



# ROCK RIDGE ELEMENTARY

# ROCK RIDGE REVIEW

400 Heritage Avenue, Castle Rock, CO 80104

MARCH 2021

## Note from the Principal, Mr. 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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not imply endorsement by the  
school or district.*

Hello Rock Ridge and welcome back after a snowy spring break. The good news is that when all this snow finally melts everything will be green and spring like.

The next few weeks will be busy as we begin CMAS testing. Due to the testing provider and technical issues on their part, CMAS has been pushed back one week. To see the updated schedule and other information regarding CMAS, please visit the [Rock Ridge website](#).

The wonderful ladies in the front office have requested that I share the following reminders:

- Please remind your student(s) to remember to bring their own masks each day to school.
- After school messages MUST be into the office by 3:00pm for us to distribute them to the students prior to dismissal.
- ALL absences need to be called into the absence hotline (303.387.5152).

Thank you for helping us out with these items so that we can better serve you and your children.

March is always associated with snow, spring break and the anticipation of spring. I wanted to share some other interesting things about March that many people may not be aware of:

- March 1, 1872 - Yellowstone becomes the U.S.'s first national park.
- March 1, 1932 - The Hoover Dam is completed.
- March 1, 1958 - U.S. launches Explorer I, its first satellite.
- March 1, 1961 - The U.S. Peace Corps was founded.
- March 31, 1889 - France's Eiffel Tower opens.
- In the Southern Hemisphere, March is the same as September in the Northern Hemisphere.
- Each year March and June end on the same day of the week.
- It is the time of year when animals start waking up from hibernation.

Just some fun facts to share with your friends. Remember, we are learners at heart who are always learning.

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

Sincerely,

Peter Mosby



## Mark Your Calendar, Important Dates to Remember

### April

- April 6<sup>th</sup> (6:30-7:30am)  
PTO Informational Meeting for the Board election
- April 13<sup>th</sup> (6:00-7:00pm)  
PTO meeting (Zoom)
- April 16<sup>th</sup> **No School**  
**Teacher Comp Day**
- April 19<sup>th</sup> **No School**  
**Professional Development Day**
- April 20<sup>th</sup> Smart Cow Spirit Day!

### May

- May 11<sup>th</sup> (6:00-7:00pm)  
PTO Meeting (Zoom)
- May 13<sup>th</sup> (4:00-5:30pm)  
Book Swap
- May 25<sup>th</sup> **Lat Day of School!**
- May 28<sup>th</sup> (3:00-4:30pm)  
Kona Ice



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## Celebrating our Students!

### Bee-Bots

Thanks to Miss Kia (RRE Tech Specialist), First grade students had the opportunity to demonstrate map skills by coding the Bee-Bots to reach a destination. They had a blast with this activity!



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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 Amanda Pierce, RRE's new Base Program Manager!*

My name is Amanda Pierce and I have accepted the B.A.S.E. Program Manager position at Rock Ridge Elementary. I'm very excited to be a part of this amazing team! I have been working with kids for 17 years and love making a difference in their lives.

I have three grown children of my own, 27, 23 and 21. My oldest daughter has my amazing first granddaughter and will be having a son in June!! My middle daughter recently graduated from FHSU in Kansas and is now working full time with DCSD. My son will be graduating from college in Wyoming this May, with a wind turbine engineering degree.



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## Tdap Letter for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade entry

January 9, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In Colorado, students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade are required to get the tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) vaccine before they start school. See [www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/schoolrequiredvaccines](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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 schedule for both RRE In-person and eLearning students. Attendance is important during this testing window, so please plan accordingly.

RRE CMAS SCHEDULE 2021				
4/5	4/6	4/7	4/8	4/9
	3rd ELA 1: 9:00-11:00	3rd ELA 2: 9:00-11:00	3rd ELA 3: 9:00-11:00	3rd-6th ELA and MATH In-Person Make Ups
	4th ELA 1: 8:45-10:30	4th ELA 2: 8:45-10:30	4th ELA 3: 8:45-10:30	
	5th ELA 1: 10:20-12:10	5th ELA 2: 10:20-12:10	5th ELA 3: 10:20-12:10	
	6th ELA 1: 10:00-12:00	6th ELA 2: 10:00-12:00	6th ELA 3: 10:00-12:00	
	3rd MATH 1: 12:30-2:00	3rd MATH 2: 12:30-2:00	3rd MATH 3: 12:30-2:00	
	4th MATH 1: 1:00-2:30	4th MATH 2: 1:00-2:30	4th MATH 3: 1:00-2:30	
	5th MATH 1: 1:00-2:30	5th MATH 2: 1:00-2:30	5th MATH 3: 1:00-2:30	
	6th MATH 1: 1:30-3:30	6th MATH 2: 1:30-3:30	6th MATH 3: 1:30-3:30	
4/12	4/13	4/14	4/15	4/16
3rd-6th ELA and MATH In-Person Make Ups	5th SCIENCE 1: 10:30-12:00 3rd-6th ELA and MATH In- Person Make Ups	5th SCIENCE 2: 10:30-12:00 3rd-6th ELA and MATH In- Person Make Ups	5th SCIENCE 3: 10:30-12:00 3rd-6th ELA and MATH In- Person Make Ups	NO SCHOOL (Teacher Conference Comp. Day)
4/19	4/20	4/21	4/22	4/23
NO SCHOOL (Professional Development Day)	<b>eLEARNING TESTING SCHEDULE</b>			3rd-6th ELA and MATH 5th Grade SCIENCE In- Person Make Ups
	3rd-6th ELA 1: 9:30-11:30	3rd-6th ELA 2: 9:30-11:30	3rd-6th ELA 3: 9:30-11:30	
	3rd-6th MATH 1: 11:45-1:00	3rd-6th MATH 2: 11:45-1:00	3rd-6th MATH 3: 11:45-1:00	
	5th SCIENCE 1: 1:45-3:15	5th SCIENCE 2: 1:45-3:15	5th SCIENCE 3: 1:45-3:15	
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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](mailto: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](mailto:rockridgepto@gmail.com) for more information or a Board application.

*Lydia Goodland*

*Rock Ridge PTO President*



### Specials Spotlight



#### **Gym:**

3rd-6th: We are calling this random week in place of fitness testing this year. Students will be guinea pigs for Coach Lentz and try out some new games he has never taught before.

**K-2nd:** Students will be playing PFA (Project Fit America) games. These games incorporate teamwork, cooperation, and communication. The last activity of the week is Coach Lentz's favorite game...Mario Kart.

**Spanish:** In Spanish, we have transitioned to the IB transdisciplinary theme, "How the World Works". Students will be observing, identifying and categorizing the weather elements associated with the different seasons. They will be practicing the Spanish vocabulary related to the seasons and weather. Students will be able to ask and answer the question, "¿Qué tiempo hace?"

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## International Baccalaureate

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

Students who are principled have a sense of fairness and are honest with themselves and with others. They understand that sometimes there are rules and they follow them. They also have an understanding of moral reasoning.

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

- Involve your child in deciding on the rules for a game or activity and then ensure that they stick to the ones that have been decided upon.
- Encourage your child to play games that involve teams. Discuss with your child the qualities of a team player. What sort of person would they want on their team?
- When your child wins a game insist that he or she is a well-mannered winner. They might thank their opponent or shake hands with them if it's appropriate.
- When playing a game, don't change the rules or let your child win. Being a gracious loser is just as important as being a good winner.

