



ROCK RIDGE ELEMENTARY

ROCK RIDGE REVIEW

January 2019

Peter Mosby
Principal

Julie Roach
Assistant Principal



Attendance Line
303-387-5152

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303-387-5150

Weather Closure
303-387-SNOW

2018-2019
School Calendar

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

Note From Mr. Mosby, Principal . . .

Dear Rock Ridge Community:

It is finally looking like winter with our last snow fall and hopefully we have more to come. With the weather, I am sure that many of you saw that our Birthday Rock out front has broken apart. I had students submit their ideas of how this happened and had quite a variety of responses. The most popular idea came from Kindergarten who thought that "the thunder broke it". Most original was "someone pulled a sword out of it". Last Tuesday, I shared with the rest of the school some of the different ideas that were submitted as well as the winners who guessed correctly. What actually happened is an ice wedge developed within the boulder. There was a crack starting along the top and although we tried to seal it water still managed to seep down into the crack. Then with freezing temperatures the water expanded, then melted, then expanded, repeating the process until the water worked its way through the rock, causing it to break. We have plans to modify the current condition of the rock with some help from the district and hope to have it available for birthday announcements soon. Science with a real-world connection.

The Rock Ridge Archery club will be having the state tournament on February 3rd here at Rock Ridge. The 4th-5th grade tournament will take place starting at 7:30am and the 6th-8th grade tournament will begin at 3:45 that same day. All results are submitted to the state who will then recognize those shooters and teams that qualify for nationals. Parents are more than welcome to attend.

Should you have any questions, concerns or celebrations, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you and have a toasty January.

Sincerely,
Peter Mosby, Principal



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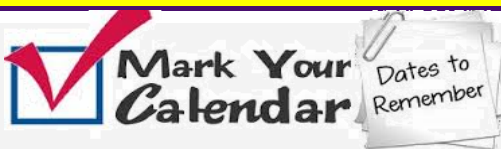
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Green Team
Spanish Club
Student Council
Student Lighthouse Team
Yearbook Club

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January

January 17th (7:45-8:30am) – Dodgeball Club

January 17th (7:45-8:20am) – Social Leader Meeting

January 18th – **No School**- Teacher Professional Development Day

January 22nd (3:30-4:10pm) – Guardians of the Gadgets (grades 1-3)

January 22nd (3:30-4:15pm) – Project Unify

January 23rd (9:00am- 3:00pm) – Kindie Roundup Registration

January 23rd (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club

January 24th (7:45-8:30am) – Dodgeball Club

January 24th (7:45-8:20am) – Social Leader Meeting

January 24th (3:30-4:10pm) – Guardians of the Gadgets (grades 4-6)

January 24th (3:45-4:15pm) – Spanish Club

January 28th (7:30-8:20am) – 4th-5th grade Archery



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January

- January 28th (3:30-4:00pm) – Green Team
- January 28th (3:30-4:30pm) – 6th-8th grade Archery
- January 29th (3:30-4:15pm) – Project Unify
- January 30th (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club
- January 31st (7:45-8:20am) – Social Leader Meeting
- January 31st (7:45-8:30am) – Dodgeball Club

February

- February 4th (7:30-8:20am) – 4th-5th grade Archery
- February 4th (3:30-4:00pm) – Green Team
- February 4th (3:30-4:30pm) – 6th-8th grade Archery
- February 5th (3:30-4:15pm) – Project Unify
- February 6th (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club
- February 7th (7:45-8:20am) – Social Leader Meeting
- February 7th (7:45-8:30am) – Dodgeball Club
- February 7th (3:45-4:15pm) – Spanish Club
- February 11th (7:30-8:20am) – 4th-5th grade Archery
- February 11th (3:30-4:00pm) – Green Team
- February 11th (3:30-4:30pm) – 6th-8th grade Archery



February

February 12th (3:30-4:15pm) – Project Unify

February 12th (3:45-4:45pm) – RRE School Accountability Meeting

February 12th (5:00-6:00pm) – Parent Academy

February 12th (6:00-7:00pm) – RRE PTO Meeting

February 13th (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club

February 14th (7:45-8:30am) – Dodgeball Club

February 14th (7:45-8:20am) – Social Leader Meeting

February 15th – **No School**- Teacher Professional Development Day



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Spirit of Giving

Before winter break, Peyton (Mrs. Bortot's class) demonstrated the spirit of giving when she came into the SSN room to give Isa a present just because they are friends ☺.



Buddies and original picture books!

The 6th graders read picture books they wrote and illustrated to their buddies in the 3rd grade classes.



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Specials Spotlight

Gym: We will begin volleyball on the 14th and we are also very excited to partner with the American Heart Association to start heart month in February.

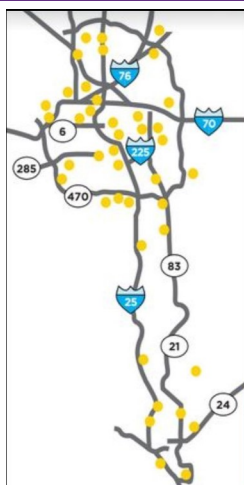
Spanish: ¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

In Spanish, we are inquiring about human-made systems through the study of “How We Organize Ourselves”. We are looking at patterns seen through our number system, calendar, and our environment.

Music: Congratulations Rock Ridge Choir for an amazing year and thank you for all of your hard work! The Rockies Game, Feeder Concert at Mesa, Winter Concert and Caroling for Cans were all a great success. In addition to bringing smiles to the community, you collected 140 lbs of food and \$150 which were donated to the Douglas/Elbert County Task Force.

Guitar Club will start up on Thursday, January 24th at 7:45am. Pick up your permission slip from Mrs. Eads. They are due on January 17th. Enrollment is limited so get them in quick!

Art: Glad to be back for the new year!!! We will be kicking off 2019 with our exploration of clay and cultural connections! Students will gather a better understanding of how the world has utilized the wonders of clay for functionality and for aesthetic applications.



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Questions?

Contact : Kim Boulton
kim.boulton@kidstage.net



Castle Rock Rec Center Activities

Spring Break Camps

Looking for somewhere to take your kiddos over Spring Break? Our licensed day camp is open when school is closed.

March 18-22

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As of December 2018, Rock Ridge will no longer be using the RRE Mobile App. Instead, we will be using the DCSD Mobile App. Please download this App to stay informed on what's going on at RRE.

New DCSD Mobile App Now Available!

DCSD has a new mobile app that is now available for download for both Apple and Android devices. As a district app, you'll receive alerts for snow delays and closures and you'll be able to access at your fingertips employee resources, district news, a full list of schools with phone numbers, links, and maps, and more.

Additionally, if you work at one of the 34 schools that currently have websites hosted by SchoolMessenger, or if you have children that attend one of these schools, you will also be able to utilize this app to access your school news, calendar of events, staff directory, and more! Please note that only schools with SchoolMessenger websites are listed in this settings menu; however, all schools are listed in the schools menu.

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The cost of the app was also completely underwritten, resulting in no expense to DCSD. Thank you to Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children at Sky Ridge Medical Center, for their sponsorship of this new app.


Colorado State Assessments

Rock Ridge will be participating in the Colorado State Assessments from **April 8th to April 26th**.

Third through Sixth graders will be taking the English Language Arts and Mathematics Assessment. Fifth graders will also be taking the Science assessment.

For a more detailed description of specific assessment administration times and dates at RRE, please visit our RRE website. Information regarding Colorado State Assessments is located under Parent Resources on our State Mandated Assessment page ([link](#)).

If you have any questions, please forward them to your child's teacher or Julie Roach. Thank you.



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Box Tops



Congrats to Mrs. Bradley's class for winning the December 3rd grade Box Tops Competition with 207 Box Tops, equaling \$20.70.

Third grade brought in 439 Box Tops total.

January is 2nd grade's class competition. Please send in unexpired Box Tops in a plastic baggie with your teacher's name on it by the end of the month.

Thank You!!

Library Opens at 8:20am!



Good news! In conjunction with our students being able to enter the school building at 8:20am in the morning, we will have the library open from that time. Students will be able to check out books and/or return their books before getting to their respective classrooms.



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If you are interested in volunteering in your child's classroom or would like to help with a school wide event, please contact Brittany Shiner at bshiner@dcsdk12.org. Your precious gift of time provides much needed assistance to our amazing teachers and allows you to actively participate in our children's academic success. THANK YOU!

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

Library

MTSS Workshops

Keep in mind, you are always welcome to stop by and have lunch with your student(s)!

B.A.S.E.

Mission Statement

Promoting the safety, well-being, and development of every child while partnering with schools and community to be the best choice for families.

Looking for childcare? How about Douglas County's very own co-curriculum program B.A.S.E. (Before and After School Enterprise). Throughout the years, B.A.S.E. has provided children with a safe, learning, and friendly environment! B.A.S.E. is offered before school, after school, and all day (on specific days where students do not attend school). Children may pick from several different areas to enjoy their time including: the gym, playground, Tech Lab, and the Craft Club in the cafeteria. Homework Club is also available and encouraged!

Starting in the **2018-19** school year B.A.S.E. will also be beginning new clubs at the request of the children who currently attend! First up puzzle club! This will provide students in the morning the opportunity to collaborate with fellow B.A.S.E. students in truly testing their puzzle building skills!

Additionally, they will also be starting the year with a unit focused on acceptance of those around us, with an emphasis on anti-bullying. They will be creating a unity quilt in which they hope all B.A.S.E. students can create their own piece!

If you have any questions, or would just like some more information, please contact the new Program Manager Josh Schaner at jschaner@dcsdk12.org or Senior Program Leader Amanda Pierce at arpierce@dcsdk12.org. Additional info can also be found on the **Rock Ridge BASE website**. For any immediate questions or concerns please call (303)549-7283.

Thank you all and welcome back to what we all hope will be a wonderful new year at Rock Ridge Elementary!



International Baccalaureate

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

Knowledgeable students 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.



Watch D.O.G.S.

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- Monitoring the school's property
- Working one on one in small groups
- Reading
- Flashcards
- Lunch and recess
- Or whatever needs to be done to **PLANT SEEDS OF SUCCESS**

A big thanks to those who have already volunteered as Watch D.O.G.S. this school year:

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Please get in touch with Brittany Shiner at bshiner@dcsdk12.org if you have any questions or would like to volunteer!

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