



THE CUB REPORTER

Rocky Mountain Elementary

November 2026

Learning, Growing, Achieving Together

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

by: Mr. Honeyman

October has been jam-packed with activities, learning, and a few unexpected adventures! Between field trips, transportation hiccups, Halloween excitement, and a full moon all in the same week, our students and staff have certainly earned a little breather!

Even during the busiest weeks, it is wonderful to see our students making memories, learning new things, and enjoying being part of our RMES family.

Thank you for your continued support, flexibility, and involvement in our school. We are grateful for our families and the wonderful community that makes Rocky Mountain Elementary such a special place.

A huge THANK YOU to all the families who joined us for our Muffins for Math event! We had a wonderful turnout, and it was so much fun seeing our students learning alongside their parents.

This event was a great opportunity to show how we incorporate STEM into everyday math instruction while helping students develop important life skills. From using measuring cups to understanding how math is part of everyday activities, our students were able to see that math goes far beyond the classroom!

Parent-teacher conferences are right around the corner!

- **Dates:** Tuesday, November 10, and Wednesday, November 11
- **Time:** 3:30–6:00 PM
- **Sign-Up:** Information has been sent home with a QR code to schedule your conference.

Last year, our goal was to have **90% parent participation**, and we came incredibly close at **89.6%!** This year, let's work together to not only reach that goal but exceed it!

Our teachers look forward to sharing your child's progress, celebrating their successes, and discussing ways we can continue supporting their growth. Strong partnerships between home and school are such an important part of student success.

As we head into November, Thanksgiving reminds us to appreciate the little things that mean the most: family, friendships, and time spent together. For our children, it's a chance to learn that being thankful isn't just about what we have, but about the people who make our lives special. Sometimes the simplest moments create the greatest memories. At RMES, we are thankful for our amazing students, supportive families, and dedicated staff. As we enter this season, let's remember that **the greatest gift we can give our children is our time, kindness, and love.**

RMES CALENDAR

Oct. 30: Halloween Parade @ 10:00
Nov. 3: Election Day
Nov. 10-11: Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov. 11: Veteran's Day Assembly @ 1:30 at RMHS
Nov. 16-17: CTE Classes
Nov. 25-27: No School-Thanksgiving
Dec. 15: Music Concert @ 6:00 PM

Office News

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, November 10–11, from 3:30–6:00 PM. Please use the QR code to schedule your conference. Each conference is scheduled for a 15-minute time slot. If you need help scheduling, please call the school office, and we will be happy to assist you! If you are unable to attend on these dates, please contact your child's teacher through Thrillshare to arrange a different time.



PE News

by: Mrs. Cooley

We have been enjoying our Halloween themed games. Halloween games are always a favorite, especially Haunted House and Ghostbusters. It's been a fun couple of weeks.

Please remember to send your child to school with tennis shoes on their PE days. Boots, dress shoes, and sandals are not suitable for running and playing in the gym.

Class schedules have changed a bit this year. Classes for 2nd, 3rd, and 5th grades (Winland and Bassett) are held on Mondays and Wednesdays, while Kindergarten, 1st, 4th and Mrs Wacaser's 5th grades have classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We understand that it can be challenging to provide tennis shoes for your child. If you are unable to do so, please don't hesitate to reach out to us for assistance.

Music News

by: Miss Asay

What a fun, spooky month it has been in music! We have learned the song "My Vampire Buddies" which has been very fun to sing! We have played some games that work on listening skills, vocal recognition and steady beat. It has also been fun learning several cup routines to different songs. We have learned about the song "In the Hall of the Mountain King" composed by Edvard Grieg. Ask your student about Peer Gynt and his adventure which is the story that goes along with this song. Students have enjoyed the decorations in the music room and seem to discover new things every week. Thanks for the hard work students!!! ~Ms. Asay

Title 1 News

by: Mrs. Townsend

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our Muffins for Math Title/STEM family engagement activity! We enjoyed seeing families come together to explore how math and literacy are part of our everyday lives. Students practiced using measuring cups and spoons, recognizing quantities, counting scoops, comparing amounts, and following a recipe. These hands-on experiences helped children connect mathematical concepts to a real-world task and see how math is used beyond the classroom. At RMES, we recognize that some of the most meaningful learning happens when children can apply what they learn in school to real-life experiences and cooking offers a natural way to do that. We appreciate your partnership and support as we work together to help our students grow as mathematicians, readers, and communicators.

BIG HORN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 MISSION STATEMENT:

Big Horn Co. School District #1 seeks to prepare each student to successfully live and contribute in an ever-changing world.

Big Horn County School District #1 is committed to a policy of non-discrimination in relation to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, transgender status, age, or disability in admission of, access to, treatment of, or employment, in its educational programs or activities, and provides equal access to youth groups. Inquiries or complaints regarding affirmative action, discrimination, sexual harassment or equity should be directed to any of the following persons:

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Preschool News

By: Mrs. Christiansen

We have been learning about many exciting things in Preschool this month! We learned all about fire safety. We know to stop, drop, and roll if our clothes ever catch fire. We also learned the number to call in an emergence is 911. Thank you to the Deaver Fire Department for letting us come visit the firehall. We are working on the letters Hh, Oo, and Gg. We turned our classroom into a spooky room for Halloween. Thank you Parents for helping with our Halloween party and for sending spooky snacks. Parent Teacher conference is coming up November 10th and 11th.



Kindergarten News

By: Mrs. Robertson & Mr. Winland

Kindergarten is in full swing! We are learning to blend simple CVC words and putting our new found word knowledge to use in writing. Additionally, we are learning to think about what we read more critically. We are learning to identify the characters, plot, and setting within a story. This has been a fun skill to develop through our reading of various folktales; Three Billy Goats Gruff, Chicken Little, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, and many more. Our next focus will be to compare and contrast various texts.

After mastering shapes, we are now working to build a strong foundation with our understanding of numbers. We are learning to identify written numbers, count objects to 20, and write our numbers. This skill will then eventually lead to composing and decomposing numbers.

Overall, we are well on our way in Kindergarten! It is exciting to see and be a part of the amazing growth we have already had this year!



Corn Maze

1st Grade News

By: Miss Bryson

In first grade is still working hard. We are working on OA.6 adding and subtracting fluently and we will soon be covering OA.8 missing addends. For reading we have moved into Skills 2 and are working on RF 1.2 c medial sounds, RF 1.2 D segmenting and RL 1.1 Ask and answer questions about key details in a text. In writing we have started L.1.1 J writing a simple sentence. For social studies we are finishing up making our own maps and then we will be starting our Native American unit. I hope you all have a fantastic Thanksgiving!



Muffins and Math



2nd Grade News

By: Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Snyder

Hi everyone!

October has been so much fun and so busy! We are excited to head into the month of November. In math we are wrapping up adding and subtracting with two digit numbers and beginning word problems with two digit numbers. In reading, we are focusing on comparing and contrasting with two informational passages and two literature passages. In writing, we are working on narrative paragraphs. In science, we are wrapping up our unit on animal habitats/adaptations and beginning our next unit which will be on plants/pollination. In reading, we are also learning about Ancient Greek civilizations, which has been a lot of fun so far! There is a lot to be grateful for in second grade. We appreciate all of the hard work and support for the pumpkin book reports, field trips, Halloween treats and more! Thank you all!

-Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Snyder



Buffalo Bill Museum

3rd Grade News

by: Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Moore



Zoo MT

What's happening in 3rd Grade?

3rd Grade has been busy from head to toe! We are learning about the Skeletal, Muscular, and Nervous system in the human body and have been solving riddles from Ricardo. Here's a riddle for you: Why didn't the skeleton go to the dance? He didn't have no- body to go with! 😊

In reading and writing we're practicing sequencing, finding the main idea, and writing strong paragraphs with topic and concluding sentences.

In math we are building multiplication fluency! Students are expected to multiply 25 facts in 1 minute! Please help us out by taking a few minutes at home and practicing multiplication facts!

In science we are exploring animal traits and how each animal is unique and how each offspring is like their parents. We appreciate our wonderful 3rd grade parents and all you do to help your child succeed!

4th Grade News

by: Mrs. Alvarez and Mrs. Riddle



Fire Prevention Week

Fourth Grade is learning so much right now! The students are working on a Middle Ages diorama at home and writing an essay at school describing their diorama. We are doing research on our topics and will be able to display our final products at Parent Teacher Conferences. In math, we have been learning about prime and composite numbers, multiples, and factors. This is an example of why math facts are so important to know. In order to find factors and multiples of numbers, a student really needs to be proficient on their facts. If your student struggles with this, practicing at home could really benefit them. In reading we are continuing our Middle Ages unit to go along with our writing and diorama project. In Social Studies, we are learning about Native American tribes in Wyoming, their histories, and how they relied on the buffalo for many of their needs. In Science, students are learning about different types of energy and developing a power grid for a fictional city. We have some future engineers among us! Thanks for all your support!

5th Grade News

by: Mrs. Bassett, Ms. Wacaser, and Mr. Winland



Museum of the Rockies

BOOK CLUB — KEEP THOSE PAGES TURNING!
Our book clubs continue to be an important part of our reading program! Parents, we appreciate your help at home! Please continue encouraging your child to keep up with their book club reading assignments. Coming to school prepared helps students participate in discussions and enjoy their books even more. A few minutes of reading each evening can make a huge difference!

GREAT AMERICAN CHALLENGE — LET'S GO, GRIZZLIES!
May will be here before we know it! We need our Grizzlies to keep working toward completing the Great American Challenge. Some students are making progress, but we'd love to see more students checking off requirements! Please encourage your child to practice regularly at home. Learning states, capitals, and other challenge facts is much easier when students work on a little bit each week.

READING — LOOK OUT FOR THOSE WINDMILLS!
Our CKLA reading adventures have taken us to Spain, where we're following the hilarious and sometimes outrageous adventures of Don Quixote! Here's a fun tidbit: Don Quixote reads so many books about knights that he decides to become one himself! He puts on old armor, climbs onto his skinny horse, Rocinante, and sets out to save the world. There's just one problem... his imagination keeps getting him into trouble! At one point, he mistakes ordinary windmills for dangerous giants and charges into battle! Students are exploring the differences between fantasy and reality, examining characters, and learning how an author's imagination can create a memorable story.

Dinner Table Question: Ask your child, "Why did Don Quixote attack the windmills?" You might get a pretty entertaining answer!

MATH — POWER UP WITH POWERS OF TEN!
Our mathematicians are exploring the wonderful world of place value, powers of ten, and decimals! We're working on understanding how numbers change when multiplied or divided by powers of ten, along with reading, writing, comparing, and rounding decimals. Our future math lessons will include:

- Lesson 8: Read and Write Decimals
- Lesson 9: Compare and Round Decimals

Students are learning that every digit has a special place and value. One little decimal point can make a BIG difference!

Try This at Home: Ask your child which is greater: 0.7 or 0.65. Then have them explain WHY!

SOCIAL STUDIES — EXPLORING A NEW WORLD!
We're traveling back in time to the age of European exploration! Students are learning about the Spanish, English, and French explorers who traveled to the Americas and established early colonies. We're discovering why these countries wanted to explore, what they hoped to find, and how their arrival affected the Native American peoples already living here.

Ask Your Explorer: "Why did European countries want to establish colonies in the Americas?"

SCIENCE — WHO'S EATING WHOM?
It's a wild world in science as we investigate food webs! Students are discovering how plants, animals, and decomposers are connected in an ecosystem. We're learning that even the smallest organisms play important roles in keeping nature balanced. What happens when one organism disappears from a food web? That's one of the big questions we're exploring.

DON'T BE A TURKEY!

Help Stop the Spread of the Flu!

Flu season is here. Let's keep our Grizzlies healthy! 🐾



WASH THOSE PAWS!

Wash with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



COVER YOUR COUGH!

Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue.



SICK? STAY HOME!

Stay home until symptoms are improving and you've been fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine.



GET YOUR FLU SHOT!

Annual flu vaccination helps reduce the risk of flu and serious complications.



REST, HYDRATE, REPEAT!

Plenty of sleep, fluids, and nutritious foods help support a healthy immune system.

COLD vs. FLU

Symptom	Cold	Flu
Fever	Rare	Common (100.4°F or higher)
Body aches	Mild	Common, often severe
Chills	Uncommon	Common
Fatigue	Mild	Common, can be severe
Cough	Mild to moderate	Common, often dry
Sore throat	Common	Sometimes
Runny or stuffy nose	Common	Sometimes
Headache	Uncommon	Common
Onset	Gradual	Sudden
How long it lasts	Usually 3–7 days	Often 1–2 weeks (or longer)



DID YOU KNOW?

You can spread influenza about **one day before** your symptoms begin! That's why good hygiene matters even when you feel healthy.

HELP KEEP OUR SCHOOL HEALTHY!

- ✓ Keep hands clean.
- ✓ Avoid touching your face.
- ✓ Use tissues and throw them away.
- ✓ Don't share water bottles, food or personal items.
- ✓ Stay home when you're sick.
- ✓ Encourage others to do the same!

A message from Mrs. Winland,
YOUR SCHOOL NURSE ♥

