



# ROCK RIDGE ELEMENTARY

# ROCK RIDGE REVIEW

400 Heritage Avenue, Castle Rock, CO 80104

JANUARY 2021

**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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Happy New Year!



## Note from the Principal, Mr. Mosby

Happy New Year! We have already had an exciting beginning of the year with sunny and 50's to bitter cold and some snow. Welcome to Colorado, where if you do not like the weather, wait five minutes.

This time of year, we start having more snow in the forecast and thus, possible late starts or even snow days. Be sure to check the [district webpage](#) for a refresher on how the district makes these decisions and then communicates to the community.

With that said, please also remember that we do not have supervision outside of school until 8:20, when we have our soft start and begin allowing students into the building. Please do not drop off your students before this time because of the cold and lack of adults outside of the building.

Some other friendly reminders:

- The attendance line at Rock Ridge (303-387-5152) is available 24 hours a day
- Please contact the office for messages to students prior to 3:00pm each day
- We are still practicing district COVID policies, including only allowing students on property. Please remain in your vehicle during pick up and drop off and refrain from walking onto campus from 8:20-8:50 and 3:20-3:50
- If you need to pick up your child or drop them off between 8:50-3:00, contact the office when you pull up in the car loop lane so that we can escort your child to your vehicle
- If you need to drop off an item for your child between 8:50-3:00, you may notify the front office by pressing the bell at the front door, notify us what the item is and for whom, then place the item(s) in the drop off container in the front

Thank you everyone for your understanding and patience. We appreciate your support and look forward to a brighter future soon.

With half of the year behind us, the past year has been a rougher ride than a roller coaster at Magic Mountain! The good news is I think by May we should be pulling into the station and ending this crazy ride. So hang in there and stay strong and let us start by making it to Spring Break and warmer weather.

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

Sincerely,  
Peter Mosby, Principal

## Mark Your Calendar, Important Dates to Remember

### January

Jan 21st (all day) Chick-fil-A Spirit Day

Jan 26th Virtual 7<sup>th</sup> grade Registration Presentation for 6<sup>th</sup> graders



### February

Feb 9th (6:00pm) PTO Meeting (Zoom)

**Feb 12th No School  
Teacher Professional Development Day**

**Feb 15th No School  
(President's Day)**

Feb 18th (all day) Chick-fil-A Spirit Day

Feb 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Silent Auction (online)

Feb 26<sup>th</sup> (5:00-7:00pm) Chili Cook-off

## 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](mailto:rockridgepto@gmail.com) for more information or a Board application.

*Lydia Goodland*  
*Rock Ridge PTO President*

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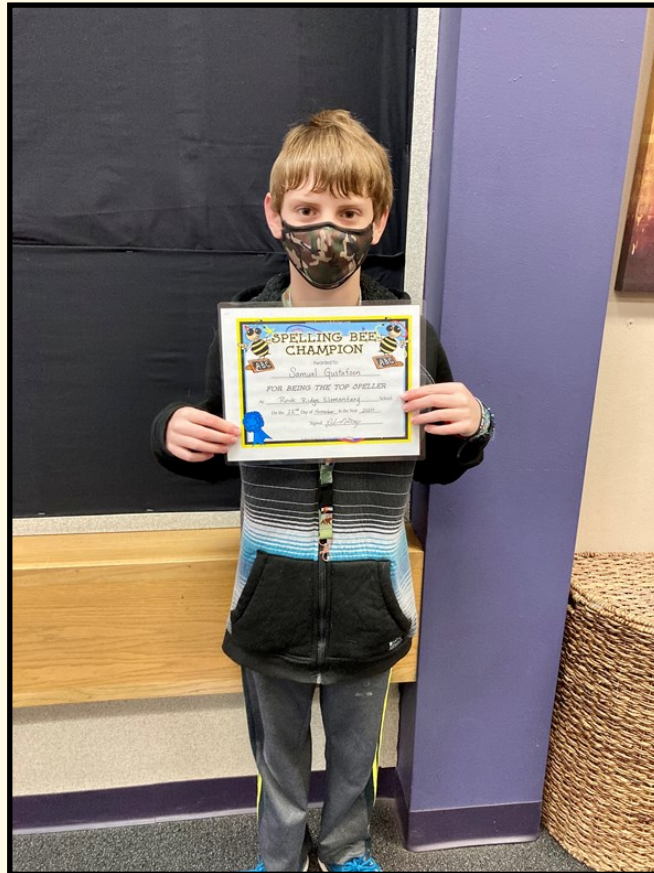
*Spelling Bee Champion!*

*Congratulations to Samuel Gustafson (5<sup>th</sup> grade), RRE's Spelling Bee Champion!!*

*Rock Ridge held an online Spelling Bee this year due to Covid, and Samuel was our top speller!*

*He will move on to the District Spelling Bee next month.*

*Way to go, Samuel!*





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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 J.

Meet Elizabeth Feher-Gilani, our new Education Assistant in the Affective Needs Department!

My name is Elizabeth Feher-Gilani. I grew up in Las Vegas, NV and moved to Colorado in 1998. I have one daughter, age 11, named Kalista. One funny dog, named Benny and an amazing husband, named Brent. I have a criminal justice background and later became a photo-therapist. My favorite hobby is photography. My photography has been published nationally and internationally. I also enjoy traveling with my family, hiking, watching my daughter becoming an amazing artist, and so much more. I am also a double cancer survivor.



## Get your kids the math help they need!

- ✓ Learn at your pace, not somebody else's
- ✓ Stop and rewind the teacher until you get it
- ✓ Builds confidence
- ✓ 24 x 7 unlimited access when you want it
- ✓ Catch up or you can even get ahead
- ✓ Start getting much better grades





## Specials Spotlight

**Gym:**

K-6th grade will be introduced to floor hockey. We will be learning a few basic skills, rules, and safety precautions. Unfortunately, we will not be able to host our school hockey tournament this year due to Covid restrictions...hopefully next year!

**Spanish:**

In Spanish class, we are working on the transdisciplinary skills “How We Organize Ourselves”. Our focus is on the numbers in our environment. In Kindergarten and First grade, the emphasis is on the calendar and the numbers 1-10. Grades 2-4 will focus on comparing numbers and identifying which 1-digit or 2-digit number is larger. Grades 5-6 will strategize while getting the sum of numbers and will read numbers up to 1000!

**Art:**

Rock Ridge PTO Paint Night is coming up on February 25<sup>th</sup>! Please see the flier below for details.



**ROCK RIDGE PTO  
PAINT NIGHT**  
with the amazing Ms. Gonzalez!

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

**6-7:00 PM  
ON ZOOM!**

**\$10 PER  
PERSON**

Ticket price includes bag with canvas board, paint, palette, paintbrush, and time with our amazing art teacher, Ms. Gonzalez, who will lead us through a painting on Zoom! Click here to buy your tickets on MySchoolBucks\*. Space is limited!

\*To purchase tickets, choose Paint Night from the School Store, fill out the information, add to cart, and then repeat if needed for additional participants. You can view cart and checkout when all tickets have been added.



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## Virtual Parent Night: How to support your teen during a pandemic

Mesa Middle School is extending this invitation to DCHS feeder families:

Hello,

We wanted to invite you and your school community to a virtual parent night that Mesa Middle is hosting. Mesa Middle School is proud to announce a parent night with Nick Thompson about How to Support Your Teen During a Pandemic. The event will be on Thursday February 4th from 6:30 -8:00 and will be held virtually. Nick Thompson is a Clinical Social Worker living in Boulder Colorado who has over 10 years of experience working with family and youth. Please join us online for this fun and exciting event.

[HERE](#) is our flyer to the event.

[HERE](#) Is the parent registration form.

[HERE](#) is the link that will be used to join the virtual parent night.

Please email Evelyn Hansen ([ehansen@dcsdk12.org](mailto:ehansen@dcsdk12.org)) or Jessica Zimmerman ([jzimmerman1@dcsdk12.org](mailto:jzimmerman1@dcsdk12.org)) with any questions or for additional information.

*Jessica Zimmerman, M.A.*

Mesa Middle School Counselor  
Serving 8th Grade Last Names K-Z  
303-387-4869

Evelyn Hansen, M.Ed  
303-387-4765  
7th Grade Counselor (Last Names K-Z)  
Mesa Middle School

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Please contact Rob Mangelson at [Rob@tscacolorado.com](mailto:Rob@tscacolorado.com) or (720) 878-4107.







## 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/>.

## Rockets B.A.S.E.

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](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!

## International Baccalaureate

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



Students who are knowledgeable explore concepts, ideas, and issues that have local and global significance. In so doing, they acquire in-depth knowledge and develop understanding across a broad and balanced range of disciplines.

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

- Encourage your child to read books at home that correspond with the topics being covered in school. In particular, books in their mother tongue will help your child make more meaningful, lasting connections to what is being taught in their classroom in English.
- Ask your child about what they are learning in school and engage them in conversations about it:
  - “Why do you think that is an important thing to know about?”
  - “Can you think of anything happening in the world today that might be similar to that aspect of History?”
  - “You’re learning about pulleys and gears at school? This reminds me of your simple machines unit in grade 2... have you noticed any similarities? How is what you’re learning different?”
- Foster any area that your child expresses an interest in with books and activities, but also be sure to encourage them to explore other areas.
- Encourage your child to become familiar with current events and to read the newspaper and watch the news when appropriate.