

## **ROCK RIDGE ELEMENTARY**

# **ROCK RIDGE REVIEW**

400 Heritage Avenue, Castle Rock, CO 80104

**MAY 2021** 

## Peter Mosby Principal

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#### **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

Hello RRE families:

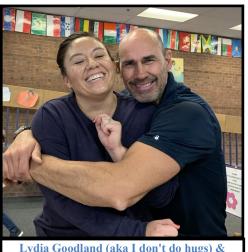
Wow, how crazy the difference a year can make. What a relief to not only have summer so close but to be able to enjoy the spring air with the gradual lifting of mask restrictions.

To say that this year has been a challenge for all of us is an understatement. However, I cannot say enough about how grateful I am to work with an amazing staff and a fantastic community. With all of your support, patience and understanding we have managed to navigate these historical times and finish in a positive light. On behalf of the entire staff, thank you.



Photo taken by 3<sup>rd</sup> Grader Dominic Gardner

Next, we had another reason to celebrate here at Rock Ridge. Our esteemed counselor, Ms. McKnight, was recognized by The Foundation for Douglas County Schools and presented a check personally by their board of directors as a grant reward to support her and her mission. THANK YOU for taking the time to personally come out to Rock Ridge and give a gift that will directly benefit our students and the community. We are grateful for all the great things your foundation does for Douglas County. (Board members are: Dave Welcome, VP of Cardiovascular and Neurosciences at Sky Ridge Medical Center, Lisa Hinton (standing next to Pam Gutierrez) Director of Outpatient Services, Castle Rock Adventist Hospital/Centura Health, and Timi Aguilar, Aguilar Public Relations.



Lydia Goodland (aka I don't do hugs) & Mr. Mosby

One more person that I would like to recognize is Lydia Goodland. Lydia was our PTO president for the past four years (two years as the secretary prior) and brought miraculous changes to Rock Ridge. With her innovative ideas, to-the-point communications, ability to cut through red tape, and drive towards excellence, Lydia worked with her strong PTO leaders and made a huge impact. They brought thousands and thousands of dollars into the classroom through grants, recognized our staff repeatedly through the years with innovative methods, and were just fun to work with. Thank you, Lydia, for being an amazing person.

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## Note from the Principal, Mr. Mosby, continued...

Please also join me in welcoming Allison Uselton as our new PTO president! Allison served as the secretary for the PTO for the past two years and is ready to take the reins from Lydia and continue her legacy. Thank you Allison and I look forward to working with you.

In closing, our last day of school for students is Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will be in the building on May 26<sup>th</sup> to close out reports and prepare classrooms for summer cleaning. The school will be closed to everyone starting Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> for construction improvements, paid for by you and through the bond that was passed a few years ago. The front office, Ms. Roach and I will still be reachable via email, although sporadically as we all try to catch up on two summers worth of family time.



Check the school <u>website</u> for our calendar and important dates for the upcoming year. Be safe and have a great summer! Sincerely,

Peter Mosby Principal, Rock Ridge Elementary



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## Mark Your Calendar, Important Dates to Remember



## May

May 25<sup>th</sup> – Lat Day of School!

May 25<sup>th</sup> (9:15am) – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Continuation

May 25<sup>th</sup> (3:00-4:30pm) – Kona Ice





## **Specials Spotlight**



#### Gym:

Field days are May 17th, May 18th, & May 19th. Students will participate during their special times during each of the three days. Parents are welcome to attend, but must stay on the other side of the fence located on Heritage Ave...so bring a lawn chair and some popcorn! If there is inclement weather, we will have May (20th, 21st, 24th, or 25th) as field day make up days.



Kinder 12:10-12:50

#### Art:

This Friday the art show will be on the website for you to view. Go check out the artwork K-6th grade has been making in the art room this year!

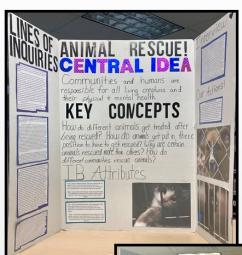


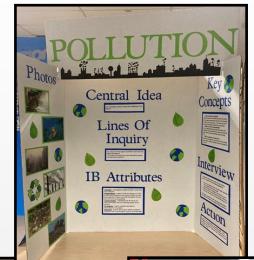


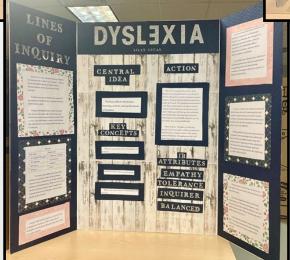
## **Celebrating our Students!**

#### 6<sup>th</sup> grade Exhibition

This year's 6th grade Exhibition looked a little different, but that didn't stop the 6th graders from choosing authentic global issues and thinking about actions that could be taken to help solve these problems. Parents were able to Zoom in to watch their child's presentations which worked out really well, and we appreciated all the parents that took time in their day to be a part of Exhibition. Well done, 6<sup>th</sup> graders!!















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## **Tdap Letter for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders**



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 grade entry

January 9, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In Colorado, students entering 6 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: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/dtap.html">https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/dtap.html</a>

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: <a href="https://www.colorado.gov/vaccineexemption">www.colorado.gov/vaccineexemption</a>. 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.

4300 Cherry Creek Drive S., Denver, CO 80246-1530 P 303-692-2000 www.colorado.gov/cdphe

Jared Polis, Governor | Jill Hunsaker Ryan, MPH, Executive Director







## **BASE Job Opportunities**

Rock Ridge Families! BASE has a couple of job opportunities!!

We are currently looking for a program aide, 20 - 25 hours per week. If you know of someone looking for a first job or just interested in working with Kids, please let them know!!

We are also looking for an Assistant Program Manager for our program. This position is 30 hrs per week.

If you know someone who may be interested in one of these positions have them call 303-549-7283.

Amanda Pierce
Program Manager
Rock Ridge Elementary
B.A.S.E
arpierce@dcsdk12.org







## **Important PTO Information**

The PTO held elections in April and we are excited to welcome our new PTO Board!

These ladies will serve a two year term, effective immediately.

President: Allison Uselton
Vice President: OPEN
Secretary: Ashley Murrell
Fundraising Coordinator: OPEN

Communications Liaison: Kylie Guthrie and Payton Poalillo

We are still on the lookout for individuals interested in filling the remaining positions.

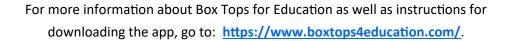
Please contact <a href="mailto:rockridgepto@gmail.com">rockridgepto@gmail.com</a> with any questions.

ALSO.... It's time to order school supplies for next school year!

http://www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks

## **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!







#### **International Baccalaureate**

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

- These students exercise initiative in applying thinking skills critically and creatively to make sound decisions and to solve complex problems.
- Students who are thinkers work to solve problems. They can imagine many solutions to a question or challenge. Thinkers make good decisions and can predict the outcomes of their actions. They think creatively and critically

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

- Encourage your child to try to think of solutions to problems independently.
- Pose different real-life problems and questions to your child:
  - ° "I'm not sure how to arrange the glasses so they can all fit in the cupboard."
  - "I wonder how much the groceries in the cart will cost... how can we make an estimate?"
  - "We need enough cookies for the 20 people in your class. What kind of changes should we make to our recipe?"
- Ask your children questions when they are working on a problem:
  - "Do you have any ideas about how we might begin?"
  - ° "How can we do this differently?"
  - ° "I had never thought of that. Tell me more about it."
  - ° "What other ways can we show that?"
  - "Why do you think that?"
  - "How did you figure that out?"

