



# ROCK RIDGE ELEMENTARY

# ROCK RIDGE REVIEW

400 Heritage Avenue, Castle Rock, CO 80104

October 2020

**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**



## A Note From the Principal

Hello RRE families:

I hope this note finds you all warm and healthy as we continue to navigate the challenges of coping with COVID and a moving target when it comes to safety procedures. I know that many of you have been significantly impacted during this time and seven more so in recent weeks. Please keep in mind that Rock Ridge will continue to support families in any way that we can and continue to follow district guidelines, including quarantine expectations.

With that said, in case you have not noticed, I have not been present at school this past week. My son began displaying COVID symptoms with the loss of taste and smell. Following district guidelines I have been placed on quarantine and cannot return to school until November 2nd. I was hoping to return earlier after testing from our doctor but that has not been the result I was hoping for. Needless to say, this has been frustrating for me not being there in person for you and your children. Luckily, Rock Ridge is full of amazing staff, including a dynamite front office and a spectacular assistant principal, Mrs. Julie Roach. (Who by the way has been nominated for the 2021 Colorado Outstanding Assistant Principal of the Year Award. Congratulations!) Thus, I have been working remotely and will continue to throughout the week. I am still reachable should you need my assistance both via email and phone.

The first week back with everyone returning to Rock Ridge (except for our e-learners) has been a huge success. Thank you Rock Ridge staff, parents and students for making this possible. I cannot tell you how impressed I am with our community and stakeholders.




On an obvious note, winter has arrived in force and with some dangerous cold temperatures along with it. Please remember to bundle up your kids so that they are ready for whatever Mother Nature has in store and do not drop off your kids prior to the doors opening at 8:20am.

I look forward to seeing everyone in the car loop soon as well as seeing your students when I return next week. Until then, be safe and enjoy the snow!  
Sincerely,

Peter Mosby  
Principal, Rock Ridge Elementary

## Dates to Remember - Mark Your Calendar

| Important Dates   | Looking Ahead  |
|---|--|
| <b>October</b><br><br>Oct 29 <sup>th</sup> (all day)<br><br> | <b>November</b><br><br>Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> (11am-8:30pm)<br>Panda Express Spirit Day<br><br>Nov 10 <sup>th</sup> (6:00-7:00pm)<br>PTO Meeting (Zoom)<br><br>Nov 19 <sup>th</sup> (all day)<br>Chick-fil-A Spirit Day<br><br>Nov 23 <sup>rd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> <b>No School</b><br><b>Thanksgiving Break</b> |

## Looking Ahead

### December

Dec 8<sup>th</sup> (6:00-7:00pm)  
PTO Meeting (Zoom)

Dec 18<sup>th</sup>-Jan 4<sup>th</sup> **No School**  
**(Winter Break)**



# Trick or Treat!



## Celebrating Our Students!

### Rock Ridge Run

A big thanks to everyone who supported RRE by pledging students in the Rock Ridge Run!

Our students ran a total of 12,590 laps... that's about 393 miles!

*Congratulations to Henry Van Alphen who ran the most laps... 82!*





**WE HAVE A HELPING PARTNER!**



**CLICK** for details 

**BETTER Your Home, BETTER Your School.**

Up to 4% of purchases AT ANY TIME supports our school!

Use Promo Code: **SCHOOL**

Shop **ID: RRE336** or **Englewood**  
**AFW.com** "Rock Ridge Elementary at check-out!" **303-799-9044**

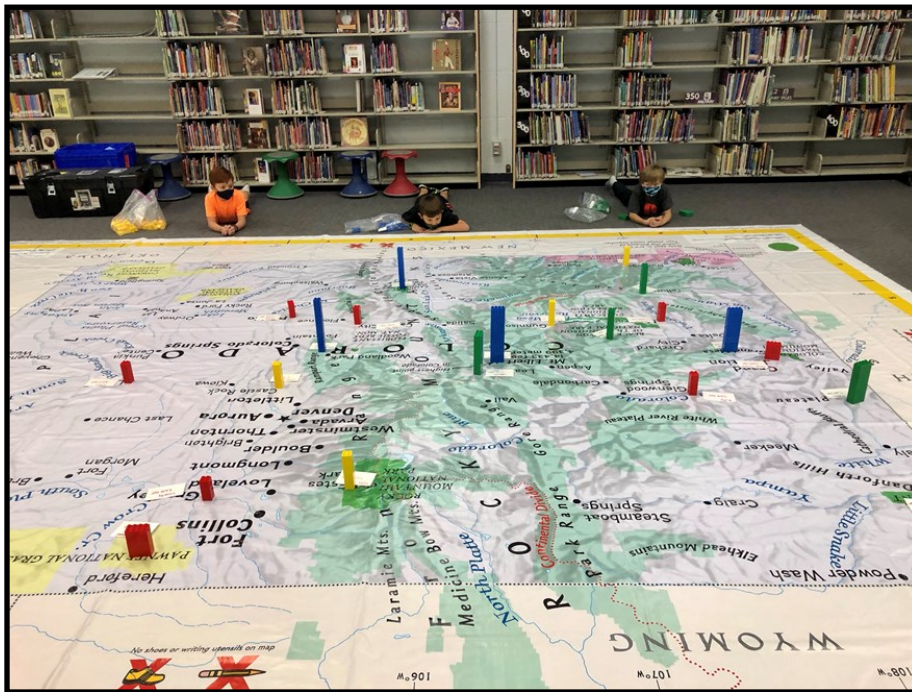




## Celebrating Our Students, continued...

### Giant Colorado Map

Students had the opportunity to explore Colorado in the comfort of the Learning Commons by working with grid coordinates, elevation, and a scavenger hunt.



**Sponsor This  
School!**

**YOUR NAME  
HERE**

Click [HERE](#)  
Contact Us Today!

**Rob Mangelson**  
(720) 878-4107

[Rob@tscacolorado.com](mailto:Rob@tscacolorado.com)



**The School  
Communications  
Agency**

**Supporting Schools  
& Local Businesses**

**Sponsorship space in this  
newsletter is extremely  
affordable!**

**Reach parents in your  
local community & a  
significant portion of your  
investment goes back to  
the school!**

**Want to sponsor this  
school?**

**Please contact  
Rob Mangelson at  
[Rob@tscacolorado.com](mailto:Rob@tscacolorado.com)**

**or  
(720) 878-4107.**

### Culture Kits

6<sup>th</sup> grade is doing research on Western Hemisphere Countries. To aid their understanding, the students came to the Learning Commons to read books and discuss and examine artifacts from many different countries in the Western Hemisphere.

## 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

### **Dawna McKnight** – RRE Counselor

My name is Dawna McKnight. I grew up in Nashville, TN and moved to Colorado in 2004. I have 2 boys, ages 11 and 9, and one dog. I was a teacher for 7 years, and then I became a counselor in 2009. I also hold a specialty certificate in suicide and substance abuse prevention. When I am not at Rock Ridge, I enjoy working in my garden, reading, traveling, practicing yoga, and watching my children play sports. My goal is to visit all 50 states, I only have a few more to go!



## Red Ribbon Week

Rock Ridge Elementary is combining Red Ribbon Week with Spirit Week. We are celebrating October 26-30th.

Red Ribbon Week is the largest substance abuse/ violence prevention campaign in the nation. This is a great week to talk about goal setting, being assertive, feeling confident, using refusal skills, and the importance of making healthy choices.



## Red Ribbon Week 2020 Be Happy Be Brave Be Drug Free



Monday, Oct. 26- Wear Red for RED RIBBON WEEK

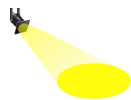
Tuesday, Oct. 27- Sock It To Drugs- Wear your crazy socks!

Wednesday, Oct. 28- Give Drugs the Boot- Wear your boots and western wear

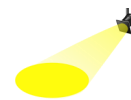
Thursday, Oct. 29- Super Students Don't Use Drugs- Wear a superhero shirt or cape to show off your super powers!

Friday, Oct. 30- Rock Ridge Students say BOO to drugs!- Wear your RRE Spirit Wear and RRE colors!





## Specials Spotlight



### Gym

3rd-6th grade students will be learning about TCC (Teamwork, Cooperation, and Communication) during our Project Fit America Unit.

K-2nd Grade students will be learning about personal and general space while playing tag/fleeing games.

### Art

On October 19th, emails with instructions for how to place orders for Original Works will be sent out. If you plan on ordering please be on the lookout for this email which will be sent out by the school, if you have any questions please email me directly at [lgonzalez@dcsdk12.org](mailto:lgonzalez@dcsdk12.org)"

Thank You!

### Music

In the Music Room this rotation, students will be focusing on How We Organize Ourselves in the world of Music. They will be learning about music symbols and how to read music notation. Students will be applying these skills on the following instruments by grade: 6th pianos, 5th guitars, 4th recorders, 3rd Ukuleles and Kindergarten through 2nd grade on multiple percussion instruments, including drums, xylophones, glockenspiels, shakers, bells and triangles.

### Spanish

During October, students in grades K- 3 will learn/review color words and they will learn to identify the different parts of the body in Spanish. Students in grades 4- 6 will learn and review descriptive adjectives. They will be describing themselves, family members and other people.



Benefiting  
Children's Hospital Colorado

When you buy a vehicle from Castle Rock we make a donation to the Children's Fund, which helps the hospital address the greatest needs of patients and their families.

**3 Convenient Locations:**  
Castle Rock Ford  
Castle Rock Chevy Buick GMC  
Castle Rock Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram



Learn more at [CastleRockAutoplex.com](http://CastleRockAutoplex.com) or call/text 720-538-9881

Sponsorship space in this newsletter is extremely affordable!

Reach parents in your local community & a significant portion of your investment goes back to the school! Want to sponsor this school?

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 **Caring** is our focus for the month of **October**.



Students who are balanced are healthy and are aware that eating properly and exercising is important in their lives. They understand that it is important to have a balance between the physical and mental aspects of their bodies. They spend time doing many different things.

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

- Model the caring behavior you would like to see in your child all the time. Your child has big eyes and ears and notices everything you do. Using kind words, helping people without being asked, being an active listener all show your child that you care about people. Even a simple thing, like holding a door for someone, shows your child that you are aware of others around you and want to help them.
- Think about how your family can get involved with community organizations.
- Reduce, Reuse & Recycle. Make the effort to establish these habits in your home. By developing children who care about the environment, you are helping the future of the globe.
- Smile.
- After reading a book, spend some time considering how the people in the book acted. Was someone in the book caring? All of the time or just some of the time? Were all of the characters in the book caring or just some of them? Some books to consider:
  - Lily's Purple Plastic Purse , Kevin Henkes
  - The Giving Tree , Shel Silverstein
  - Yertle the Turtle , Dr. Seuss
  - The Grouchy Ladybug , Eric Carle



**DOUGLAS COUNTY HUSKIES**

# **BASKETBALL CAMP**

**BOYS & GIRLS-Grades 3rd-7th**

**NOVEMBER  
9TH-13TH**

**6PM - 8PM**

**AT DOUGLAS COUNTY  
HIGH SCHOOL-MAIN GYM**

**FEATURING HEAD COACHES:**

**DANA LENTZ & CLAY COMSTOCK**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION &  
TO REGISTER PLEASE VISIT :**

**<https://forms.gle/hyArUPSPEy2y1M2c7>**

**OR EMAIL:  
CCOMSTOCK1@DCSDK12.ORG  
DLENTZ@DCSDK12.ORG**

**LEARN NEW  
SKILLS FROM  
D.C. VARSITY  
PLAYERS!!**

**REGISTRATION  
FEE**

**\$100**

**PER PLAYER**