Dear Rock Ridge Community:

I hope this letter finds you well as we approach Halloween and our annual Monster Mash celebration which will be held on October 27th from 5-7pm. You can also find this and other events on the website calendar. Speaking of the website, we are about to launch our new website and school APP shortly, hopefully sometime this month. Please feel free to share your feedback so that we can create a website that is best designed to meet our stakeholders needs.

Maddie and Jeremy Hahn

I would like to recognize all of our parents and staff who have served in our nation’s military and Coast Guard. We will be having a special recognition ceremony again on Friday, November 10th starting at 2:30pm. Please feel free to attend; veterans, community members and parents.

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I would like to personally thank a number of different individuals and community partners for their generous donations of time and money towards different programs at our school.

- Faith Lutheran Church-Outdoor Ed financial support
- Echo Ridge at Metzler Ranch-Nutrition food services donation for students in need
- Costco-260 backpacks that were sent to Houston
- Geneil Aguilar-for organizing the Houston backpack drive to help students in need after hurricane Harvey
- Anonymous community members-for their generous donations of school supplies
- Our PTO for hosting the Rock Ridge Fund Run, saving thousands of dollars by not using a service
- Our amazing community who donated generously towards increasing our educational technology footprint

“It takes a village”

Finally, remember to check the district website, call the district weather line (303.387.SNOW) or check with local news for school closures. Keep in mind that school begins at 8:30am so please do not drop your children off (especially the young ones) before 8:20am. The school does not have supervision for lineup prior to this time and thus, you could be placing your child at unnecessary risk. This is especially true if your children are not dressed properly for inclement weather. Our students go outside for recess when the weather is above 20 degrees so please plan accordingly.

Have a safe and wonderful break.

Sincerely,

Peter Mosby, Principal
October 5th (3:30pm) - Book Club

October 9th-13th – **No School. Fall Break**

October 16th - (3:45-5:15pm) RRE SAC Special Meeting

October 17th (7:30am) - Archery Club- 5th & 6th graders

October 19th (3:30pm) – Book Club

October 19th (7:30-8:15am) – Guardians Meeting (Grades 1-3 only)

October 24th (7:30-8:20am) – Archery Club (5th and 6th grades only)

October 24th (5-9pm) – RRE Night at Chipotle

October 26th (7:30-10:30am) – Picture Retakes

October 26th (7:30-8:15am) – Guardians Meeting (Grades 4-6 only)

October 26th (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club

October 27th (5-7pm) – Monster Mash

October 31st (7:30-8:20am) – Archery Club (5th and 6th grades only)

November 2nd (7:30-8:15am) – Guardians Meeting (Grades 1-3 only)

November 2nd (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club

November 6th-10th – STUCO Food Drive

November 7th – No School. Professional Development Day

November 7th (7:30-8:20am) – Archery Club (5th and 6th grades only)

November 9th (7:30-8:15am) – Guardians Meeting (Grades 4-6 only)

November 9th (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club

November 10th (2:30pm) – Veterans Day Assembly

November 11th - Veterans Day

November 13th (3:30-4:30pm) – SAC Meeting

November 14th (7:30-8:20am) – Archery Club (5th and 6th grades only)

November 16th – Chick-fil-A Spirit Day!

November 16th (3:30-4:00pm) – Book Club

November 20th-24th – **No School. Thanksgiving Break**
Kindness Project

Have you seen a colorful rock with some kind words written on it? Then you have seen a random act of kindness, and you can participate!

Mrs. Bradley's and Ms. Weiss's class painted rocks and then wrote positive messages on them. They placed the rocks in random places to share kindness. If you find a rock, enjoy the message, then find a new place to hide the rock for someone else to find.

Keep your eyes open because these rocks are not just here at Rock Ridge, they are all over Castle Rock!! So spread the word.

Run for Rock Ridge

A HUGE thank you to all of the students, parents and staff for your support and contributions to our first annual Run for Rock Ridge. This was such a fun event and we raised over $26,000 for our school! Thank You!!
Celebrating our Students!

Leah Giordano performing live at Crowfoot Valley Coffee on October 13th

Congratulations to our very own Leah Giordano (5th grade- Weiss)!

She was featured Friday evening on Nine News Next with Kyle Clark and will be performing at Crowfoot Valley Coffee on October 13th from 6-8pm.

Great job Leah!!!
Huskies Howl-O-Ween 5K & Fun Run/Walk

Timed 5K with t-shirts & goody bags. Runners Roost Gift card to overall winner. Registration check in 8 AM. $30 early bird pricing. 5K kicks off 9 AM. Early bird pricing. 1K Kids Run/Walk 9:15 AM. 5K Winners & Costume Contest 10 AM. Family discounts of 4 or more!!

Register ONLINE TODAY!
https://www.athlinks.com/event/211838
or
https://register.chronotrack.com/r/32707

WHERE: Douglas County High School
Baseball Field
Hangman's Gulch/East Plum Creek
Certified Course

Specials Spotlight

As we head into Fall, the Specials team is looking forward to inquiries into “How We Express Ourselves” and “Where We Are In Place and Time.” In Spanish our focus will be on families, culture and their many celebrations during the seasons. Art will also discover and express cultural values in our appreciation of the aesthetics. Music classes will continue to reflect on, extend and enjoy our creativity via music performance as well as begin the journey through music history to discover “Where We Are in Place and Time.” Physical Education will be discovering the migration of sports through the lens of “Where We Are in Place and Time.”

Specials Rotation Calendar
Yarn Donations

Mrs. Eads (Music teacher) is looking for yarn donations for Recorder Karate. Any color. She can even use old remnants of unused yarn laying around the house. Please bring your donations to the front office. Thank you!

Picture Retakes

Picture Retakes will be on October 26th (only in the morning). If you have any questions regarding school pictures and retakes, please contact Dorian Customer Support at www.dorianstudio.com/support or 1-800-826-3535.

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.

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@dcasd12.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)!
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.

International Baccalaureate

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

Students who are knowledgeable have explored relevant and significant concepts and can remember what they have learned. They can draw on this knowledge and apply it in new situations.

**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.

**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

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
One-touch calling to school numbers
Staff directory
School Closures and Delayed start
Lunch menus
School newsletter
Social Hubs

Sponsorship space in this newsletter is extremely affordable! Reach parents in your local community & support schools!

Businesses that want to sponsor this school, please contact TSCA at info@tscaschools.com or 970-239-1641.