



ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Stakeholder Report

Inspiring and empowering all students to **LEAD** successful lives.

Having Confidence in Rocky Mountain Elementary School

Rocky Mountain Elementary is a great place to be. Rocky Mountain Elementary has been open since 2000. Many teachers have remained here creating consistency and a school culture of high achievement. Students are very well behaved and continually improve to become leaders and examples.

As a new principal I have been very impressed with the patrons and students that attend Rocky Mountain Elementary School. There is an active PTA and School Community Council. These groups consistently consider data to decide what is best for the students at Rocky Mountain Elementary School.

Rocky Mountain also has many extra curricular activities that all students can participate in. We have choir, orchestra, Spanish and ballroom dance. It has been exciting watching all of these activities take place and the many talents that have been improved within the doors of Rocky Mountain.



Michelle Stephenson
Principal

This year a new charter school opened in our area. We had 18 students leave Rocky Mountain Elementary to attend. Out of these students, 17 have returned to our school.

Thank you for being a vital stakeholder at Rocky Mountain. As a team, we will continue to do those things that bring success and look for areas that we can improve. Student achievement will improve as parents, teachers, students, and the community work together for success.



First Day of School for Kindergarten!

School Community Council Members

Margie Holt, Chair
Lindsay McFarland, Vice Chair
Heather Fry
Kelly Porter
Amy Miner
Sam Farnsworth
Debbie Bagley
Tami Varner, Teacher
Dian Castango, Teacher
Michelle Stephenson, Principal

Teachers at Rocky Mountain Make the Difference

Student Body: 576

Kindergarten: Mrs. Babb, Mrs. Joseph

First Grade: Mrs. Aase, Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Forsyth, Mrs. Guymon (RR)

Second Grade: Mrs. MacMurdo, Mrs. Coles, Mrs. Davis

Third Grade: Mrs. Crossley, Mrs. Donithorne, Mrs. McFarland

Fourth Grade: Mrs. Donithorne, Mr. Sheffer, and Mrs. Gubler

Fifth Grade: Mrs. Beach, Mrs. Varner, and Mr. Alder

Sixth Grade: Mrs. Willis, Mr. Ridge, and Mr. Alder

Special Education: Mrs. Holden, Mrs. Weiss, Mrs. Castagno, Mrs. Dalton, Mrs. Henderson, Mr. Degler

Support Staff: Mrs. Bellitti, Mrs. Brereton, Mrs. Fagerland, Mr. Durrant, Mrs. Halversen, Mrs. Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Jacobs, Mrs. Fairbanks, Robertson, Mrs. Stephenson (Principal)



Rocky Mountain

Mission: Inspiring and empowering all students to **LEAD** successful lives.

Vision: We see ourselves as a community of learners engaging all students in a challenging curriculum to attain high levels of achievement. We will actively support the academic, social and emotional growth of all of our students as we advocate partnerships and collaboration.

Values: • student achievement • positive relationships • individual student needs • shared responsibility • continuous improvement • appropriate and engaging academic opportunities and extra-curricular activities • open communication and partnerships



Dream Team

Each month the 6th grade students get an opportunity to be on the 6th Grade Dream Team. A group of 12 students are chosen to help LEAD the school in activities. They help with announcements, LEAD-time, recycling, Popcorn Wednesday, and other duties as assigned. Every month Mimi's Café bring in lunch for the Dream Team.

Programs at RME

Orchestra: Students meet weekly to rehearse musical selections presented in concerts during Christmas and springtime. The orchestra features flutes and string instruments.

Choir: Students in grades 3 -6 meet weekly to work on voice quality and harmonies.

Spanish: Three different class levels foster fluent conversational Spanish speaking and appreciation for the Latin Culture.

Ballroom: Students in grades 4-6 learn skills showcased at competitions throughout the valley.

LEAD Time: Once a month on Monday afternoon the school comes together to celebrate accomplishments, make improvements, and learn powerful leadership characteristics to use now and throughout life.

PTA Weeks: Our strong PTA sponsors exceptional activities for Red Ribbon, Safety, and Cultural Arts.

Caring Campaign: Each year during February, RME students donate hours during lunch to complete humanitarian projects that benefit others throughout our community and even the world.

STARS Reading: Trained tutors offer additional reading experiences for students grade 1-6.

Reading Recovery: First Grade Emergent Readers can take advantage of this intensive one-on-one reading supplement to bolster skills and prepare them for later grades.

Knowledge Bowl: Students in grades 3-6 study and participate in Knowledge Bowl competitions in Alpine School District.

Reteach & Extend Time: Grade Levels use common assessments to determine mastery level of targeted concepts to ensure no one is left without essentials skills. Students are divided up into groups to receive instruction at their level in order to maximize everyone's time. No one is left behind or kept behind.

Ed. Tech, music, PE: Students work in a computer lab, have exposure to musical instruments, and participate in a full-blown PE program every week

Small Group Instruction: Students are in half-class sizes for 75 minutes per day allowing for teaching and learning to be at an optimum.

School-wide Write: Students in every grade level spend 15 minutes each day in a school-wide writing time. This activity serves as a springboard for further instruction and fine-tuning of skills associated with the writing process throughout the day.

Rocky Mountain PTA

President: Michelle McGill

President Elect: Jennifer Klein

Leadership V.P: Lisa Chudleigh

Legislative V.P: Sharon Jarmon

Membership V.P: Michelle Cook

Secretary: Dana Magleby

Treasurer: Lauri Clark

Technology: Sam Farnsworth

Community: Terri Whittingham, Carie Parra

Education: Kelly Porter, Janelle Hillyard

Fundraising: Terri Whittingham, Tiffani Farnell, and Carol Theurer

Health: Stephanie Burton, Susan Draper

Family Life: Jennifer Nelson

Individual Development: Margie Holt

Reflections: Debbie Young, Rachel Williams

Safety: Carol Theurer

Music: Dorcas Woodward

Spanish: Heather Fry



Student Achievement

UPASS and AYP data for 2010 show consistent increase across the board in academics for Rocky Mountain in Mathematics when compared to previous years' data.

Our data shows that at Rocky Mountain Elementary we did not make AYP in language arts in the following areas: Economically Disadvantaged and Students with Disabilities. As a school, we have discussed these areas of concern and have come up with goals to help every student be successful in Language Arts at Rocky Mountain Elementary School.

- Hire a paraprofessional to work with classroom teachers during literacy time.
- Mainstream students with disabilities into a regular classroom setting during small group time.
- Use data to guide literacy instruction during Monday collaboration.

School-Wide Proficiencies by Subject

Year	Language	Math
2004	84%	78%
2005	82%	81%
2006	84%	83%
2007	81%	73%
2008	83%	81%
2009	89%	81%

