



ROCK RIDGE ELEMENTARY

ROCK RIDGE REVIEW

December 2018

Peter Mosby
Principal

Julie Roach
Assistant Principal



Attendance Line
303-387-5152

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303-387-5150

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 . . .

Dear Rock Ridge Community:

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving this past month. Thank you Rock Ridge community for your participation in the canned food drive, enabling us to share with ten families from our community and making sure that they had a wonderful holiday.

The Rock Ridge Archery club is doing great again this year in anticipation of the state tournament that starts in January. 4th and 5th graders have been practicing every Monday from 7:30am-8:30am in the gym and 6th-8th graders have been practicing after school from 3:30-4:30. Students are encouraged to join any time so if you are interested be sure to complete the archery permission slip and return to the front office. There is a \$20 fee for supplies. Last year the 4th-5th grade team took 2nd overall in the state and also qualified for Nationals. In addition, our 6th grade team competed against 6th-8th graders and placed 3rd overall in the state. This year we expanded our team to include 7th and 8th graders from Mesa so we are hoping for a strong showing at the upcoming state tournament.

One celebration I wanted to share is an example of where Rock Ridge spends money to invest in our students' futures. Rock Ridge sponsors part of the cost for DC Downbeats, a program that promotes the development of instrumental music education for both Orchestra and Band. Along with the other DCHS feeder schools Rock Ridge helps pay for the instructor of the program. If your child is interested in learning an instrument, please visit the DC Downbeat Elementary Orchestra web page for more information.

To ensure the safety of our students and staff, the Castle Rock Police Department has increased traffic monitoring around our school. They have begun issuing citations for traffic violations and parking in handicap areas (several citations have been issued). Please remember to follow all traffic laws and respect the parking areas designated for our visitors who have special parking needs.

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

Sincerely,
Peter Mosby, Principal



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QUICK LINKS

Book Club
Choir
Green Team
Spanish Club
Student Council
Student Lighthouse Team
Yearbook Club

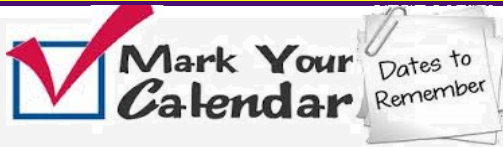
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December

December 11th (3:30-4:15pm) – Project Unify

December 11th (5:00-6:00pm) – Parent Academy

December 11th (6:00-7:00pm) – PTO Meeting

December 12th (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club

December 13th (7:45-8:20am) – Social Leader Club

December 17th – 20th Christmas Kringle Week (RRE Staff Appreciation)

December 17th (3:30-4:00pm) – Green Team

December 18th (3:30-4:10pm) – Guardians of the Gadgets (all grades)

December 18th (3:30-4:15pm) – Project Unify

December 19th (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club

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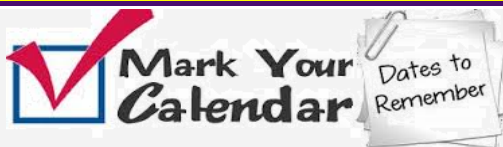
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December

December 20th (7:45-8:20am) – Social Leader Meeting

December 20th (4:30-9:00pm) – Rink @ the Rock

December 21st Teacher Work Day – No School

December 24th- January 4th- Winter Break

January

January 7th (7:30-8:20am) – 4th & 5th grade Archery

January 7th (3:30-4:00pm) – Green Team

January 7th (3:30-4:30pm) – 6th-8th grade Archery

January 8th (3:30-4:15pm) – Project Unify

January 8th (5:00-6:00pm) – Parent Academy

January 8th (6:00-7:00pm) – RRE PTO Meeting

January 9th (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club

January 10th (7:45-8:20am) – Social Leader Meeting

January 10th (7:45-8:30am) – Dodgeball Club

January 10th (3:45-4:15pm) – Spanish Club

January 14th (7:30-8:20) – 4th & 5th grade Archery

January 14th (3:30-4:00pm) – Green Team

January 14th (3:30-4:30pm) – 6th-8th grade Archery



January

January 15th (3:30-4:14pm) – Project Unify

January 16th (All Day) – Crave Spirit Night

January 16th (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club

January 17th (7:45-8:30am) – Dodgeball Club

January 17th (7:45-8:20am) – Social Leader Meeting

January 18th – No School- Teacher Professional Development Day



Celebrating our Students!**StarLab**

The week before Thanksgiving, students got to enjoy the SarLab. They watched the phases of the moon, the solar eclipse, and saw constellations.

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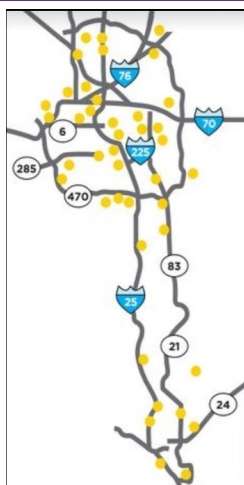
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Celebrating our Students!

Thanksgiving Lunch

Our Thanksgiving lunch was a big success again this year! Thank you to all the families who joined our students for this fun tradition.



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Veterans Day Assembly

Our Veterans Day Assembly was on November 12th. It was a wonderful afternoon honoring those who have served (and currently serve) our country. Thank you to those who attended and participated and thank you especially to all of the Veterans!



Colorado State Assessments

Rock Ridge will be participating in the Colorado State Assessments from **April 8th to April 26th**.

Third through Sixth graders will be taking the English Language Arts and Mathematics Assessment. Fifth graders will also be taking the Science assessment.

For a more detailed description of specific assessment administration times and dates at RRE, please visit our RRE website. Information regarding Colorado State Assessments is located under Parent Resources on our State Mandated Assessment page ([link](#)).

If you have any questions, please forward them to your child's teacher or Julie Roach. Thank you.



PreK - 12 Colorado Teachers!

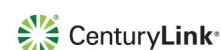
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Science Matters STEM Clubs

Science Matters in America is an exciting after school science or technology enrichment program for your child. Each club meets once a week for four or five weeks depending on the school. Each club meeting lasts one hour.

The STEM (Science – Technology Engineering – Math) classes that will be offered this school year are: Zany Zoology, Extreme Electricity, Radical Reactions, Unsolved Science and My Amazing Flying Machine.

Flyers are available at the front office and include class descriptions, the class schedule, price and registration form.

You can also register online at www.sciencematters.tv.

Comcast/Xfinity special program

Comcast/Xfinity, the cable TV giant, is the biggest name in the low-cost internet business with a program called Internet Essentials.

If you live in areas of the country served by Comcast (and Castle Rock is) and you qualify, you can now get Internet Essentials for just \$9.95 per month instead of the \$40–60 (after teaser promotions) the company charges for its lowest cost basic plan. As of August 2014, over 1.4 million kids from 350,000 families now are online thanks to the wonderful program.

If you are qualifying for free and reduced lunch, then you have a good chance of qualifying for this program.

Go to <https://apply.internetessentials.com/#> to apply for this program.

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New Mobile App for RRE

As of December 2018, Rock Ridge will no longer be using the RRE Mobile App. Instead, we will be using the DCSD Mobile App. Please download this App to stay informed on what's going on at RRE.

New DCSD Mobile App Now Available!

DCSD has a new mobile app that is now available for download for both Apple and Android devices. As a district app, you'll receive alerts for snow delays and closures and you'll be able to access at your fingertips employee resources, district news, a full list of schools with phone numbers, links, and maps, and more.

Additionally, if you work at one of the 34 schools that currently have websites hosted by SchoolMessenger, or if you have children that attend one of these schools, you will also be able to utilize this app to access your school news, calendar of events, staff directory, and more! Please note that only schools with SchoolMessenger websites are listed in this settings menu; however, all schools are listed in the schools menu.

[To download the app from the Apple Store, click here.](#)

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The cost of the app was also completely underwritten, resulting in no expense to DCSD. Thank you to Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children at Sky Ridge Medical Center, for their sponsorship of this new app.







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Box Tops



Congratulations to Ms. Guthrie's class for winning the November 4th grade Box Tops competition!

December is 3rd grade's month...please have all Box Tops in before Winter Break on December 20th. Thank You!!

Specials Spotlight

Gym: PE has been awesome this month! 3rd-6th grades worked really hard creating their own dances and they all performed well. K-2nd learned different movements in dance and had a lot of fun with it. To close out the semester, classes will get to pick the game of their choice and then we will be going into volleyball after the break.

Spanish: Feliz Navidad! Fröhliche Weihnachten! buon Natale! Mele Kalikimaka! Maligayang Pasko! Happy Chanukah!! We hope you are enjoying this festive time of year filled with traditions and celebrations. In Spanish class we are researching and exploring Christmas customs and traditions around the world.

Music: The Rock Ridge Singers had great success caroling for cans on December 6!

Join us for our final concert of the year on Tuesday, December 18th at 6:00 pm in the gym.

Art: The Art Room has distributed the Original Artworks bringing our annual fundraiser to a close. Thank you all for your participation. We will be starting our clay exploration for the year in the coming weeks!

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. 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:

Library

Grade Level Workshops

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

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 or Senior Program Leader Amanda Pierce at 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!



International Baccalaureate

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

Inquirers

- 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.

How can parents help to develop students who are Inquirers 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.



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.

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**

A big thanks to those who have already volunteered as Watch D.O.G.S. this school year:

Collin Cacchione	Sean Graham	Cliff Waite	Charles Fletcher	Art Rodriguez
Carl Anderson	Don Trujillo	Rob Baumann	Bryan Goodland	Trey Walters
Shane Reincke	KC Yarcho	Jerome Revis		

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

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