



RED HAWK RIDGE

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Important information about Upcoming State Assessments

Dear Red Hawk Ridge Families,

In the state of Colorado, assessments are administered to measure students' performance of the Colorado Academic Standards. This year all 3rd through 5th grade students will take the state's tests called CMAS/PARCC. CMAS/PARCC Math assesses math concepts, math skills and procedures, mathematical reasoning, and real-world mathematical application. On the CMAS/PARCC English Language Arts, students are asked to read one or more texts, answer comprehension and vocabulary questions, and write an essay that requires them to draw evidence from the text(s). We encourage you and your child to visit <http://parcc.pearson.com/practicetests/> to see sample questions and take practice tests. Additionally, our 5th grade students take CMAS: Science. You may find Electronic Practice Assessment Tools (ePAT) for this assessment by visiting <http://www.pearsonaccess.com/co>.

Cherry Creek School District will be administering the Colorado Measures of Academic Success online in the upcoming months. Red Hawk Ridge Elementary's testing schedule for students in 3rd through 5th grade is provided in this newsletter. If you are aware of an absence or tardy during the testing schedule, please notify the front office (720-886-3800) as soon as possible so we are able to make other arrangements to minimize the amount of classroom time missed. In order for students to do their best on the assessment it is important for them to eat a good breakfast, get plenty of sleep and arrive to school on time. We appreciate your support with ensuring the best possible testing environment for all students. We know that our students will be well prepared because at Red Hawk Ridge we strive each day to create learners.

Kind Regards,

Michael Wurdeman
Principal

Parent Exemption Information

Dear Parent or Guardian,

During the 2015 legislative session, lawmakers passed SB15-223 which gives parents the right to refuse to have their children take the state standardized tests CMAS, PARCC and the ACT without any negative consequences to the student, teacher or school.

The Cherry Creek School District has created a form for parents which can be found here:
<http://www.cherrycreekschools.org/News/Pages/Parent-Exemption-from-State-Assessments.aspx>

If you will be exempting your student from testing, please complete this form at least two weeks prior to testing so that the school can develop its assessment schedule.

The new law only applies to the state mandated tests CMAS and PARCC and the ACT and does not apply to other test given in the classroom as part of the course work.

For additional information, please visit our website. Please contact the principal at your child's school if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Dr. Harry Bull

March 3, 2016

www.rhr.ccsd.k12.co.us
720-886-3800

Calendar of Events

March:

- 3/2-3/12: Scholastic Book Fair
- 3/4: A Track Off
- 3/8: D Track On
- 3/9: B,C,D Track Parent/Teacher late Night Conferences
- 3/10: B,C,D Track Parent/Teacher late Night Conferences
- 3/25: B Track Off
- 3/29: A Track On



**24 HOUR
ATTENDANCE
LINE**
720-886-3895



Please remember when your student is going to be absent or late, **you are required to call the attendance line by 8:45 am!** This is a 24 hour open line.

Letting the teacher know is considerate, calling the attendance line is a requirement!

PARCC and CMAS Testing Schedule

The testing dates are:

A track- April 4th - 14th

B track- March 14th - 24th

C track- March 14th - 24th

D track- March 14th - 24th

Our 5th graders will also take CMAS Science

The dates for CMAS are as follows:

A track- April 25th - 28th

B track- April 25th - 28th

C track- April 11th - 14th

D track- April 25th - 28th



SPIRIT WEAR

It's simple and easy to order your Red Hawk Ridge Spirit wear!

Go to : <http://www.amp2print.com/rhr> to order RHR t-shirts or RHR sweatshirts of your choice.

Your RHR Spirit wear will be sent right to your address.



News from the Clinic

This month is national sleep awareness! Sleep helps maintain a healthy immune system, helps our concentration in school, helps keep our moods balanced, and gives our body the energy to conquer each day! So make sure you are listening to your body and giving it the sleep it needs to fight off bad germs!

For Parents: Spring cleaning is coming around the corner. So keep the clinic in mind when you are looking to donate. We are always in need of winter clothes and shoes; girls and boys pants and underwear. Any other supplies that are donated are very welcome!

We have been seeing a lot of colds, flu , and Norovirus. The biggest tool for prevention is washing your hands with soap and warm water for 2 minutes- singing happy birthday or the alphabet x2 and to not touch the T Zone (face, eyes, nose, and mouth) Here are some other things that keep us healthy: being fully immunized, covering coughs and sneezes with our sleeve, exercise, sleep, rest, leisure, eating foods that fuel your body, staying away from sugar when you feel sick, brushing your teeth 2 times or more a day, and doing activities together as a family.

Take care of you and your family in this vulnerable time of increased colds and flu. Think of your own ways you can stay healthy! I always like to hear you and your family's creative ideas. Thank you! Happy March!

Amy Goebel, BSN-RN
Red Hawk Ridge Elementary School Nurse
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Clinic : (720) 886-3806
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News From The RHR Art Studio

"From Ms. Marsh...Congratulations to our artists that were chosen to be in the District Wide Elementary Art Show. The show runs March 3rd to March 18th at Koelbel Library 5955 S. Holly Street, Centennial, CO 80121. The reception is Saturday March 5th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Hope you all can come!

The following artists are participating:

Kora Heintz
Kaden Hindman
Mohamed Fadul
Nina Purves
Summer Kranich
Michael Jaquez
Michael Hardesty
Ethan Nguyen
Caitlyn Logan
Caroline Hardesty
Alexis Riewerts
Mateos Taylor
Liliana Kemeny
Arin Venegas Frasquillo
Collin Rachael

Be sure to tell our artists - Good Job!!"

Thank you.

Amy

Amy Marsh

Visual Arts Teacher

Red Hawk Ridge K-5 School

Colorado Elementary Representative (Colorado Art Education Association)

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<https://msmarshartstudio.shutterfly.com/>

720-886-3859

PTCO News

Thank you in advance for your time and support. Your PTCO appreciates it.

******Next PTCO Board meeting** March 15 at 6pm in the stem room. Please come see what your PTCO is doing for your school.

******Our Red Hawk Ridge school app is here!** Please look for the Red Hawk Ridge app from SchoolInfoApp in your app store and download it to today. We'll send reminders about important events and the lunch menu, school calendar and website, paypams, and all things school related right at your fingertips.

*****Box Top Update:** Hello! The box tops have been submitted as of **March 1, 2016!** I will send out an update soon to let everyone know how many we have submitted for the year. Our goal for the year is to earn **\$1000** for the school, and we have already earned **\$471.70!** I will also let you know which teacher in each grade turned in the most box tops in order to receive a **PRIZE!** Thank you for your contribution in helping our school earn this money! Until then, please continue to send in your box tops! :) PLEASE clip them along the dotted lines, check to ensure they aren't expired, and submit them to your child's classroom. PLEASE also include your **TEACHER'S NAME and grade**. I would love to hear ideas your classroom would be interested in if they win, such as PJ day, movie day, extra recess, lunch with Mr. Wurdeman, etc. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact me at kelli.hustad@gmail.com.





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COME AND BE INSPIRED BY **WOMEN IN SCIENCE!**

Where: Denver Museum of Nature & Science,
2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80205

When: Saturday, March 5, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Tickets: This event is included in the price of
Museum admission.

Ages 3–18: \$4 general Museum admission

Members: Free

SNAP Access: Free, just show your EBT card at Ticketing

Military (current, reservist, and National Guard members): Free

Organized Youth Groups: Free, with advance reservations
at 303.370.6000

Scholarships Available*

What: The Denver Museum of Nature & Science and CBS4 are excited to host a Girls and Science event. Come explore a variety of Science Clubhouses, where girls (and boys!) and their families will meet women scientists and experience the many diverse opportunities a future in science, technology, engineering, art, and math can bring. This day is all about igniting a passion for science—so try it on, test it out, and play!



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www.dmns.org/girlsandscience

*Free admission is available for families that need financial assistance to attend this event. Please call 303.370.6000 in advance or see a Museum ticketing agent on March 5 for information.

March 2016

RHR Intersession Program



Themes	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nature Week		1	2	3 Field Trip	4
Spring Training (Baseball) Week	7 Tracks D & A Field Trip	8	9	10	11
St. Patrick's Week	14	15	16	17 Field Trip	18
Nature Week	21	22	23	24 Field Trip	25
Easter Week	28 Tracks A & B Field Trip	29	30	31	

Field Trips

3/3: Wildlife Experience

3/7: Chuck-E-Cheese

3/17: Golden Corral

3/24: Wildlife Experience

3/28: Butterfly Pavilion

Program Rates

In-House Day: \$30

Field Trip: \$40

*****RHR EXPLORERS INTERSESSION PROGRAM** - Hi Parents. If you are looking for some fun activities for your child during school breaks, RHR Explorers Intersession Program is just what you are looking for! We have plenty of In-house theme days and exciting field trips for your child.

Sign up for one or as many days as you like. Your child may take the bus to and from school or come early and stay late with our Before & After care Program. If your child will be riding the bus home, please send in writing to David Rogers. Our In-house days cost \$30. Field trips are \$40. Siblings receive a

10% discount. We do have limited spaces, so sign up soon!! If you are interested or would like additional information, please email David Rogers, Intersession Coordinator, drogers12@cherrycreekschools.org or call 720- 886- 3878.