May is a great month. Everything turns green, summer is around the corner, and graduations, weddings and other celebrations make Colorado a great place to be. Rock Ridge is the best place to be with so many of our own celebrations.

First, I would like to recognize the National Archery Team that went to Utah, representing Rock Ridge and the state of Colorado. The competition was fierce with teams from all over the United States, including Alaska that had 26+ competitors. What a great experience for our kids to see some outstanding shooters in action. Thank you parents for all of your support with the program as well as allowing them to participate. Looking forward to next year at which time we will be expanding the program to include 7th and 8th grade students from Mesa! Archery club will be restarting in the fall and I am excited to see what kind of team we can put together for next year’s competition.

Next, this past week the district had the Apple Awards, recognizing outstanding teachers and classified staff members. Our very own Leah Earnest and Scottie Martin represented Rock Ridge at the gala. Congratulations and thank you for all that you do for Rock Ridge and our students.

End Of Year Survey
If you have not done so already, please take the time to complete our End of Year survey. This survey helps us continue to improve how we serve students and the community by gauging what we are doing well and where we still have room to improve. Thank you in advance for taking the time (about 3 minutes) to complete the survey.

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2018’s Tri the Rock race
Sunday, May 20

Register here!!

View 2017 race results.
View Race Day Pictures!

Race information

When
Sunday, May 20, 2018
6:30 a.m. - bike racks open
8 a.m. - race begins

Where
Butterfield Crossing Park and Pool
3952 W. Butterfield Crossing Drive
Castle Rock, CO 80109

OUR TEACHERS NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

As everyone is very much aware the Douglas County School District board of education is considering having a Mill Levy Override and a Bond on the next elections this coming November. If you are interested in volunteering to help us spread the message about funding challenges in the Rock Ridge Feeder and DCSD please click this link. Please note that signing up will not commit you to any dates, events, etc. We will be in touch to ask for assistance in a way that you feel comfortable with. Click here to see the needs of the Castle Rock Region, including Rock Ridge and click here for the one page funding challenge for the district. I am also attaching examples for the bond and MLO that were presented by the FOC to the DCSD Board of Education on February 20th, 2018.

A big shout out to the sixth grade hex team who represented Rock Ridge last Tuesday at the district Hexathalon. Great job competing in all the events and making all of us proud!

Thank you to everyone for another great year. I am proud to be the principal of Rock Ridge Elementary School and appreciate how we as a community and staff strive to better our students through the IB philosophy. Have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Sincerely,

Peter Mosby
May and August

May 15th (7:30-8:30am) – End of Year STUCO Breakfast
May 17th (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club
May 17th (3:45-4:15pm) – Spanish Club (last one!)
May 17th (4:00-5:30pm) – Book Swap
May 24th – Kindie picnic at Founders
May 24th (3:30-4:00pm) – Kona Ice Truck
May 25th – Last Day of School!
May 25th (9:15-10:15am) – Kindergarten Graduation
August 8th (3:35-5:30pm) – Parent Meet & Greet
August 9th - 1st Day of School
August 16th (5:00-7:00pm) – RRE PTO BBQ
District Art Show

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen to have their artwork displayed at the District Art Show last month. They did a terrific job representing Rock Ridge!

Morgan Gerzetich  
Katrina Bovilsky  
Jacob Harness  
Juno Allen  
Lincoln Scaffidi  
Tori Rudey  
Jack Virdin  
Kembree Clark  
Easton Scaffidi  
Wyatt Hildenbrand  
Kara Lewis  
Isa Arellano  
Emily Hester  
Grace Huber  
Maya Killian  
Paige Gibson  
Reagan Seewald  
Noah Arias  
Kira Kyung  
Emery Morrison  
Sean Letcher  
Madalyn Glass  
Felicity Graves  
Yadira Vega  
Addie Swallow  
Brecken Waite  
Austin Hoffman  
Gavin Earnest  
Hailey Moreno  
Camryn Virdin  
Lilly Bridgman  
Alicia Muniz
Cinco de Mayo Assembly

Members of Spanish Club, 1st grade students, 3rd grade students and 6th grade students put on a wonderful Cinco de Mayo Assembly. It was a lovely afternoon filled with beautiful music and dancing. Thank you to all those who helped plan, practice and perform!

6th grade Hexathlon

Congratulations to our 6th grade Hexathlon Team! They did a fantastic job competing against other 6th graders in the District in track and field events. Not only did they do well in their individual and team events, but they displayed outstanding teamwork and sportsmanship. Thank you Hex Team for being such great examples and representing our school well!
Yearbook

Yearbook online pre-orders have now closed. There are only 34 yearbooks available at the office for cash or check purchase. When we are out, we are out!

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!

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

B.A.S.E.

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 encouraged!

More information can be found online at https://sites.google.com/a/dcsdk12.org/rockridgebase/ or you can contact Johnathan Hawkins (Program Director) at jhawkins1@dcsdk12.org.

Box Tops

Congratulations to Mr. Jaques’ 2nd grade class for winning the Box Tops Competition! They collected almost 1,800 Box Tops throughout this school year and earned a pizza party.

We earn thousands of dollars for Technology from Box Tops… please continue to send them in until the end of the school year. They will be submitted over the summer.

And please continue to collect them over the summer for next school year! Thank you!

Grow Your Family’s Good Health!

Free Small Veggie Plant

2.5” diameter pot, regular price $2.99; #9401; Limit one.

Tagawa Gardens

7711 S Parker Rd, Centennial, CO 80016
303.690.4722 TagawaGardens.com
Dear Parents of Incoming 6th graders,

In preparation for the next school year, a Tdap vaccine is required for 6th grade entry. Below is the statement from the CDPHE (Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment):

**Students are required to have Tdap prior to entry into 6th grade. One dose of Tdap is required for 6th through 12th grades.**

Colorado Law (Board of Health rule 6 CCR 1009-2) requires all students attending Colorado schools and licensed child cares to be vaccinated against certain diseases, unless an exemption is filed. The minimum number and spacing of doses is set forth in the 2017 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedules. Meeting the initial vaccine requirements does not excuse a student from meeting additional requirements. In addition to the vaccines required for school entry, there are several vaccines recommended by the ACIP that provide protection against other diseases. These include Meningococcal, Hepatitis A, Rotavirus, Human papillomavirus and Influenza. While your pediatrician may recommend additional vaccines, the Tdap is the only requirement for 6th grade (assuming your child is already up to date and compliant).

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you,

Leslie Sanner RN BSN and Eileen Woodzell Health Assistant

Rock Ridge Elementary
International Baccalaureate

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

Reflective students give thoughtful consideration to their own learning and analyze their personal strengths and weaknesses in a constructive manner.

**Resources** [LINK](#)

**How can parents help to develop students who are Reflective at home?**

- Spend some time reviewing your child’s report card with them. They should have the opportunity to look at this document and consider it as well. Discuss it with them and truly consider their thoughts on their strengths and areas for improvement.

- Consider the goals that your child could set for the next term. Make a list not only of the goals, but of specific actions that can be taken to achieve these goals. You might want to list action that your child will take independently as well as action parents will take to support them. For example, if one of the goals your child sets for herself is to improve her writing, her action might be to keep a journal and write in it for at least 10 minutes each night. As a parent, you might decide that the two of you will participate in shared writing, for 30 minutes each week and produce a book of narratives together.

- Consider your child’s Learner Profile Self-Assessment. Ask your child to clarify for you and explain why she rated her performance the way she did. Can she give an example of an area in which she is particularly strong? How does she know that this is a strong point? Can she set specific goals for improvement in other areas?

More information about International Baccalaureate-Primary Years Programme.
Watch D.O.G.S.

Calling ALL Dads, Stepdads, Granddads, Uncles, 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 year:**

Aaron Edwards  Collin Cacchione  Sean Graham  Charles Flether III  Brandon Juenger  
Cliff Waite  Gary Clayton  Art Rodriguez  Christopher Parkins  Daniel Gallegos  
Clinton Ellerbe  Trey Walters  Zach Utsler  Don Trujillo  Kevin Grider  
Bryan Goodland  Tyson Hurley  Justin Smith  Trey Walters  Kent Christie  
Angel Arias  Jerome Revis  Tyler Ensign  Mike Lindsay  Roy Burcham  
Nathan Bergland  Tony Karas  Travis Tinnes  Todd Trace  Billy Paul  

Please get in touch with Brittany Shiner at [bshiner@dcsdk12.org](mailto: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
- One-touch calling to school numbers
- Staff directory
- School Closures and Delayed start
- Lunch menus
- School newsletter
- Social Hubs
- Search: **Rock Ridge Elementary**