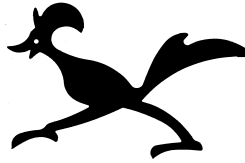


THE RUDY READER

Anna M. Rudy Elementary
5370 Cracker Barrel Circle
Colorado Springs, CO 80917
Phone: 328-7600
Attendance Line: 328-7612
www.d11.org/Rudy



Julie Foster, Principal
Carolyn Wilson, Asst. Principal

September, 2009

Dear Rudy Parents and Guardians,

It has been a very smooth start to the school year. I have to remind myself it is only the second week of school! Already, we have adjusted to our new building and the kids have adjusted to their new teachers and classrooms. I hope you are making the same smooth adjustment into the school year as we are. Here are a couple of pointers that might help.

- ~~Set a consistent schedule for homework completion.
- ~~Establish procedures for checking your child's backpack and returning homework.
- ~~Designate a quiet area of your home for homework completion.
- ~~Be sure your child gets plenty of sleep and eats a healthy breakfast.
- ~~Read with your child and discuss the story. If you would like a list of discussion starters and questions, feel free to ask me or your child's teacher.

This is the last paper copy of the newsletter. From now on, the letter will be sent via email. It can also be found on the website. We converted to a paperless newsletter two years ago. It has become even more essential in these times of ever tightening school budgets. Going paperless saves us approximately \$1800.00 a year. This is money we can spend on your child's classroom materials.

Our instructional goal for the school year is for 85% of our students scoring 80% or higher on all of their school work and assessments. This is a lofty goal that will take work on the part of the entire Rudy community to achieve. I have no doubt we can reach it!

Here's to a great school year!

Julie Foster
Principal

District 11 Goals

- Demonstrate improvement of student achievement.
- Demonstrate a high-performing team.
- Embrace a culture of constant innovation.
- Communicate and engage frequently with our customers.
- Provide a safe learning and working environment.
- Demonstrate operational efficiencies.
- Demonstrate fiscal prudence and financial responsibility.

From the Office

Welcome to the 2009 – 2010 School year at Rudy Elementary School. We hope that you all had a wonderful summer and we are looking forward to a great school year.

Rudy school hours are as follows:

Kindergarten through 5th grade: 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

A.M. Preschool 8:00 – 10:45

P.M. Preschool : 11:45 – 2:30

We ask that no students be on school grounds before 7:50 a.m. unless they have come for breakfast. We do not have adult supervision on the playground prior to this time. If your student wishes to eat breakfast at Rudy, they may come at 7:30 and go directly to the lunch room/gym. After school, students are to leave the building and go directly home unless they are in day care at The Adventure Club or involved in an after school activity held at Rudy.

Rudy's office is open from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Each student brought home a bright blue Student Information card the first week of school which needs to be completed as soon as possible and returned to your child's teacher. This updated information is very important should we need to contact you in case of an emergency, or for any other reason.

Welcome back!!!



At School...On Time...All the time!

School begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. each school day. To be a successful learner, your child must be at school on time every day!! Help your child be the best that he/she can be!!

Classroom teachers and the office will monitor attendance and tardy patterns closely through out the school year.

If your child will be absent or late arriving to school, please notify the office by 8:30 a.m. on the attendance line at 328-7612. This line is available 24 hours a day, every day. **You must call within 48 hours to have your child's absence excused.** If your child is late arriving to school, please have him/her check in at the office when they arrive.

SCHOOL
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The world is changing.
Meet the future.

Every student prepared for a world yet to be imagined

Rudy Elementary School Mission

The Rudy Community will provide excellent educational opportunities, meaningful skills, and real world experiences that prepare our students to be innovative learners today and in future endeavors.

Provide excellent, distinctive educational experiences that equip students for success today and in the future

From The Lunchroom

When you send in checks for your child's lunch account, please remember to put his/her first and last name on the check. If you send cash in, please put it in an envelope with your child's first and last name. So many times, cash and checks are put in an envelope without a student's name on them, and the lunchroom staff has no way of knowing who it belongs to. Also, we cannot accept credit cards for lunch payments at the school.

Please, remember that when we are on a 2 hour delay start schedule, breakfast will not be served.

Lunch prices

Full price lunches are \$1.95 and reduced price lunches are \$.40. White milk is \$.55 and chocolate milk is \$.60. Free and reduced lunch applications are available in the office. If your child qualifies for free or reduced lunch, they also qualify for free breakfast.

Students who were enrolled at a District 11 school and who qualified for meal benefits on the last day of school in May 2009, will have those benefits continue for 30 school days in the new school year or until a new application has been completed. Households are required by USDA federal guidelines to fill out a new application each school year. Only one application per household should be submitted. You may contact the Food and Nutrition Services office at 520-2924 with any meal related questions.

Did you Know!!!!

Did you know that you can pay for your student's lunches on line? To do this, simply follow the directions below:

- You will need your student's school ID number. You can get this information from his/her report card or you can contact the school office.
- Access the District 11 web site at www.d11.org.
- Click on **Meal Pre-Pay** on the right side
- Next, click on **Pay for Meals**
- Finally, click on **On-line Payment** on the left side.

If you have any questions about this service, please contact Food Services at 520-2924.

Parent Access to Grades and Attendance

Parent Connect provides parents with direct access to student data via the internet. Parents may view progress reports, attendance records, report cards, transcripts, test history, selected student demographic information, behavior and health.

Parent Connect Pin numbers and passwords are available by coming to the school between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. You will be required to show a picture ID in order to receive the PIN number and password. Please call the office at 328-7600 if you need further information.

Skateboards
Scooters
Rollerblades
Skates
Shoe Skates (Heelies)

Are **not** allowed on school grounds.

This is a district policy intended to keep everyone safe and to protect our school property! Shoe skates can be used to come to the school property, but once at school, the wheels need to be put away and not used at all.

Students may bring cell phones and/or pagers to school; however, they may not be left on during school, and can only be turned on after school is dismissed. They must remain in the students backpack during the school day. Toy's, electronics (example: cd players), sport's equipment and video games (Gameboy, etc.) are also not allowed at school, unless permitted by the classroom teacher for instructional purposes.

Medication Reminder

All students who need to take any kind of medication while at school must have a completed blue medication form signed by both a parent and a physician on file in the office for each medication. These forms are available in the office. This is true for prescription and non-prescription medications (ex: Tylenol, Tums, Benadryl, etc.). Paperwork must be completed each year. Prescription medications must come with the pharmacy label in place with the correct name and dose. Over the counter medications must come in the manufacturer's container with its original label. No medications in baggies or bottles with homemade labels are allowed at school. This is a requirement of Colorado State Law.



Volunteers Needed

The District Advisory and accountability Budget committee is seeking volunteers. Responsibilities of individual committee members include:

- Attendance of 2 or more meetings per month from September to May
- Review of current year budget and providing recommendations to increase efficiency of budget expenditures.
- Several hours per month reading and reviewing information about the revenue and expenditures of District 11.

If you would like more information please call Becky Moore (Budget and Planning Office) at 520-2010. There is also more information on the DAAC webpage of the D11 website, just scroll down to Budget to find the application for membership. www.d11.org/doi/daac

The Music Note: September 2009

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the new school, I hope you are as excited as me to start a new year of learning and fun in music! I am very excited to have a new music room in the middle of the school with lots of space to use! I hope you will come by and see it sometime soon. We have lots of fun and exciting things to look forward to this year, so I hope you are ready to learn everyday when you come to class! See you in music.

Mrs. Hedding???

Don't worry, Ms. Taylor hasn't left Rudy . . . she just has a new last name! Ms. Taylor got married this summer and is super excited to debut her new name with the students. So don't worry if you hear a different name for their music teacher – I am still here and ready for a new year of music.

New Things to Look For:

Not only is my name different, but we are going to be adding a few new things this year. First of which is the “What We Know” wall. I have a space for each grade level that will contain all the concepts we learn through the year. This will be a very easy way for your kids to check their progress in music. If you are ever curious about what your student has learned in music – come on by and check it out for yourself.

What we are doing in music:

I would love for the students to share what they are doing in class with you at home—always encourage them to sing or show you what they are learning in music. Here's a few of the main things we have been working on:

Kindergarten: Color Songs, Steady Beat with Rhymes (Engine #9 and Tick, Tick, Tick)

1st/2nd grade: Review from Kindergarten, Beat vs. Rhythm, Peter and the Wolf and composing and performing our own “tah and rest” music.

3rd Grade: Review, Peter and the Wolf, new rhythms, composing and playing the Orff instruments.

4th/5th Grade: Review, Rhythm, Form, singing – solo and chorus, playing instruments, listening

All classes are always singing at least one song—ask to hear it sometime . . .I'm sure they would love to share.

Fall Choir

On September 14th the Rudy Singers Choir will be starting up again. This semester it will include 4th and 5th grade students. We will sing a variety of songs with a holiday concert in December and some smaller concerts for the school. I hope you will consider joining me for some wonderful singing. There will be an information sheet going home with the students that are interested, please take a look at it and send it back to school with the permission slip by September 9th.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me at:

(719) 328-7666

taylotn@d11.org





Science News

Welcome back to another great year of science at Rudy Elementary. I hope you have had a chance to visit our new science room. I have really been emphasizing to the students that this is THEIR science room and the extra space is allowing them to explore and investigate with a lot more freedom than we've had in the past. So far they are being very Respectful, Responsible, and Resourceful in handling equipment and materials. Remember that here at Rudy science is taught in the science lab by a science special

teacher, but it also is taught in the classrooms through additional units and collaborative literacy lessons. Please feel free to come in and be a part of our program any time!

Scientifically yours,
Dorene Calvin

Science Curriculum and Units of Study Rudy Elementary 2009-2010 School Year

At Rudy Elementary our science focus allows students to experience hands-on/minds-on science every third school day in a specialized science lab with Mrs. Calvin and in their classrooms with their classroom teachers. In this way our Rudy students K-5 are taught both the required and optional curriculum suggested by the District and are allowed to BE scientists and explore other topics of interest through an inquiry method.

Science Room Mission Statement

Students in Mrs. Calvin's science classes will learn to **BE** Scientists by **questioning, observing, predicting, hypothesizing,** and **experimenting.** They will be able to **justify, analyze,** and **communicate** their findings using **recorded evidence.**

The following curriculum and units of study will be presented this 2009-2010 year:

Kindergarten: The kindergarteners have one required science kit entitled "Beginnings". Students learn to make observations in Physical, Life and Earth Science. These lessons are taught in their daily classroom and emphasized in the special science labs with Mrs. Calvin.

1st Grade: Fall- Pebbles, Sand and Silt (Earth Science)

Winter-Solids and Liquids (Physical Science)

Spring-Fossils (Earth Science) Organisms (Life Science)

2nd Grade: Fall- Balance and Motion (Physical Science)

Winter- Chemical Changes (Physical Science)

Spring- Weather (Earth Science) Insects (Life Science)

3rd Grade: Fall- Sound (Physical Science) Earth Materials (Earth Science)

Winter- Space (Earth Science)

Spring- Plant Growth and Development (Life Science)

4th Grade: Fall- Electric Circuits (Physical Science)

Winter- Water Chemistry (Physical Science)

Spring- Chemical Tests (Physical Science) Human Body (Life Science)

5th Grade: Fall-Ecosystems (Life Science)

Winter- Variables (Scientific Process) Landforms (Earth Science)

Spring- Levers and Pulleys (Physical Science)

During the 2010-2011 school year we will see changes in the current curriculum to match the new Colorado State Science Standards that will be adopted in December 2009.

Rudy Elementary
Science Club
2009-2010 School Year

Science Club is designed to add one more dimension of science for the students at Rudy Elementary to stretch their science learning through inquiry and problem solving using high interest topics for ALL students at ALL levels.

Science club will meet after school on designated Thursdays through out the year. Each month will feature a theme designed for either Kindergarten-1st Grade students, 2nd-3rd, or 4th-5th Grade students.

Fees for science club will range from \$2 - \$5, depending on supplies for each theme.

The following activities are currently scheduled for this year:

September 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th – CSI Rudy, 4th and 5th

October 8th, 15th, 22nd – Simply Sunflowers, Kindergarten and 1st

November 5th, 12th and 19th – Popcorn Power, 2nd and 3rd

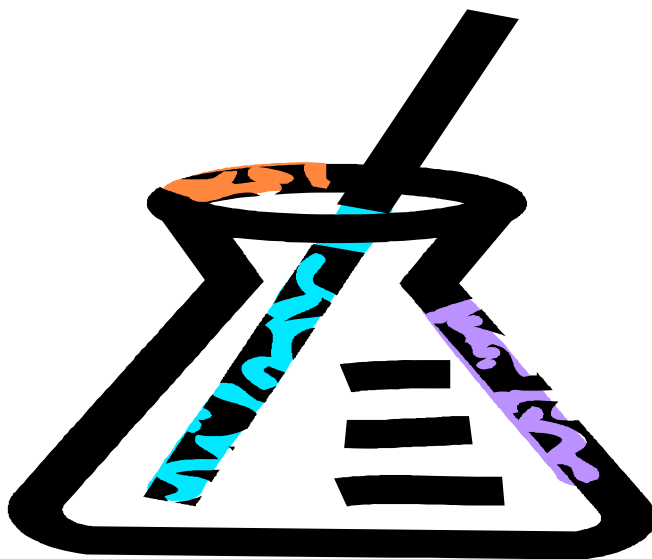
We are asking students to preregister for the above classes in order to give us an estimate of the number of students who wish to participate and to allow families a chance to coordinate this after school program with other activities each season. Please preregister on the sheets hanging in the main hallway of the school no later than September 1st.

In February Rudy 5th graders will be required to enter our school Science Fair and 4th graders will be invited to participate. National guidelines and requirements will be used.

Please see Mrs. Calvin if you have further questions or would like to volunteer to help with any of the exciting scientific events we have planned for the year.

328-7670

calvidv@d11.org



Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are pleased to announce that we provide electronic copies and/or links of our school newsletter, *The Rudy Reader*. We also send your student's class and grade level news. We are able to provide information in a timely manner and save on the use of paper. We are working with the Relatrix EZ Communicator Company. We name our version the Rudy E (electronic) Reader. After our first paper newsletter, we will only send the newsletter using the Rudy E Reader.

Please register as a new user or verify/update your current information. Go to the Rudy Website: www.d11.org/rudy and select Rudy E Reader from the left hand list of links.

Existing Users: sign in with your email address and password. The system will email a password to you, if necessary. Please update your profile by selecting your student(s)' teacher and grade. You can also select to receive D-11 newsletters and delay/closure notices. If you need further assistance, visit us in the library, email Mrs. Lindstrom at lindsdl@d11.org, or call 328-7624.

New Users: click sign up now and create your account by providing your name and email address. Be sure to select **All School Information--Rudy** and select **each teacher** by your student(s)' grade level. You can also select to receive D-11 newsletters, delay/closure notices, and register as a volunteer. If you need further assistance, visit us in the library, email Mrs. Lindstrom at lindsdl@d11.org, or call 328-7624.

When you select the Rudy E Reader link from www.d11.org/rudy, you will see this page:

Rudy E Reader

Login

Rudy E Reader is an email communication system that allows us to send targeted announcements and messages to our parents and community members interested in what's going on at our school.

You will have the opportunity to select your interest areas, and will begin receiving information from our principal and teachers.

Sign up today, and be on the inside of what's happening at Rudy Elementary!

If you are a returning user, please use your email address and password to log in. If you are new to Rudy E Reader, please sign up now.

If you have trouble signing in, click the I CANNOT SIGN IN link.

Returning users, type your email address as the Username. Type in your password and select log in.

Username
Password

Your password can be resent to you. Select, I cannot log in.

Log In

I cannot log in
New User

New users, click here. There will be step by step directions for registration.

Want to volunteer? Our schools are always looking for assistance in the classroom or front office. Register online today to volunteer your time.

Perfect Attendance Program

There will be three awards given during the school year.

Perfect attendance from the first day of school to the end of the first semester (December 18)

- Every student will receive a Perfect Attendance Ribbon
- Their name will be entered into a drawing for a \$25.00 gift card for *Target*.
- Perfect attendance for the second semester (from January 6, 2010 to May 21, 2010)
 - Every student will receive a Perfect Attendance Ribbon
 - Their name will be entered into a drawing for a \$25.00 gift card for *Target*.
- Perfect attendance from the first day of school to May 21, 2010
 - Every student will receive a Perfect Attendance Certificate
 - Their name will be entered into a drawing for a \$50.00 gift card for *Target*.

Following is the criteria to establish perfect attendance:

- **Student must attend school every day that school is in session.**
- **Student may be tardy to school as long as they arrive before 10:00 a.m.**
- **Student may leave school early as long as it is after 1:00 p.m.**
- **Student may not be tardy 10 or more times during the school year.**





Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to another great year at Rudy. My name is Lisa Taylor and I'm the volunteer coordinator for Box Tops for Education. This year, our goal is to raise \$2,500 for our school. We use the money raised from Box Tops as grants for the teachers to purchase supplies and materials for their classrooms. Each quarter, the top two classes that have turned in the most Box Tops will be rewarded with a pizza party at lunch.

Box Tops offers three easy ways to earn cash for our school through everyday activities such as buying groceries, shopping online and purchasing books.

Clip — Clip Box Top coupons from hundreds of participating products and send them to school. Box Tops coupons are worth 10¢ each when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education.

Shop — Shop at your favorite online stores through the Box Tops MarketplaceSM (btfe.com/marketplace). Up to 8% of each qualifying purchase is automatically donated to our school. There is no additional cost to your purchase and many exclusive deals and discounts can be found!

Buy books — Purchase books online at Barnes & Noble through the Box Tops Reading RoomSM. Our school will receive 6% of your new book purchases and 3% of all other online purchases.

One of the easiest ways you can help is to sign up to support our school at btfe.com. You will learn about new and easy ways to help our school earn the extra cash it needs.

Exclusive web benefits:

- See how much our school is earning with Box Tops
- Enter online promotions for chances to win Bonus Box Tops
- Print money-saving coupons for your favorite Box Tops brands
- Make mealtime easier with family-pleasing recipes

Plus, you can sign up for email newsletters to receive new product updates, and Box Tops members-only deals and discounts at Box Tops MarketplaceSM retail stores.

To learn more, visit btfe.com—and thanks for choosing to make a difference for our school with Box Tops!

Sincerely,
Lisa Taylor



get the latest at www.bxotops4education.com

COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 11
2009 - 2010 Calendar
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 Colorado Springs, CO 80903
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 (719) 520-2278 (FAX)

Adopted: 3/18/09
 Revised: 6/24/09

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- July 1-29 K-8 Summer School
- July 3 Independence Day Holiday Observed (District Closed)
- August 7,10,11 New Teacher Orientation
- August 12 Teacher Work Day
- August 13, 14 Professional Development Days
(Elementary- 1/2 day Prof. Dev., 1/2 day Work Day)
- August 17 District/Building Meeting Day
(12-17 are interchangeable)
- August 18 **First Day for Students (1st semester begins)**
- August 28 Assessment Day - NO Students
- September 7 Labor Day - District Closed
- September 18 Professional Development Day - NO Students
(Elementary-1/2 day Prof. Dev., 1/2 day Work Day)
- October 1 **Official Student Count Day**
- October 16 End of First Quarter (40 days)
- October 16 Teacher Work Day - NO Students
- October 19 Beginning of 2nd Quarter
- October 29,30 Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences - NO Students
- November 11 Veteran's Day Holiday - District Closed
- Nov 25,26,27 Thanksgiving Break - District Closed
- December 18 End of 2nd Quarter (41 days)
(Includes 2 Conference Days)
- December 18 End of 1st Semester (81 days)
(Includes 2 Conference Days)
- Dec. 21-Jan. 5 Winter Break - Schools Closed
- January 4 Teacher Work Day - NO Students
- January 5 Professional Development Day - NO Students
(Elementary-1/2 day Prof. Dev., 1/2 day Work Day)
- January 6 **Students Return (2nd Semester begins)**
- January 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - District Closed
- February 15 President's Day - District Closed
- March 12 End of 3rd Quarter (46 days)
- March 15 Beginning of 4th Quarter
- March 22-26 Spring Break - Schools Closed
- April 23 Assessment Day - NO Students
- April 23 **Kindergarten Registration**
- May 7 Conference Day - NO Students
- May 21 **Elementary Students - Last Day of School(43 days)**
End of 2nd Semester - Elementary (89 days)
- May 24 Teacher Work Day - **Elementary**
- May 26 **Middle & High School - Last Day of School (46 days)**
End of 2nd Semester - Middle & High School (92 days)
(If no more snow days are needed)
- May 27 Teacher Work Day - **Middle & High School**
- May 31 Memorial Day - District Closed

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- Schools Closed
- No Students
- Beginning of Quarter
- Ending of Quarter

This calendar has:

- 170 student contact days-Elementary
(includes 2 Parent/Teacher/Student Conference Days)
- 173 Student Contact Days - Middle & High School
(includes 2 Parent/Teacher/Student Conference Days)
- 185 Teacher Contract Days

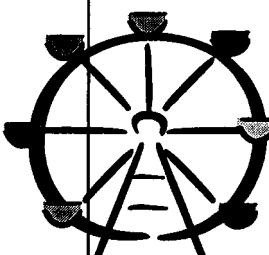
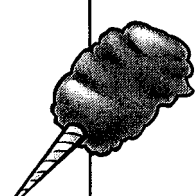
High School Graduation Dates (at World Arena):

- 5/25 - Palmer - 9:00am, Wasson - 2:00pm, Doherty - 7:00pm
- 5/26 - Coronado - 9:00am, Mitchell - 2:00pm
- Alternative High Schools - Dates & Times to be announced
- Adult Education - Dates & Times to be announced

September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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BAND: TUES. & THURS.
ORCHESTRA: WEDS. & FRIDAY
SCIENCE CLUB: "CSI RUDY"
 4TH & 5TH GRDS (9/3 - 9/24)
 THURSDAYS 2:30 PM - 3:45 PM
ART CLUB: (9/15 - 11/4)
 4TH & 5TH GRD TUES. 2:30 - 4:00
 2ND & 3RD GRD WEDS 2:30 - 4:00

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ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FUNDRAISER 9/1 - 9/18				

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	LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	PICTURE DAY!		PTA MEETING 2:45 PM		

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	CHECKS & ORDERS DUE FOR ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS (MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO RUDY ELEM.)				SHARE ASSEMBLIES K-2 12:40 - 1:30 3-5 1:30 - 2:15	

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