



ROCK RIDGE ELEMENTARY

ROCK RIDGE REVIEW

400 Heritage Avenue, Castle Rock, CO 80104

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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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Note from the Principal, Mr. Mosby

Dear Rock Ridge Families,

February is always a tough month as we all await the coming of spring and warmer weather and with Punxsutawney Phil emerging from his tree stump and seeing his shadow, it looks like six more weeks of winter. However, with only a 39% accuracy record we hopefully could be seeing an early warm up. Nevertheless, please remember to send your kids to school properly dressed so that they can enjoy outdoor recess.

In case you have not noticed, the billboard advertising the bond fund progress is showing a big, "Completed" sign. Yes, all the improvements that were promised for Rock Ridge are completed and we are thankful to all of you for passing this bond. Thank you!

Rock Ridge is thankful to the RRE PTO who have been supporting staff through grants for the classroom and random goodies in the faculty lounge. I would also like to thank the family who sent around 20 pizzas for the staff on February 3rd. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated by all of us!

Have a great day!

Sincerely,
Peter Mosby, Principal



Thank You so much!

Mark Your Calendar, Important Dates to Remember

February

18 – No School: Teacher Workday

21 – No School: President's Day

March

8 – PTO Meeting

8 & 9 – (4:00-7:00pm) Student Led Conferences

14-18 – Spring Break



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Celebrating our Students!

Simulated meteor showers with 5th grade

5th grade students simulated meteor showers on the moon this month as part of the Who We Are IB Planner. This activity gave students the opportunity to examine impact craters. They measured craters in an attempt to understand variables like speed and mass and their effects. Finally, they graphed their results to quantify what they experienced in this simulation.



BeeBots with 1st grade

First grade students had the opportunity to demonstrate what they learned about Predators and Prey by coding the Bee-Bots to reach a destination. They had a blast with this activity!



StarLab

Mrs. Keller and Coach Lentz teamed up to present StarLab to the entire school. StarLab is a mobile planetarium borrowed from the District Library. All of the classes were able to see the total solar eclipse from 2017 and all of the planets.





Specials Spotlight

**Gym:**

6th-3rd grade will be finishing up our hockey unit. We will also be moving into our school wide hockey tournament, this will finish up with crowning the school champion.

K-2nd grade will be reviewing some of the skills we have learned this year before moving into a teamwork unit.

Music:

In Music Class, we wrapped up learning about the Instrument Families ("How We Organize Ourselves" IB Unit) by watching Peter and The Wolf last week. We will be exploring Music around the world the month of February and continuing piano with 6th grade, guitars with 5th grade and starting recorders in 3rd and 4th.

Spanish:

In Spanish, grades 4-6 recently did a speaking and comprehension assessment in which I asked them each (one-on-one) five questions in Spanish and they both answered the questions in Spanish and told me what they mean in English. The students did a very impressive job! Third grade recently played a vocabulary Spanish bingo game. K-2 watched a new video with a muppet from another planet traveling to Earth to find odors to replace the ones that a thief stole from his planet (and then telling me what lines from the story mean, with the comfy chairs as prizes) and are continuing to develop familiarity with numbers, colors, and other foundational vocabulary. All grades will be hearing my reading of "Donde los Monstruos Viven" ("Where the Wild Things Are" in Spanish) in this cycle. Please be sure to stop by my "useful links" page; there are tons of great resources there for your child to use, with the slideshow--complete with audio and pictures--of "Donde los Monstruos Viven" right on top, for you to use with your child at home!

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Counselor's Corner

We have seen an uptick in peer conflict related to TikTok. Please take a moment and visit this [site for a Parent's Guide to TikTok](#).

The Douglas County School District has partnered with Dr. Scott Cypers to create a video series for parents to help their children overcome anxiety. There are currently 6 video segments that you can watch [here](#).

It may be too early for most of our students to think about dating, but it is never too early to talk to them about your expectations in any relationship, to include friendships. February is Teen Dating Violence Prevention Month. Visit [LoveIsRespect](#) for ideas on talking to kids about self-respect, setting boundaries, and safety.

Faith Lutheran Church on Ridge Road has a drive up food pantry on Saturdays for those in need. For more information and to register for food, [click here](#).

Click [here](#) for a list of local mental health resources.

Dawna McKnight
RRE School Counselor
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Important PTO Information

Ice Cream Social

Join us on Wednesday, Mar. 9 for our PTO Ice Cream Social! We will be passing out goodies from 4-6 pm, while supplies last. We will also be selling Spirit Wear, in person, at this time. Don't miss it!



King Soopers Community Rewards

If you haven't already, please be sure to register your King Soopers card through their Community Rewards Program! Every time you shop, you support the PTO.



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B.A.S.E

Rock Ridge is proud to present the Rock Ridge Rockets Before and After School program (rocket B.A.S.E. for short). This program provides a fun and relaxing way for your students to start or end their day 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 in their own elementary school. Hours of operation daily are 6:30-8:30am and 3:30-6:00pm. B.A.S.E. also provides full day care during breaks and school closures from 6:30am-6:00pm.

If you think you may need care for your children or have general questions please visit them at the Rock Ridge B.A.S.E. website or feel free to reach out to the program manager, Amanda Pierce.

Also... Our B.A.S.E. program is growing!!

We are looking for enthusiastic, energetic people to join our team.

This is a great position for a high school student, or someone just looking for a few hours per week (10-15). If you or someone you know is interested please reach out to:

Amanda Pierce
Rock Ridge BASE Manager
303-549-7283



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/](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**.

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](#)

Developing open-mindedness in children isn't really that difficult since they are actually pretty loving and accepting of others around the world. Opening their minds to the myriad differences surrounding them is tantamount to developing an even greater sense of global awareness and international mindedness in a young person who is going to become our future. Keeping an open mind can also tie in with being a risk-taker and trying new experiences. These books help to promote the attitude of acceptance and tolerance as well as inspire a need for change.

