



ROCK RIDGE ELEMENTARY

ROCK RIDGE REVIEW

March 2019

Peter Mosby
Principal

Julie Roach
Assistant Principal



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Weather Closure
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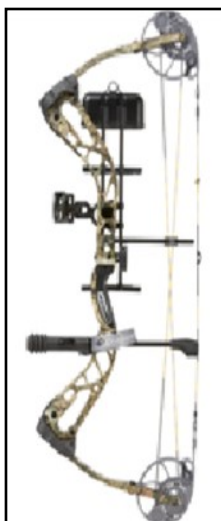
2018-2019
School Calendar

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,

Spring break is here! We welcome the snow that always makes everything green and brings us that much closer to summer.



The PTO Silent Auction Spaghetti Dinner was a huge success! Thank you Lydia and Rock Ridge PTO for putting on an awesome fundraiser. They raised over \$3,000, their most amount ever. These funds will go right back into the school in the form of grants and teacher appreciation week. Thank you again for supporting Rock Ridge.

We are extending the time frame for our bow raffle due to our slow advertising so that we can generate more funds for the archery club. The raffle will now take place on Friday, March 29th, 2019. This is a brand-new bow from Diamond Archery. The Diamond Edge SB-1 Breakup Country with Package sells for \$400.00 but it can be yours if you have the winning ticket. This is a great bow that can be used by either an adult or child with a draw weight range from 7-70lbs. Tickets are on sale now, \$5 for one ticket or \$20 for five tickets at the front office. All proceeds go towards the archery club so come on by and buy your ticket!

With Spring arriving, we may have some challenging weather that may result in the school district calling a "delayed start" for our school day. In case you have forgotten, when the district has a delayed start, Rock Ridge Elementary will have the first bell at 10:00am with doors opening at 9:50am. BASE will also be on a 90-minute delay and all morning activities are cancelled as is morning pre-school classes and 1/2 day am kindergarten classes. Breakfast will also not be served. Please be sure that your children are well bundled and are not dropped off or sent to school any earlier than 9:50am. If the weather was severe enough to result in a delayed start, then your child could be placed in jeopardy should you bring/send them to school any earlier.



State testing also known as Colorado Measures of Academic Progress (CMAS) will be taking place from April 8th-15th. (For specific dates and times for your child you can contact your teachers directly or check our website). The state testing is for grades 3rd-6th. We use this data along with other data points to modify instruction for your children so that we may meet them where they are at, including acceleration. Be sure to have your children get plenty of sleep and a good breakfast.

Should you have any questions, concerns or celebrations, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you as we set our eyes on spring.

Sincerely,

Peter Mosby, Principal

400 Heritage Avenue, Castle Rock, CO 80104



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QUICK LINKS

Book Club
Choir
Green Team
Spanish Club
Student Council
Student Lighthouse Team
Yearbook Club

(Click on the Team/Club to
go
directly to their website)

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Dates to Remember

March

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

March 18th-22nd – **No School- Spring Break**

March 25th (3:30-4:00pm) – Green Team

March 25th (3:30-4:30pm) – 6th-8th grade Archery

March 26th (12pm-9:00pm) – Smart Cow Spirit Day!

March 26th (3:30-4:10pm) – Guardians of the Gadgets (ALL grades)

March 26th (3:30-4:15pm) – Project Unify

March 27th (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club

March 28th (7:45-8:20am) – Social Leader Meeting

March 28th (3:45-4:30) – Spanish Club

April

April 1st (3:30-4:00pm) – Green Team

April 1st (3:30-4:30pm) – 6th-8th grade Archery

April 2nd (3:30-4:15pm) – Project Unify

April 3rd (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club



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Dates to Remember

April

April 4th (7:45-8:20am) – Social Leader Meeting

April 4th (3:45-4:30pm) – Spanish Club

April 8th (3:30-4:00pm) – Green Team

April 8th (3:30-4:30pm) – 6th-8th grade Archery

April 9th (3:30-4:15pm) – Project Unify

April 9th (3:45-4:45pm) – School Accountability Committee Meeting

April 9th (5:00-6:00pm) – Parent Academy

April 9th (6:00-7:00pm) – PTO Meeting

April 10th (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club

April 11th (7:45-8:20am) – Social Leader Meeting

April 15th (3:30-4:00pm) – Green Team

April 16th (3:30-4:15pm) – Project Unify

April 17th (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club

April 18th (7:45-8:20am) – Social Leader Meeting

April 18th (3:45-4:30pm) – Spanish Club

April 19th – **No School**- Teacher Comp Day

Celebrating our Students!

Bee-Bots

Mrs. Youngberg's 3rd grade class having a blast using Bee-Bots!! These students collaborated in pairs and programmed the Bee-Bots to avoid obstacles and make it to finish line.



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Celebrating our Students!

Donuts AND Dodgeball with Dad!

Thank you to all the Dads, Grandads, Uncles and students who joined us for Donuts and Dodgeball with Dad on the 27th! This was our first time adding dodgeball to this event, and it was a big hit. Several Dads have signed up to volunteer since we met (which is one of the biggest reasons for this event... to promote the WatchDOGS volunteer program), so that is wonderful. Thank you for being positive male role models for our students!



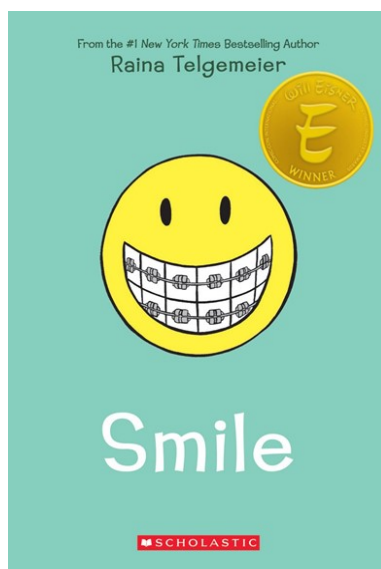
March Book Madness

Grades 1-6 have been participating in a District wide March Book Madness.

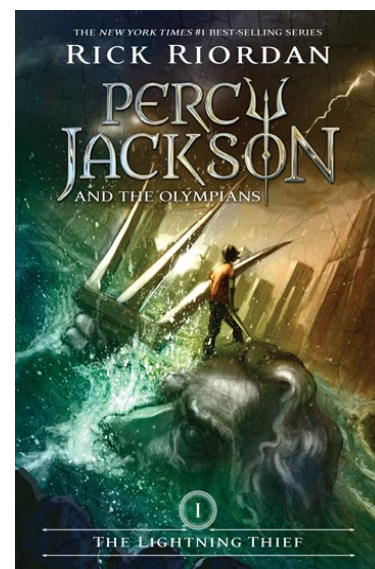
The district picked 8 books for 1st and 2nd and 8 books for 3rd-6th. Mrs. Keller, RRE's librarian, read each bracket (the 2 books in competition) to the 1st & 2nd graders, and for grades 3-6 she summarized the competing books. Then each student voted on which book they liked better.

For the 1st round, the District counted over 13,000 votes!

This was a fun activity to get students excited about reading.



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Specials Spotlight

Gym: PE is in the middle of March Madness, once when we get back from Spring Break, 4-6th will be doing archery, K-3rd will continue to do team sport games as well as learn new games.

Spanish: ¿Qué tiempo hace? Ask your student(s) this question and you might hear them say, "Hace Frío", or "Hace Calor". (What is the weather? It is cold, It is hot). Colorado is a wonderful state to study, investigate and learn about the weather and weather phrases in Spanish.

Music: As we move on to ukuleles in 3rd and 4th grade, the Class Recorder Competition is still on! Help your 3rd and 4th grade students record videos of them playing their belt level songs and email them to Mrs. Eads (skeads@dcsdk12.org) by April 19th. The class with the most points will win a popsicle party and fun day in Music!

Finalize that routine and warm up your vocal chords, the Rock Ridge Talent Show auditions are coming up on Thursday, March 28th. The audition signup sheet is posted outside the Music Room. Get your time reserved soon as time slots are limited. The talent show will be Thursday, April 11th at 4:00pm in the gym!

Art: For the month of March, the Art room will be exploring different mediums including paper mache, plaster sculpting, and yarn weaving! With the Douglas county Art show approaching next month we will begin to collect artworks that stand out to showcase our talented students here at Rock Ridge Elementary!



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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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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

For more information or to register, please go to:

www.crgov.com/recreation

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New Mobile App for RRE

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.

[To download the app from the Apple Store, click here.](#)

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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.



The advertisement is split into two parts. On the left, a photograph shows two women, one with dark hair and one with light hair, both smiling and looking at a laptop screen. On the right, a dark green rectangular box contains white and yellow text. At the top, it says 'CENTURYLINK' in small white letters, followed by 'PRICE FOR LIFE' in large, bold, yellow letters, and 'HIGH-SPEED INTERNET' in white letters below it. A horizontal line separates this from the text 'Keep your rate for as long as you keep your plan.' in white. Below that, another horizontal line separates it from the text 'Get reliable Internet at the speed you need to Study, Research and Stream.' in white. The entire advertisement is framed by a green border with white corner brackets.

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Box Tops



Congrats to Mrs. Shoemaker's class for winning the February Box Tops class competition!!

March is the month for all Kindie classes and Preschool to send in their Box Tops. Please send them in a plastic baggie with your teacher's name on it. Our Box Tops Shamrock sheets are due March 15. The first class to send in all their completed forms will receive Rock Ridge bracelets!

April will be our all school competition! So please continue to send in your Box Tops! They can be sent with your child or you can drop them off in the Box Tops mailbox.

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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Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

Library

MTSS Workshops

Spring Book Fair

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 *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 must follow them. They have integrity, honesty, a sense of justice, and 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.



Watch D.O.G.S.

Calling ALL Dads, Stepdads, Granddads, Uncles, and Brothers!

Ever feel like you want to get involved with your kid's day but not sure how? **Watch D.O.G.S.** is an innovative program focusing on education and safety in schools by using the positive influence of fathers and father-figures.

You can be a positive role model and provide an extra set of eyes and ears for our students' safety by:

- 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:

Collin Cacchione	Sean Graham	Cliff Waite	Charles Fletcher	Art Rodriguez
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Shane Reincke	KC Yarcho	Jerome Revis.	Jeramy Freckleton	Travis Tinnes
Matt DeJong	John Thompson	Andrew Pires	Darryl Gelston	David Forney

Please get in touch with Brittany Shiner at bshiner@cdsdc12.org if you have any questions or would like to volunteer!

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