Note From Mr. Mosby, Principal . . .

Dear Rock Ridge Families,

Welcome back! In case you were at our clap-in event you may have noticed that I made an error on the graduation year for our incoming kindergarten class. Instead of 2030 I should have said 2031! Wow. As a math major I expect more from myself ;-) Anyway, it was wonderful seeing everyone again to kick off the year and with amazing weather it was a huge success with lots of excited kids and families.

A new school year brings many opportunities including the opportunity to become more involved with your neighborhood school. There are many ways you can be a part of RRE, including joining our PTO, SAC (School Accountability Committee), Watch Dogs, volunteering in the classroom, helping out with a club, or just dropping by to have lunch with your kid(s). Please take the time to check your calendars and make time to help make Rock Ridge a better place. It takes a Village.

With the new school year, we also have some important dates. Below please check out what is upcoming in the near future so that you can be prepared and join us for some fun! You can also find these events on the school calendar.

All parents and children are invited to attend our Meet and Greet PTO BBQ on August 16th starting at 5:00 pm. RRE PTO will host the back to school barbecue located on the basketball court. Food, drink and jumping castles will be supplied. This is a FREE event. Thank you PTO!!!

Assessment Day will be August 28th. Assessment schedule is based on student last name. Please have your child report to their class during his/her assigned times as listed below. BASE will also be available for families needing extended care.

- August 28th - 8:30-11:00. Last Names beginning with A-M.
- August 28th - 1:00-3:30. Last Names beginning with N-Z.

I would also like to welcome the following new teachers to Rock Ridge:

- Sydney Fabian-Kindergarten
- Tyler Bruner-5th Grade
- Garret West-PE
- Laura Keller-Librarian
- Eric Brosch-Social Worker
- Denise Hutter-Mild Moderate Teacher
- Monica Woodard-Preschool teacher
- Payton Poalillo - Kindergarten
- Kayla Draper-6th Grade
- Kia Jeffords-Technology specialist
- Ioana Costas-Mild Moderate teacher
- Marty Doskins-EA SSN
- Gerri Dionisio-Psychologist

Be sure to give them a warm Rock Ridge welcome!

Sincerely,
Peter Mosby, Principal
August

August 16th - Picture Day

August 16th (5:00-7:00pm) – RRE PTO BBQ

August 20th (3:30-4:00pm) – Green Team

August 21st (7:30-8:20am) – BLT meeting

August 21st - DC Downbeat visit (6th grade 8:45-9:25am, 5th grade 9:30-10:10am, 4th grade 10:15-10:55am)

August 22nd (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club

August 24th (7:45-8:15am) – Choir Club

August 27th (3:30-4:00pm) – Green Team

August 28th – Assessment Day

August 29th (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club

August 31st (7:45-8:15am) – Choir Club
September

September 3rd – No School – Labor Day
September 5th (9:00-9:30am) – Rock Ridge Run Kick-off Assembly
September 5th (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club
September 7th (7:45-8:15am) – Choir Club
September 10th (3:30-4:00pm) – Green Team
September 11th (6:00-7:00pm) – PTO Meeting
September 12th (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club
September 14th (7:45-8:15am) – Choir Club
September 14th – Rock Ridge Run
September 17th (7:30-8:20am) – Archery Club (4th & 5th grades)
September 17th (3:30-4:00pm) – Green Team
September 17th (3:45-4:45pm) – Archery Club (6th-8th grades)
September 18th (4:00-5:00pm) – Parent Teacher Conferences
September 19th – Rock Ridge Run Pledges due
September 19th (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club
September 20th (7:45-8:15am) – Choir Club
September 20th (4:00-7:00pm) – Parent Teacher Conferences
September 21st – No School- Professional Development Day
September 24th (7:30-8:20am) – Archery Club (4th-5th grades)
September 24th (3:45-4:45pm) – Archery Club (6th-8th grade)
Important Notices

Breakfast
A gentle reminder that breakfast runs from 8:20 am till 8:35 am. Students may enter through the cafeteria doors at first bell. Please let Mrs. Robin Chadwick (robin.chadwick@dcsdk12.org) know if you do NOT want your child(ren) to participate.

Car Loop (Kiss N’Go)
For the safety of our students, please do not have students exit vehicles before the Drop-Off Zone and only to the right (towards the sidewalk). Please stay in the single file lane until the vehicle in front of you proceeds forward. Moving out of the single file lane to go around vehicles creates a dangerous situation when children are crossing between cars. Our Kiss N’Go lane is also a fire lane so please do not park and leave your vehicles unattended at any time during the day for they may be ticketed. This applies to Preschool and Kinder pick up and drop off as well. Please use the church or our parking lot if you need to leave your vehicle. Per Douglas County Fire Code, we need to make sure the Fire Lane is clear in case of an emergency. We appreciate your understanding.

Dismissal
Students will be released at 3:30pm when the bell rings. We ask that if your child (ren) need to leave early, you have them picked up by 3:00 pm as the office gets very busy at the end of the day and classes are packing up. Please contact the school before 3pm if there is a change in pick up routine as we deliver notes to students at 3pm.

Texting in car loop
I probably do not need to really point out the obvious. However, if you are texting while driving through the car loop, it is possible to receive a reckless driving charge from a police officer. We will be having a police officer on duty during car loop randomly during the school year to help remind parents of this safety issue.

Picking up your child early?
Please remember that the procedures that we have in place at RRE are designed to keep your children safe. We cannot call your children down to the office until you are physically present at the office to sign them out. This safeguard ensures that someone authorized is picking up your child and we have documentation of who and when he or she was picked up. We ask that if your child(ren) need to leave early, you have them picked up by 3:00 pm as the office gets very busy at the end of the day and classes are packing up. Thank you for your understanding of the safety procedures we have in place.
Checking into the Office

As a reminder, for the safety of our faculty and students, every parent or visitor must check into the office when entering the building. Parents are not allowed to go to classrooms unless they are volunteering or have been invited for a special event. Please do not enter through the side doors when school is in session.

Please make sure to bring your driver’s license so you can be processed through our District Safety System. This process is repeated every year for every visitor.

To enter, please press the buzzer on the right side of the front door and wait for the click. Open the door after you hear it. Then proceed to the front office prepared to show your driver’s license. Everyone entering the building needs to have his or her license scanned into the Raptor system once every six months. On subsequent visits, we will enter your last name and print off a sticker badge. This is a district policy for the safety of our students and staff.

Box Tops

The PTO sponsors the Box Tops program at Rock Ridge and these funds are earmarked for technology. This program runs all year long which means you can drop off Box Tops at any point during the year. The Box Tops are submitted in October and March to the Box Tops program, and checks are received in December and May. We then transfer the funds to the school and through a committee it is decided where it will go. These funds cover our annual subscription for the PebbleGo program which is a literacy program for K-3.

To encourage everyone to get involved the PTO hosts monthly grade competitions starting with 6th grade in September, 5th grade in October, etc. The winner each month will get a popsicle party. While the monthly competition goes we will also be keeping track of the Box Tops all year round for an all school competition. In April the class with the most Box Tops raised throughout the year will win a pizza party and our EPIC Box Tops trophy!!

We have a wonderful new Box Tops coordinator, Mrs. Mandi Barton, who will be collecting and submitting the Box Tops so please remember to send in trimmed, non-expired Box Tops to help her out! Thank You!!

Lydia Goodland
Rock Ridge PTO President
1st Day of School Clap-in

We kicked off the 1st day of school with our annual Clap-in. Students and teachers entered the building through a human tunnel made by our 6th graders. It was an exciting morning for all!
Science Matters in America / STEM Clubs

Science Matters in America is an exciting after school science or technology enrichment program for your child. Each club meets once a week for four or five weeks depending on the school. Each club meeting lasts one hour.

The STEM (Science – Technology – Engineering – Math) classes that will be offered this school year are: Zany Zoology, Extreme Electricity, Radical Reactions, Unsolved Science and My Amazing Flying Machine.

Flyers are available at the front office and include class descriptions, the class schedule, price and registration form. You can also register online at www.science matters.tv.

Kid Stage Registration for Rock Ridge Elementary School

http://www.kidstage.net

Go to locations and pick Colorado
Click on Courses at the top
Left click in the blank box and select Douglas County School District
Schools are listed alphabetically

Trolls

Trolls are the happiest creatures on earth. They love to dance and sing and hug, especially hug. The Bergens, on the other hand, are the most miserable creatures imaginable. They are incapable of creating their own happiness. One day, the Bergens invade Troll Village and capture a handful of Trolls in hopes of eating them and taking their happiness. Princess Poppy, the happiest Troll ever born, and the overly-cautious, borderline grumpy, Branch set off on a journey to rescue their friends. Their mission is to tolerate each other long enough to get the job done. Take part in this epic adventure on a quest to find true happiness and friendship.

40 ACRES
OVER 900 VEHICLES FOR SALE!

- LARGEST Vehicle Selection
- LOCALLY Owned, LOCALLY Operated, LOCALLY Involved
- 7 branches, one location. Why drive to Denver, or Colorado Springs buy right here in Castle Rock
- Pickup Truck Headquarters FORD/GMC/REO/VOLVO/ DODGE
- Volume Pricing, Volume Selling, Volume Savings
- Factory trained technicians
- Multi Million dollar parts inventory
- HUGE preserved inventory inspected, certified, and reconditioned, Home of PUSH, PULL, or DRAG
- Factory trained, certified, and dedicated employees
- John Medved Time DEALER OF THE YEAR award winner
- Quick service, service light maintenance while you wait.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:
- Sponsor Douglas County Fair and Rodeo, Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Merchant Assoc., Member Castle Rock Economic Development, Drive 4 Life, School 4 Life, too many to list all.

medvedsouth.com
(720) 310-1386
Special Education Task Force Parent and Staff Survey

**Douglas County School District** Requests Your Participation in the
**Special Education Task Force**
**Parent and Staff Survey**

**SURVEY PURPOSE**
Born from a DCSD Board of Education resolution, the purpose of this survey is to learn more about parent and educator perceptions of, and experiences with, district special education services in the 2017-18 school year.

**SURVEY WINDOW & DETAILS**
This survey will take approximately 15-30 minutes to complete and will be accessible from **August 23rd** to **September 13th**.

**HOW TO ACCESS THE SURVEY**
Douglas County School District has partnered with Hanover Research to launch the survey. A survey link will be sent via an email from Hanover Research. The email will arrive in your inbox on or around August 23rd.

**WHO CAN TAKE THE SURVEY?**
Douglas County School District
- Parents and Guardians*
- Teachers
- Special Education Staff
* Parents of children who were enrolled in a Douglas County school during the 2017-18 school year.

Survey responses will remain anonymous and will be kept confidential.

Douglas County School District has partnered with Hanover Research, an independent research firm based in the Washington D.C. area, to administer this survey.
Welcome back from a wonderful summer break!!! Coach West is super excited to be joining the Rock Ridge community. The Specials team, Sra. Connelly (Spanish), Mrs. Eads (Music), Coach West (Physical Education), and Mr. Alcock (Art) are very excited to be back and to have a great 2018-2019 School Year! Specials for grades 2-6 will be on a three-week rotation this school year. The weeks students have P.E. they will also have Spanish. Full day kindergarten and 1st grade will continue the four-week rotation as last year.

¡Hola! ¿Cómo estas? In Spanish, we will review our basic greetings and common phrases as we get to know more about each other. Spanish Club will be starting up soon. Be on the lookout for the permission slip because space is limited!

In Art, we are kicking off with our fundraiser Original Artworks! This program is a great opportunity to have students work displayed in fun way. Artworks can be placed on travel mugs, magnets, and much more.

In PE, we are starting off the year with team building so I can get to know the kids more. 4th-6th will have their pushup, situp and pacer test on Wednesday for the month of August. This is only a base test so I can see where students are at. All I am looking for is improvements throughout the year. This test will be performed in August, October, December, January, March & May.

In Music, we are starting off the year with a review of music elements and basic rhythm concepts. Choir will start up on Friday, August 24th at 7:45 in the Music Room. Performance dates and other information is available on the permission slips, which can be picked up in the Music Room or printed off the school’s website.
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.

Make a difference, Volunteer!

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:

- Run for Rock Ridge
- Library
- Fall Book Fair
- Parent/Teacher Conferences

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

---

[CenturyLink advertisement]

Service and offer may not be available in your area. Restrictions apply.
B.A.S.E.

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 Risk-Taker is our focus for the month of August.

Students who are Risk Takers have the confidence to try new things. They try to solve problems in a lot of ways. They have the courage to tell people what they think is right.

How can parents help to develop students who are Risk Takers at home?

- If your child is feeling uneasy about trying something, encourage them to attempt it and then reflect on both whether they liked the activity and how it felt to try something new.
- Your child might want to set some short-term goals. Consider activities that make him/her nervous. What are realistic goals for the week? Your child might set a goal to:
  - Offer an opinion in class
  - Spend one recess with someone they might not usually play with
  - Order something different from the lunch menu
  - Try an activity they haven’t tried before

Be careful to explain to your child the difference between being a risk-taker by trying new things and doing dangerous things.

More information about International Baccalaureate-Primary Years Programme.

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

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

The RRE mobile app is an important communication tool that helps us better serve our RRE families. You get instant information about yellow flag release day, school closures and other important and time-sensitive information.

You also have easy access to pertinent information such as:

- School calendar
- Staff directory
- Lunch menus
- Social Hubs
- One-touch calling to school numbers
- School Closures and Delayed start
- School newsletter
- Search: Rock Ridge Elementary