



# THUNDER RIDGE ELEMENTARY RAPTOR REVIEW

Issue 1 | Date: August 2019

## KEY DATES

### August 12th: Student Leadership Camp

For members of Student Council, HOPE Squad, and Recess Team. Contact Mrs. Rincon with questions.

### August 13th-14th: First Grade Testing

Come at your scheduled time. Call the office if you need help.

### August 16th: Meet Your Teacher Extravaganza for 1st-6th 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Come meet your new teachers in their classroom, learn about PTA and extracurricular activities in gym, and enjoy a Rockin' Recess on the blacktop.

### August 20th: First Day of School for 1st-6th

### August 20th-22nd: Kindergarten Individual Assessments

Come at your scheduled time. Call the office if you need help.

### August 26th: Kindergarten Meet the Teacher

3:30-4:30 p.m. AM Kindergarten  
4:30-5:30 p.m. PM Kindergarten

### August 27th: First Day of School for Kindergarten

### August 30th: Hearing Screening

### September 2nd: No School, Labor Day

## WELCOME

We are so excited to welcome new staff members to our Thunder Ridge family. Each new individual will be a great asset to our staff. Please welcome:

PreK: Kimi Denning

1st: Megan McCandless & Jill Shaub

2nd: Cassidy Geigle

4th: Kenny Deem & Renee Smith

6th: Yadira Rubio

Small Group Autism: Karisa Hamilton & Leah Simmons

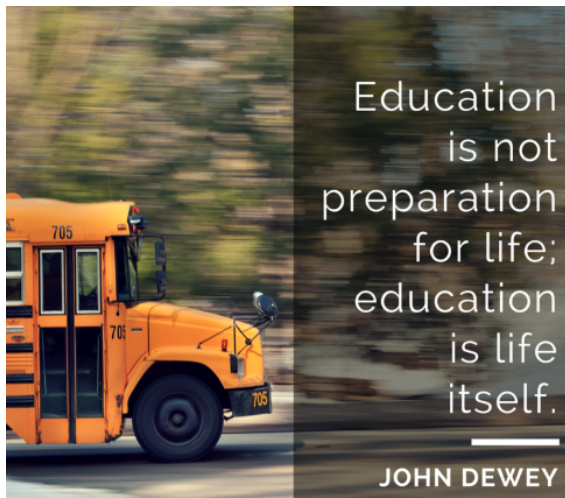
Support Staff: Jill Adamson (Coach), Debra Lewis (Counselor) Laurel Woods (Psychologist), Claire Santiago (Lunch Manager)

## IF YOU BUILD IT... THEY WILL COME

If you have looked around the neighborhood lately, then you will have noticed that we have homes being built every day! Those neighbors are our future Thunder Ridge families! Please encourage any new neighbors to come register their elementary aged kids at our school. The office is open M-F from 7:30-3:30. We would love to welcome them and keep them informed on all events for our school.



Thanks!



Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.

JOHN DEWEY

THE MORE THAT YOU

read

THE MORE THINGS YOU WILL

know

THE MORE THAT YOU

learn

THE MORE PLACES YOU'LL

go

<https://smarkids101.com/blog/back-to-school-quotes/>

THANKS

Our beautiful building doesn't just clean itself. It takes hard work, sweat, and more sweat in the hot summer months. Thanks to Corey and his crew: Chad, Kody, Ky, Ian, and Jenna!

## FAQ'S

### What time does school start?

A track: 8:00 a.m.-2:15 p.m.  
B Track: 9:15 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.  
AM Kinder: 9:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
PM Kinder: 12:35 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

### What happens on Mondays?

Students get out an hour early so teachers can collaborate.

A track: 1:15 p.m.  
B Track & PM Kinder: 2:30 p.m.  
AM Kindergarten: no change

### When does my child have recess and lunch?

#### Lunch Schedule 2019-2020

Grade	Recess	Bell	Lunch
SMG			10:50-11:20
6th	10:55-11:11	11:11	11:13-11:30
2nd	11:06-11:21	11:21	11:23-11:43
4th	11:14-11:30	11:30	11:32-11:49
3rd	11:27-11:43	11:43	11:45-12:02
5th	11:33-11:49	11:49	11:51-12:08
1st	11:47-12:02	12:02	12:04-12:24
Giant Steps			12:10-12:35

### What do I do if my child is sick and I need to excuse an absence?

- ▶ Call the office at (801)610-8727
- ▶ OR Email: putykanski@alpinedistrict.org

### Why do I need to come to the office and show I.D. when checking out my child?

We have your child's safety in mind. As per ASD policy, please be prepared to come in with your I.D. Thanks!



## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MRS. JENSEN

Hello Raptor Families,

We hope you are enjoying those last few days of summer! We have been collaborating, preparing materials, planning, and polishing our wonderful school. We are so excited to see your children again!

We hope your students are excited as well. We are planning on taking our six C's: collaboration, communication, critical thinking, creativity, character, and citizenship to a new level. The first four of those C's are skills. We are noticing more engagement, resilience, and students taking charge of their own learning as we incorporate those skills into our teaching. We LOVE that! And we will continue our work with those skills.

This year, we are going to focus more deeply on the two C's which are dispositions: citizenship and character. We know that children have some unique challenges living in our quickly changing world. There is generally more anxiety, depression, and disconnectedness. Focusing on character and citizenship will allow us to teach our students to understand themselves, others, and the world around us. We have been given a half time school counselor, a school psychologist, and district support in this important work. We want to include you as well. We will be holding two parent meetings this year so that you will have a chance to learn strategies and skills that will help your children. There will be more to come on that!

## WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED:

### Thunder Ridge Website

<https://thunderridge.alpineschools.org/>

### Facebook

Request us as a friend on Facebook: Our name is "Thunder Ridge" and is a private group for current staff and parents.

### Instagram

Name: Thunder Ridge Elementary

### Instagram Username:

thunderridgeelementaryraptors

### PTA

Join PTA and follow their Facebook page: Thunder Ridge Elementary PTA

### Weekly emails from Mrs. Jensen

Make sure your email is up to date in Skyward to receive these:) Newsletters will come monthly.