Note from the Principal

Dear Rock Ridge Community:

I hope this letter finds you well as we approach Thanksgiving during these unprecedented times. Sometimes when we are overwhelmed with challenges and change it is hard to think of what blessings we do have in our lives. The Rock Ridge community has many things to be thankful for: a community school that works in collaboration with parents, school staff that’s vested in your child’s safety and learning, a strong and supportive PTO, our awesome pets, weekends, breathing fresh air without smoke, laughter, sunshine, love. And the list goes on. Sometimes it takes a moment to remind ourselves that a smile is contagious and when we smile our brains release tiny molecules called neuropeptides that help fight off stress.

So enjoy the holiday and smile... A lot. Have a great break and we will be prepared to support you and your children when we return with eLearning on November 30th. Watch for specific details and expectations from your child’s teacher soon.

Should you have any questions, concerns or celebrations, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Peter Mosby, Principal
## Dates to Remember - Mark Your Calendar

### Important Dates

**November**
- Nov 19th
  - (all day)
  - Chick-fil-A Spirit Day
- Nov 23rd - 27th
  - No School
  - Thanksgiving Break

**December**
- Dec 2nd
  - (4:00-8:00pm)
  - Freddy’s Spirit Night
- Dec 8th
  - (6:00-7:00pm)
  - PTO Meeting (Zoom)

**January**
- Jan 12th
  - (6:00pm)
  - PTO Meeting (Zoom)
- Jan 21st
  - (all day)
  - Chick-fil-A Spirit Day

**Looking Ahead**
- Dec 18th - Jan 4th
  - No School
  - (Winter Break)

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**Happy Thanksgiving!**

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Celebrating Our Students!

Red Ribbon Week!

Students had fun dressing up during Red Ribbon Week! Wednesday, October 8th, was “Give drugs the Boot” day, so students had the opportunity to dress up in Western wear.

Red Ribbon Week is the nation's largest drug and violence prevention campaign. This was a great week to talk about protective factors against drug abuse- having goals, being assertive, feeling confident, good friend choices, responding to peer pressure, using refusal skills, identifying trusted adults, and healthy choices.

Be Happy  Be Brave  Be Drug Free

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thank you for supporting our community, RRE! We collected over 500 items for our Thanksgiving food drive.
**New Staff Member Spotlight**

We have several new staff members at RRE this school year, so each month someone new will be recognized so that our families can get to know our amazing staff a little better 😊

**Meet Lindsay Warner, RRE’s new Mild Moderate Teacher!**

My name is Lindsay Warner. I grew up in Riverside, CT and moved to Colorado in August 2020. Back in Connecticut I have 1 yellow lab, Cassidy, and 1 older sister. I am certified to teach in Connecticut, New York and now Colorado! I was a one to one support in the classroom for 2.5 years before I became certified in Special Education. When I am not at Rock Ridge, I enjoy spending time with family, friends, hiking and travelling. My goal is to travel to all of the 7 continents. So far I have only been to 2! I am very excited to be a part of the amazing Rock Ridge community.

**Specials Spotlight**

**Gym:**
We are starting our Ninja Warrior Course this week during PE!

**Music:**
In the Music Room this rotation, students will be focusing on How We Organize Ourselves in the world of Music. They will be learning about music symbols and how to read music notation. Students will be applying these skills on the following instruments by grade: 6th pianos, 5th guitars, 4th recorders, 3rd Ukuleles and Kindergarten through 2nd grade on multiple percussion instruments, including drums, xylophones, glockenspiels, shakers, bells and triangles.

**Free Family Portraits for Lower Income Families**

DECEMBER 5th, 2020 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 2746 E. Fifth Street | Assisi Hall

**WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE EVENT**

- **Family Portraits:** Each family will receive one free photo of the family.
- **Individual Portraits:** One set photo will be provided to each individual.

**PET PORTRAITS:** We will not be able to offer portraits with your furry companions this year.

**WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARRIVE**

- **Call or Text** 720-812-7678
- **Wait in Car**
- **We Bring You In When Ready**
- **Masks Required**
- **Social Distance**

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Box Tops

We will not be conducting the Box Tops competition between classes this year, but will continue collecting Box Tops. Please remember to scan all of your receipts!

For more information about Box Tops for Education as well as instructions for downloading the app, go to: https://www.boxtops4education.com/.

Rockets B.A.S.E.

Rock Ridge is proud to present the return of Rock Ridge Rockets Before and After School program (Rockets B.A.S.E. for short). This program provides a fun and relaxing way for your students to start or end their in person learning days on site here at Rock Ridge Elementary. Your kids have the opportunity to play gym games, participate in crafts, and learn in a safe, professional environment right here at their own elementary school.

Hours of operation daily are 6:30am-8:30am and 3:30pm-6:00pm, Monday through Thursday, and they are now offering Full day care on Fridays from 7:00am to 5:30 pm! They will do their best to facilitate your students' online learning on Fridays as well!

Lastly, they also provide full day care during breaks and school closures, such as the November 3rd Professional Development. If you think you may need care for your children, or just have a few questions, please visit them at https://sites.google.com/dcsdk12.org/rock-ridge-base. Or feel free to reach out to the program Manager Josh Schaner. He can be contacted at jschaner@dcsdk12.org or 303-549-7283 with any inquiries! They look forward to hearing from you and hope you have a wonderful day!

International Baccalaureate

Each month we focus on an IB Learner Profile and Communicator is our focus for the month of November.

Students who are Communicators are able to think and communicate in more than one language. They can express their ideas by speaking, drawing, and writing. They can also communicate using mathematical language and symbols.

"To listen well is as powerful a means of communication and influence as to talk well." — John Marshall

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

- Encourage your child to stay in touch with relatives and friends who live in other countries by writing letters, using the phone, or sending an email.
- When working on mathematics homework, encourage your child to explain his/her answer to you orally or by drawing a picture.
- Ask your child thought-provoking questions and encourage them to discuss them with you.
- For example:
  - What would you do if you were scared of someone at school?
  - Is there anything you cannot buy with money?
  - Should you get an allowance? Why or why not?
- Work with your child to improve his/her listening skills. Being a good listener is an important part of communicating with others.

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