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July 29th, 2021

Hello Rock Ridge Eagles!

On behalf of the staff of Rock Ridge elementary, I am excited to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year! We hope that all of you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer and are ready to celebrate with us and our return to a much-improved building. Thanks to the passing of the bond a few years back. We are all so excited to see everyone's faces this year and look forward to future community events. Please also know that the safety of your child is and will remain our top priority followed by the delivery of a world class, International Baccalaureate education. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with parents, now more than ever, to ensure student safety and academic achievement. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, your child needs support from both home and school and we will be striving to strengthen that partnership.

We have some important dates coming up so please check below for details of what to expect at the beginning of the year:

- Wednesday, August 4th- 1st through 6th-grade teachers will reach out to their class roster of students by the end of the day.
- Thursday, August 5th-(2:00-3:30) Drop off day for school materials
 - **K-6** Parents drop off their child's classroom materials along the Kiss & Go Car Loop and then depart. Please place your child's name on your bag of materials.
- Monday, August 9th First Day of school (1^{sr}-6th grade)
 - Drop off begins at 8:20am. (There is no adult supervision prior to 8:20am)
 - 8:30am-3:30pm is our school day.
 - 1st-6th grade students should report to the playground before school on 8/9 and assemble by their teacher on the basketball courts. (Teachers will have signs to mark where students are to line up). RRE Student Clap-In will begin at 8:35. Parents are welcome to join us with social distancing encouraged. Kindi first day is Thursday, August 12th
- <u>Thursday</u>, <u>August 12th First Day of school for kindergarten students</u>.
 - 8:35am-9:35am-Kindi Boo Hoo breakfast, hosted by RRE PTO. (Location TBD)
- Thursday, August 19th Rock Ridge Elementary Back to School BBQ. (Founders Park)
 - Hosted by Rock Ridge PTO.

For more information and updated dates, please visit our website for the calendar of events.

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Kindergarten Parents. You should have received multiple communications regarding Balanced Beginnings for your children. If you have not received any communication, please contact the school (303.387.5150). (Link to Kindergarten parent signup genius)

Rock Ridge COVID practices

Due to the fact that most of our students are not old enough to be vaccinated, we will be implementing the following COVID protocols:

- Please practice Social Distancing outside of the building during drop off and dismissal. All visitors are expected to stay behind the red markings located at the building exits.
- All parents, K-6, should utilize the Kiss & Go Car Loop or church crosswalk during drop off & dismissal. This will reduce adult contact with our students.
- RRE will continue implementing assigned grade level entry and exit points.
- Volunteers need to be scheduled through our volunteer coordinator Brittany Shiner (brittany.shiner@dcsdk12.org)

<u>Current Douglas County School District COVID safe practices. (Subject to change)</u> Face Coverings

- For students ages 11 and under: in alignment with local and state guidance, face coverings will be **strongly encouraged** while learning indoors, but will not be required.
- For students ages 12 and over: in alignment with local and state guidance, face coverings will be **strongly encouraged** for anyone who is 12+ years and not fully vaccinated, but will not be required.

We will honor the decision of parents when it comes to their children wearing or not wearing a face covering in school.

Isolation

- Students or staff members who test positive for COVID will be required to isolate via past COVID practices.
- Isolated students will be provided with learning opportunities until they are able to return to the classroom.
- Our partners at Tri-County Health Department will continue contact tracing positive cases and advise on next steps when an exposure occurs.

Disinfection/Ventilation

DCSD will continue with disinfection and ventilation protocols as follows:

- Touchpoints (i.e. doorknobs, light switches, etc.) will continue to be disinfected throughout all buildings on a daily basis.
- School buses will continue to be disinfected twice daily.
- Teachers and staff will continue to have access to disinfectant supplies, including disinfecting spray, to clean high-touch areas regularly if desired.
- The circulation of outdoor air within district buildings, via mechanical systems, will continue to be increased.



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The Rock Ridge staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family. We thank you for your support and look forward to serving you in the 2021-2022 academic year!

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