



ROCK RIDGE ELEMENTARY

ROCK RIDGE REVIEW

400 Heritage Avenue, Castle Rock, CO 80104

FEBRUARY 2021

Note from the Principal, Mr. Mosby

I hope this newsletter finds you warm after such a cold snap this past week. Punxsutawney Phil, the groundhog from Pennsylvania did see his shadow and predicted another six weeks of winter. Phil has accurately predicted an early spring or extended winter accurately 100 times since 1887, a 75% accuracy rate. Based on our most recent weather, it looks like Phil might be right again.

Good news is the countdown has begun, at least for Spring Break that is just around the corner. When we return we will begin state testing (CMAS) for all 3rd-6th graders in the areas of Math, Language Arts, and Science (5th grade). Testing will be ongoing through the month of April. For a [schedule](#) of our testing please check out our [website](#) for more details. **(THE E-LEARNER SCHEDULE IS STILL BEING FINALIZED).**

These assessments are used in addition to other benchmark assessments as evidence for proper student placement, the development of instructional strategies to meet the needs of individual students, and with the development of individual plans for learning. This data, when used with other pieces of evidence, is a crucial part of planning for next year's instructional goals and strategies. In addition, this data is carried forward with each student moving to Mesa Middle School for their planning. Finally, the information that is shared with parents gives us another format to gauge our student's knowledge foundation. I urge you to share this information with your children when you receive the results at the end of the year so that your child has a better understanding of where they are academically. This will help your child understand where they excel as well as where they can benefit from additional support and focus.



For those parents who are dropping off students along Heritage, please remember to follow all driving laws and not drop students off in no parking zones. This is for everyone's safety and Castle Rock traffic police are monitoring the situation.

Thank you everyone for making Rock Ridge Elementary a great place to learn. Have a wonderful month and stay warm.

PS: Make sure that you have purchased your yearbook in MYSCHOOL BUCKS!

Sincerely,
Peter Mosby



Peter Mosby
Principal

Julie Roach
Assistant Principal

Attendance Line
303-387-5152

Office
303-387-5150

Weather Closure
303-387-SNOW

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

School Website



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Mark Your Calendar, Important Dates to Remember

February

Feb 15th	No School (President's Day)
Feb 18th	(all day) Chick-fil-A Spirit Day
Feb 25 th	6:00-7:00pm RRE PTO Paint Night on Zoom!

March

March 9 th	6:00-7:00pm PTO Meeting (Zoom)
March 10th – 11th	Student Led Conferences
March 15th – 21st	Spring Break



Celebrating our Students!

Space Museum in the Library

The Learning Commons turned into a Space Museum this month!

All grades were able to peruse the amazing Solar System Projects our 5th graders created.

Well done, students!



Shout out to Mr. Richard!

A huge Thank You to Mr. Richard, our Building Engineer, who arrives at RRE super early on snowy mornings (sometimes as early as 4am!) to plow and make sure the school grounds are safe for our students and staff. We appreciate him!!



Book Exchange

Don't forget about the Book Exchange boxes in the front of the school!
They contain book for all ages ☺.

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New Staff Member Spotlight

We have several new staff members at RRE this school year, so each month someone new will be recognized so that our families can get to know our amazing staff a little better ☺.

Meet Mary, Keefe, RRE's new Kitchen Manager!

My name is Mary C. Keefe. I grew up in Scholls, Oregon, but have lived in three foreign countries, Italy, Germany and Australia and have travelled to many more. My husband John and I have known each other for 37 years and have been married for 35 ½. I have a son, Phillip, 27 and a daughter, Anna, 25. I have been feeding the kids in the District for over 15 years. WOW! How did that happen to someone who only wanted a short-term, part-time job? In my free time, I love to sing (I'm a tenor), cook (surprised?), garden and travel. Hopefully, retirement is getting closer so that I can enjoy these full-time.



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Wish Week!

Every year Douglas County High School hosts a Wish Week event to support the Make-a-Wish Foundation, an organization that grants life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. Each year we sponsor a child in our community to provide them with an opportunity for hope and a chance to experience life beyond their illness.

This year we are excited to "Choose a Side" with Aidan, our 2021 Wish Week kid, as we grant his wish to go to **Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge!** Aidan is 12 years old and he was recently diagnosed with a rare disease called Loeys-Dietz Syndrome or LDS for short. LDS is a disorder that affects the connective tissues of the body and increases the risk of aneurysms in arteries such as the aorta.

Aidan loves animals (especially dogs), video games, and reading. He also likes camping, hiking, and, of course, all things Star Wars! He is considering a career in game design and, ultimately, he would love to work for The Disney World Company.

Wish Week officially begins in March, but we are already accepting donations at the link below. Please help us raise enough money to not only grant Aidan's wish but also the wishes of many other children in our community who are struggling with critical illnesses.

If you have a connection with a business that would like to help by supporting this event, please contact Tim Byers at tjbyers@dcsdk12.org.

[Please Donate](#)



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Tdap Letter for incoming 6th graders



COLORADO
Department of Public
Health & Environment

To: Parents/Guardians of students enrolled in Colorado schools
From: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Immunization Branch
RE: Tdap vaccine required at 6th-grade entry

January 9, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In Colorado, students entering 6th-grade are required to get the tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) vaccine before they start school. See www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/schoolrequiredvaccines.

Tetanus is a rare, non-contagious disease that can cause painful muscle tightening and stiffness; people can get tetanus through a cut or wound. Diphtheria is a rare, contagious disease that can cause breathing problems, heart failure, and other serious issues. Pertussis, or whooping cough, is a very contagious disease that can cause severe coughing spells, difficulty breathing, and other serious issues, especially in infants, toddlers, and other people who have weakened immune systems. Adolescents who get pertussis can be sick for up to three months.

A Tdap dose administered at 10 years of age counts as the adolescent Tdap dose and meets Colorado's 6th grade Tdap requirement: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/dtap.html>

If your student does not receive Tdap vaccine and does not meet Colorado's 6th grade Tdap requirement, a Certificate of Medical Exemption or an annual Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption must be submitted to the school: www.colorado.gov/vaccineexemption. This will assure that your student is in compliance with the Colorado school immunization law and be allowed to attend school.

For questions or more information, contact cdphe.dcdimmunization@state.co.us.



CMAS Schedule

This spring, Rock Ridge Elementary will be administering the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) to all of our **3rd-6th grade** In-Person and eLearning students in English Language Arts and Math. In addition, our 5th graders will be taking the Science assessment.

The following is our tentative schedule for both RRE and In-person and eLearning students. Additional information pertaining to individual classrooms and our eLearning students is forthcoming.

Attendance is important during this testing window, so please plan accordingly.

Rock Ridge will be using the additional weeks in April to complete any Make-Up Assessments.

More information is available on the Rock Ridge website. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Roach (Assistant Principal) via email at julie.roach@dcsdk12.org or at 303-387-5150.

Important PTO Information

This April the PTO will be hosting their Board elections for all board positions, President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Fundraising Coordinator. The Communications Liaison will be filled by a staff member. Each position holds a 2 year term and all job descriptions can be found on the school website. Due to term limits and student ages the majority of the current board will not be able to reapply. This means we are looking for all new parents who are ready to join this amazing and active organization. If you are looking to become more involved, want to support your kids, support your teachers, and build amazing relationships this is the BEST way to do it. Please contact Lydia Goodland at rockridgepto@gmail.com for more information or a Board application.

Lydia Goodland
Rock Ridge PTO President



Specials Spotlight



Gym:

6th-3rd Grade: We will begin a week-long badminton unit, ending with a badminton doubles tournament. Each class champion will go up against the master...Coach Lentz.

K-2nd Grade:

We will be covering throwing and catching all week, with some awesome team and individual games!

Art:

We are moving forward with our second Original Works fundraiser this year! Starting the week of Feb 15th, students will take home Original Work packets that include their artwork, pricing, and an order form. Payment will be through checks. Please make sure to read over the pricing sheet that has the ordering instructions on it before sending your students OW packet back to school. The deadline to order is March 5th.

Box Tops

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/>.



International Baccalaureate

Each month we focus on an IB Learner Profile and **Open-Minded** is our focus for the month of **February**.

"Open-minded students respect the views, values, and traditions of other individuals and cultures, and are accustomed to seeking and considering a range of points of view."

An Open-Minded person knows that all people are different. They listen to the points of view of others and consider many possibilities before making a decision. They celebrate the differences that make all people unique.

How can parents help to develop this Open-Minded trait at home?

- Encourage your child to try new things – new foods, new games, and new activities.
- Expose your child to different festivals, celebrations, and traditions, and be sure to present them in a non-judgmental way.
- Encourage your child to really listen to others when they speak.
- Introduce literature about many different cultures into your home library. Be sure that it is appropriate and reflects the culture in an appropriate way.
- When you observe your child being Open-Minded, reinforce this positive behavior and use the PYP learner profile terminology.

Open-Minded ~ Book List

1. [Open-Minded Books to Support Student Learning](#)
2. [Resources for Teaching Perspective & Open-Mindedness](#)