have some important dates. Please check the rest of the newsletter for upcoming events. You can also find these events on the [school calendar](#).

I would also like to welcome the following new teachers to Rock Ridge:

- Danielle Gilbert-Kindergarten
- Sarah Convissar-2nd Grade
- Drew Lentz -PE
- Lauren Gonzalez-Art
- Nathalie Valencia-Moderate Needs
- Stacy Hancock-Counselor

Be sure to give them a warm Rock Ridge welcome!

Sincerely,

**Peter Mosby, Principal**

400 Heritage Avenue, Castle Rock, CO 80104



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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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PTO



## *Important Dates/ Mark Your Calendar*

### August

August 13th (5:00-7:00pm)	RRE PTO Barbecue
August 15th	Picture Day
August 19th (7:45-8:25am)	Guardians of the Gadgets Meeting (ALL grades)
August 20th	DC Downbeats Assembly (grades 4-6)
August 21st (5:30-6:30pm)	Outdoor Ed Parent Meeting
August 27th	Elementary Assessment Day
August 28th	Rock Ridge Run Assembly

### September

September 6th	Rock Ridge Run Day
September 12th (2:30-3:30pm)	Butter Braids- parent pick up
September 16th	Rock Ridge Run pledges due
September 17th (4:00-7:00pm)	Parent Teacher Conferences
September 18th (9:00-10:00am)	Mike Nelson Weather man
September 19th (4:00-7:00pm)	Parent Teacher Conferences
September 20th	<b>No School</b> - Teacher Professional Development Day
September 25th (2:00-3:00pm)	Rock Ridge Run Prize Assembly

## Celebrating Our Students

### 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School Clap-in

We kicked off the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school with our annual clap-in. Students lined up with their new classes on the basketball courts and then entered the building through a human tunnel made by our 6<sup>th</sup> graders. It was an exciting morning for all!



### Surprise Visit

On August 9<sup>th</sup>, Khloee Boatright (Mr. Cox's 3rd grade class) got a surprise visit from her dad, Sergeant Boatright, who is currently serving in the US Army. She had not seen him in 7 months and was not expecting to see him for 9 more days, but he came home early and surprised her at RRE!





## Important Notices

### Breakfast

A gentle reminder that breakfast runs from 8:20 am till 8:35 am. Students may enter through the cafeteria doors at first bell. Please let Mrs. Robin Chadwick ([robin.chadwick@dcsdk12.org](mailto:robin.chadwick@dcsdk12.org)) know if you **do NOT** want your child(ren) to participate.

### Car Loop (Kiss N'Go)

For the safety of our students, please do not have students exit vehicles before the Drop-Off Zone and only to the right (towards the sidewalk). Please stay in the single file lane until the vehicle in front of you proceeds forward. Moving out of the single file lane to go around vehicles creates a dangerous situation when children are crossing between cars. Our Kiss N'Go lane is also a fire lane so please do not park and leave your vehicles unattended at any time during the day for they may be ticketed. This applies to Preschool and Kinder pick up and drop off as well. Please use the church or our parking lot if you need to leave your vehicle. Per Douglas County Fire Code, we need to make sure the Fire Lane is clear in case of an emergency. We appreciate your understanding.

### Dismissal

Students will be released at 3:30pm when the bell rings. We ask that if your child(ren) need to leave early, you have them picked up by 3:00 pm as the office gets very busy at the end of the day and classes are packing up. Please contact the school before 3pm if there is a change in pick up routine as we deliver notes to students at 3pm.

### Picking up your child early?

Please remember that the procedures that we have in place at RRE are designed to keep your children safe. We cannot call your children down to the office until you are physically present at the office to sign them out. This safeguard ensures that someone authorized is picking up your child and we have documentation of who and when he or she was picked up. We ask that if your child(ren) need to leave early, you have them picked up by 3:00 pm as the office gets very busy at the end of the day and classes are packing up. Thank you for your understanding of the safety procedures we have in place.



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## Important Notices

### Texting in car loop

I probably do not need to really point out the obvious. However, if you are texting while driving through the car loop, it is possible to receive a reckless driving charge from a police officer. We will be having a police officer on duty during car loop randomly during the school year to help remind parents of this safety issue.

### Checking into the Office

As a reminder, for the safety of our faculty and students, every parent or visitor must check into the office when entering the building. Parents are not allowed to go to classrooms unless they are volunteering or have been invited for a special event. Please do not enter through the side doors when school is in session. Please make sure to bring your driver's license so you can be processed through our District Safety System. This process is repeated every year for every visitor.

To enter, please press the buzzer on the right side of the front door and wait for the click. Open the door after you hear it. Then proceed to the front office prepared to show your driver's license. Everyone entering the building needs to have his or her license scanned into the Raptor system

once every six months. On subsequent visits, we will enter your last name and print off a sticker badge. This is a district policy for the safety of our students and staff.



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**Gym:** 3rd-6th graders are leaning about physical literacy. We are also refining our team building skills before we begin our major team sport units.

K-2nd graders are brushing up on their jump rope skills and learning new locomotor abilities.

**Art:** This month in Art students will be making artwork for Original Works. Original works is a fundraising program where students create beautiful pieces of artwork. The artwork they create gets put onto a quality item for you to purchase. For instance, their artwork can be put on a mug or magnet! A portion of the proceeds go to the art department to purchase materials for the school year. This will be the 20th year Rock Ridge has participated in Original Works!

Thank You, Lauren Gonzalez

**Music:** Welcome back to Music at Rock Ridge! Students are beginning the year with a look at "How We Express Ourselves" through our appreciation of the aesthetic, sharing their favorite songs and creating class playlists. We will also be jumping right into instruments with 6th grade learning keyboard, 5th grade guitar, 3rd and 4th grade Ukuleles and K-2 exploring percussion instruments. Watch for the Choir permission slip to come out next week for 4th -

6th grade. Our first performance will be singing the National Anthem at the Colorado Rockies Game. Permission slips will be due on Wednesday August 21st and rehearsals will begin on Friday, August 23 at 7:45 am.

**Spanish:** Hola! It is great being back to school. This year I am very excited to be able to work with all my friends in kindergarten through sixth grade. We will start the year in Spanish working on Who We Are and exploring human relationships including families, friends, communities, and cultures. I look forward to a fabulous year!

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## GUARDIANS OF THE GADGETS

**Technology plays a very important role in the education of students at RRE!**

The Guardians are student technology leaders in grades 1-6 that receive special training in order to maintain, promote, and teach their peers (and teachers!) about all things tech at school!

- *Applications for interested students will be available August 8th and due August 15th.*
- Each classroom teacher will select 1-2 students.
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades meet as a group and 4th, 5th, and 6th meet as a separate group.
- Meetings are held once per month and will be communicated via email.

The First meeting will be August 19th@7:45am in the Library **(All Grade Levels)** to go over club guidelines.

Contact the club sponsors with questions or for more information.

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## Opt out letter for instructional websites and/or apps

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 2019-20 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](#), [Thrively](#), [Read Theory](#), [Class Dojo](#), [Raz-Kids](#), [Envision math](#), 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

Thrively - first name, last initial

Read Theory - first name, email address

Class Dojo - first and last name (via teacher)



## Opt out letter for instructional websites and/or apps

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

[Seesaw](#)[Padlet](#)[Book Creator for Chrome](#)[xTraMath](#)[Boom Cards](#)[Teach Your Monster to](#)[Epic!](#)[Read](#)[ABC Mouse](#)[ReadWorks](#)[Shadow Puppet EDU](#)[Educreations](#)[connectED](#)[Thrively](#)[Prodigy](#)[Read Theory](#)[Flipgrid](#)[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 13, 2019**. 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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student First & Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade/Teacher

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature



## The Box Tops program is CHANGING!!

Box Tops is moving their whole program to be digital only. All participants will need to download the app and then scan receipts to watch their Box Tops add up. Please check out the link below for more information.

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

Unexpired paper Box Tops will still be accepted so please send yours in ASAP! They can be dropped off at any time in our very own Box Tops mailbox.

Paper Box Tops are submitted in October and March to the Box Tops program, and checks are received in December and May. All Box Tops funds at Rock Ridge are earmarked for technology which covers our annual subscription for the PebbleGo program, a K-3 literacy program.

Thank you and please contact us at [rockridgepto@gmail.com](mailto:rockridgepto@gmail.com) with any questions.



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Hours of operation daily are 6:30am-8:30am and 3:30pm-6:00pm. They also provide full day care during breaks and school closures, such as the **August 27th** assessment day. If think you may need care for your children, 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](mailto:Jschaner@dcsdk12.org) or 303-549-7283 with any inquiries!

They look forward to hearing from you and hope you have a wonderful day!

**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:**

We can always use an extra hand in the **Library!**

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



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## 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.

## 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.

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- 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!