Dear Rock Ridge Community:

I hope this letter finds you well and warm as winter has come early to Colorado.

As we approach Thanksgiving, we have many blessings to be thankful for. We have the best faculty and staff there is, working so hard every day for the benefit of your children and we have a staff of dedicated parent volunteers who have become an essential part of our daily school life. We also have our PTO that is vested with bringing resources to the classroom and our School Accountability Committee that helps with feedback on the direction that Rock Ridge should take with the best interest of students in mind. We are truly thankful for many people who help make Rock Ridge a great place to be.

In regards to our lovely weather that we have been experiencing early this year, please remember to check the district website, call the district weather line (303.387.SNOW) or check with local news for school closures. Calling the school can overwhelm the front office when this information is readily available to everyone.

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.

We all tend to lose our minds after the first snow of the year so please try not to get a little frazzled and remember the important things when it comes to Colorado weather.

Thank you all for a fun filled night at Monster Mash! It was great to see everyone in his or her cool costumes having so much fun. A special thank you to Keith Cox and Melissa Shea who made this happen with student council. Awesome job StuCo and all the volunteers!!

Peter Mosby
Principal
The Foundation for Douglas County Schools is proud to honor exceptional educators and staff who are inspiring a love of learning in students and are trailblazing extraordinary innovation in our schools.

Over the years, the Apple Awards has grown to engage the entire community bringing in thousands of nominations every year for teachers and staff members across the district.

To nominate an outstanding DCSD educator or one of our amazing support staff, select school or department from the website link.
Important Dates/ Mark Your Calendar

November

November 7th (345-4:30pm)  Spanish Club
November 11th  No School: Teacher Professional Development Day
November 12th (3:45-4:45pm)  SAC Quarterly Meeting
November 12th (6:00-7:00pm)  RRE PTO Meeting
November 14th  Chick-fil-A Spirit Day! (all day)
November 18th (7:45-8:20am)  Minecraft Club
November 21st (3:45-4:30pm)  Spanish Club
November 25th-29th  No School: Thanksgiving Break

December

December 2nd- 6th  Book Fair
December 2nd (3:30-4:30pm)  Archery 6th-12th grades
December 3rd (4:00-5:30pm)  Book Fair Winter Party
December 5th (3:45-4:30pm)  Spanish Club
December 9th (7:45-8:25am)  Guardians of the Gadgets
December 9th (3:30-4:30pm)  Archery 6th-12th grades
December 10th (6:00-7:00pm)  PTO meeting
December 16th – 20th  RRE Kringle Week- PTO
December 16th (3:30-4:30pm)  Archery 6th-12th grades
December 19th (4:00-10:00pm)  Rink at the Rock Spirit Night
December 20th  Teacher Work Day- No students
December 20th – January 6th  Winter Break
Virtual Reality Goggles
Students had the opportunity to explore human systems, animal adaptations and countries with Virtual Reality Goggles.

Hand Washing Assembly
Biscuit the Paw-Washing Dog came to Rock Ridge to teach Kindie and 1st grade students how to practice proper hand hygiene.

Culture Kits
6th grade is doing research on Western Hemisphere Countries. To aid their understanding, the students came to the Learning Commons to read books, discuss and examine artifacts from many different countries in the Western Hemisphere.
Thanksgiving Lunch

Greetings RRE Families!

Please join your RRE Family for our Annual Thanksgiving Lunch on Friday, November 22nd. Nutrition Services will be serving turkey, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, dinner roll, salad, dessert and a drink.

The cost per guest (adult or sibling) is $4.25. Families will pay at the door with cash or check. There is no pre-pay.

Families must RSVP by November 6th so that Nutrition Services can order and prepare enough food. Please know that if a family does not RSVP for this event, additional meals may not be available.

The lunch times are as follows:

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Here is a **LINK** to the RSVP.

If you have any questions, please contact the school and/or Robin Chadwick in our cafeteria robin.chadwick@dcdsdk12.org. We look forward to celebrating with you!

*Thank you!*
Gym: 6th grade-3rd grade will be learning about the 5 components of fitness during our next unit. Students will be put through circuit fitness stations and also will have the opportunity to run our Rock Ridge Ninja Warrior Course.

K-2nd grade will be starting a unit called Project Fit America. We will be learning about teamwork, cooperation, and communication skills during a fun filled unit of tower building.

Spanish: In Spanish, we are wrapping up our study of parts of the body and descriptive adjectives. We will then transition to the IB Transdisciplinary theme, “How We Express Ourselves”. We will be looking into the different celebrations we celebrate with our family and then compare them with how and what other countries around the world celebrate. First, we explore the Mexican celebration of Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead. Then, we look at other winter celebrations.
The Box Tops Incentive Program

We are continuing our Box Tops Challenge in November with 3rd and 4th grade competing to turn in the most box tops.

Remember to return your clipped box tops in a baggie with your teacher’s name on it. Also, don’t forget to scan your receipts with the Box Tops app and give credit to your teacher!
B.A.S.E.

Rock Ridge is proud to present the 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 day 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 in their own elementary school. Hours of operation daily are 6:30am-8:30am and 3:30pm-6:00pm.

B.A.S.E also provides full day care during breaks and school closures, for example we will be here for Fall Break from October 14th through the 18th. We will be visiting Anderson Farms, Adam's Mystery playhouse and taking your kids to see a movie! Days start as low as $34 a day and they operate 6:30am - 6:00pm all break.

If think you may need care for your children, or have general questions, please visit them at the Rock Ridge B.A.S.E. Website. 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!

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:

- We can always use an extra hand in the Library!
- Book Fair

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

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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.

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 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.

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!