Dear Rock Ridge Community,

We just wrapped up DCHS’s Feeder Wish Week for JT, a student diagnosed with fibrolamellar hepatocellular and currently attends Flagstone Elementary. Rock Ridge students, staff, and community raised $1,938.58 for JT’s Wish Week, adding to the overall total over $50,000 that was raised by the entire DCHS feeder system. Thank you also much for participating and helping his dream come true.

I wanted to recognize a local business, Chef Curry’s Cuisine, who was gracious enough to feed the Rock Ridge staff during our professional development day on January 18th. The staff had a difficult decision on what to have for lunch, choosing between Herb-Roasted Chicken and Butternut Squash and Italian Beef Stew. Chef Curry offers a healthy, customized menu for families who need a break from making dinner for the family. Chef Curry buys the groceries, prepares the food, and does all the clean-up as well. Check out his website and thank him for supporting the Rock Ridge elementary staff.

The PTO silent Auction Spaghetti Dinner (March 1st, 2019, 5:00-7:00pm) is quickly approaching and every year one of the items that we give away 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 7-70 lbs. Tickets are on sale now, $5 for one ticket or $20 for five tickets. All proceeds go towards the archery club. A winner will be drawn at the PTO Silent Auction and you do not need to be present to win. Plan on joining us for a fun filled night with lots of cool stuff to bid on and an awesome spaghetti dinner. ($10 - entire family)
Check out the cool video from the Douglas County School District to all of the Douglas County voters. Rock Ridge staff are well represented as we give a shout out to all of you in thanks for passing 5A/5B!

After a long spell, we finally had poor enough conditions for the school district to call a “delayed start” for our school day. In case you have forgotten, when the district has a delayed start, Rock Ridge elementary will have 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 ½ 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.

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
February

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
February 18th – No School- President’s Day
February 19th – RRE Chick-fil-A Spirit Day! (all day)
February 19th (3:30-4:10pm) – Guardians of the Gadgets (grades 1-3)
February 19th (3:30-4:15pm) – Project Unify
February 20th (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club
February 21st (7:45-8:20am) – Social Leader Meeting
February 21st (7:45-8:30am) – Dodgeball Club
February 21st (3:30-4:10pm) – Guardians of the Gadgets (grades 4-6)
February 21st (3:45-4:15pm) – Spanish Club
February 25th (7:30-8:20am) – 4th-5th grade Archery Club
February 25th (3:30-4:00pm) – Green Team
February 25th (3:30-4:30pm) – 6th-8th grade Archery Club
February 26th (3:30-4:15pm) – Project Unify
February 27th (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club
February 28th (7:45-8:20am) – Social Leader Meeting
February 28th (7:45-8:30am) – Dodgeball Club
March

March 4th (7:30-8:20am) – 4th-5th grade Archery Club
March 4th (3:30-4:00pm) – Green Team
March 4th (3:30-4:30pm) – 6th-8th grade Archery Club
March 5th (3:30-4:15pm) – Project Unify
March 6th (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club
March 7th (7:45-8:20am) – Social Leader Meeting
March 7th (7:45-8:30am) – Dodgeball Club
March 7th (3:45-4:15pm) – Spanish Club
March 12th (3:30-4:15pm) – Project Unify
March 12th (5:00-6:00pm) – Parent Academy
March 12th (6:00-7:00pm) – PTO Meeting
March 12th (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club
March 14th (7:45-8:30am) – Dodgeball Club
March 14th (7:45-8:20am) – Social Leader Meeting
March 18th-22nd – No School- Spring Break
Celebrating our Students!

Spelling Bee Winner!

Congratulations to Meracohl Melville, 5th grade student in Mrs. Bruner’s class, who took 1st place in RRE’s Spelling Bee! Meracohl will represent our school at the DCSD spelling bee.

Way to go, Meracohl!

Castle Rock Fire Department Coloring Contest

Every school year Douglas County schools 3rd-6th graders are able to enter a drawing contest for the Castle Rock Fire Department.

This year, Rock Ridge Elementary had two students chosen to put their artwork on the side of two fire trucks! Their artwork will be displayed with pride on the side of these fire trucks during the year of 2019!

Congratulations to the winning students, Sophia Wyatt and Micah Reiter!!!!

Colorado Watersports!

Located on Chatfield Reservoir, we offer camps where kids can learn to sail, kayak, paddleboard and more! Beginners welcome, ages 6-14.

See you on the water!

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Gym: PE is focusing on heart challenge this month. With heart challenge we are looking for ways to get our heart rate up all throughout the month. 4th-6th grade is getting fitness testing done. 6th grade also has hex tryouts going on during the week they have PE. Hex team will be announced at the end of the month.

Spanish: Spanish is continuing our study of “How We Organize Ourselves”. Students are getting very good at reading 2-digit and 3-digit numbers in Spanish.


In Music Class this month, we are applying all of the skills we have been working on throughout the year to start expressing ourselves through composition and performance. Our focus will be on “How We Organize Ourselves” through musical composition and in performance.
Before/After School STEM Clubs

Enrichment programs:
- Zany Zoology
- Extreme Electricity
- Radical Reactions
- Unsolved Science
- My Amazing Flying Machine

Register online:
www.sciencematters.TV
1-866-KIDZ FUN

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

Upcoming Programs

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- Creative Kids Clay
- Fencing Classes
- Key Log Rolling Parties

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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.

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.
To download the app from Google Play, click here.

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.
Box Tops

Our Box Top class winner for December was Mrs. Bradley's 3rd grade class, and for January it was Ms. Loseman's 2nd grade class!! Congratulations to each of those classes on their popsicle party! February is 1st grade's month so please start sending in ALL your Box Tops in a plastic baggie with your teacher's name on it.

We are behind in our numbers for Box Tops collection this year so if you have been holding on to yours please send them in ASAP.

We will have another check coming to us by the end of the semester so we need to get as many submitted as possible.

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:

- 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 *Open-Minded* is our focus for the month of *February*.

"Open-minded students respect the views, values, and traditions of other individuals and cultures, and are accustomed to seeking and considering a range of points of view."

An Open-Minded student knows that all people are different. They listen to the points of view of others and consider many possibilities before making a decision. They celebrate the differences that make all people unique.

**How can parents help to develop this Open-Minded trait at home?**

- Encourage your child to try new things – new foods, new games, and new activities.

- Expose your child to different festivals, celebrations, and traditions and be sure to present them in a non-judgmental way.

- Encourage your child to really listen to others when they speak.

- Introduce literature about many different cultures into your home library. Be sure that it is appropriate and reflects the culture in an appropriate way.

- When you observe your child being Open-Minded, reinforce this positive behavior and use the PYP learner profile terminology.
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
Carl Anderson    Don Trujillo    Rob Baumann    Bryan Goodland    Trey Walters
Shane Reincke    KC Yarcho    Jerome Revis.    Jeramy Freckleton    Travis Tinnes
Matt DeJong    John Thompson    Andrew Pires

Please get in touch with Brittany Shiner at bshiner@dc sdk12.org if you have any questions or would like to volunteer!

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 or