



6th Grade Cliffhangers Weekly Newsletter

In this section, are important quick links, emails, and phone numbers

Parent Quick Tools and Links



[Infinite Campus](#)

[RHMS Website](#)

[Cliffhanger Website](#)

[Google Classroom for Parents - How to guide](#)

[Finding my way at Rocky Heights - Updated from Early Flight](#)

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In this section, our team will post celebrations for students who have exhibited the ROK way!



Highlander ROKstar Awards
R: Respect - O: Ownership - K: Kindness

Each week we will celebrate our students for showing the ROK way

In this section, our team will post important upcoming dates parents should be aware of such as: assessments, project due dates, special events etc.

- Team Time This Week**
1. Tour of the school and find electives classes
 2. Get connected to the wifi

3. Fill out personal schedule for in-school days and Fridays and glue in the back of planner
4. Discuss and practice sanitization and hygiene procedures
5. Hand out planners

Two Week Academic Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8/17-8/21					First Virtual Friday - See website for schedule
8/24-8/28					

In this section, each core teacher will outline their plan for the week and specific content information
 *More specific details will be written daily in student's planners!

Academic Information- Math

Tid Bitz From Mr. Schmitz: Welcome to 6th grade. I am super excited to start the year! Hopefully, I will see some Cliffhangers out on the cross country course this year!

This week the students will be joining the math google classroom and they will be posting a picture on google classroom for homework. We will also be learning how others solve the exact same math activity in different ways, but have the same answer.

Academic Information- Science

Welcome to the best middle school around, Nighthawks! I'm so excited to be your sixth grader's science teacher. It's going to be a great (and unusual!) year!

This week we're going to take advantage of the small class sizes to really get to know one another and set students up with important technology resources to make this hybrid learning environment successful. Students will join their science google classrooms as well as be introduced to an online science learning platform called STEMscopes. We'll be using both of these resources on a regular basis this year.

Students will have "remote work" to complete by Friday. This will consist of decorating a cover insert to go on their 3 ring binder (binders will be supplied to them) and coming up with two truths and a lie. Students are expected to record the remote work (homework) that's posted on the whiteboard into their planners every day they are in class.

Please feel free to email me with questions at haobrien@dcsdk12.org. I'm looking forward to working with your child this year!

Academic Information- Social Studies

Essential Question: How can I be a successful 6th Grader?

Guiding Question (s): What does being prepared for 6th Grade look like?

Content Literacy Words: Team Time, Planner, Team, Cohort

Weekly Schedule: COHORT A

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Things to ask your student about to help their learning!

- Show me how you're going to use your planner this year
- Did you get your device all set up with the WIFI and your Google Classrooms?
- Have you started decorating your notebook yet?
- The Essential and Guiding Questions above
- What are the above Content Literacy Words? Can you use them in a sentence?

Academic Information- Language Arts

Here we go! What an unusual start to a school year, but I hope it's great! I look forward to meeting all of our Cliffhangers.

PICTURE: By next week (week of August 24), all students should bring in a picture of themselves. Students will create an acrostic poem using their names and pictures. This will create my student wall which helps decorate the classroom!

This week, as I meet the cohorts, students will receive a novel (checked out from our library) for our first novel study. In addition, students will complete a reading inventory so I have a better idea of what titles they've read in the past. We will set up and practice a couple of writing routines so that they're ready for next week (online and in spiral notebooks). If time permits, we'll review parts of speech and have some fun with a back to school MadLib! Ask your child to show you the Google Classroom after their orientation day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me!

Academic Information - Wellness

WEEK OF AUGUST 17-21 (Orientation) → Welcome to Rocky Heights AND welcome to 6th grade wellness! Ms. Taylor and Ms. Daniels are very excited to be back at school and meet all your new faces!

- We will be going over a lot of different things the first 2 weeks of school! During orientation week, we will be focusing on showing everyone the health classroom, as well as the gym spaces that we will be using.
 - ◆ The 6th grade wellness schedule rotation will be a BIG topic that we talk about in depth over the next 2 weeks!
- We will often collaborate while in PE class, but health classes will look a little different from each other, even though we will be teaching the same topics.
- Want to reach out and ask us questions? Email is the BEST way to do that! We will also be sending out a *Welcome To Wellness* letter via email prior to the first day of orientation!

MS. TAYLOR'S CLASS:

- Make sure you have your laptop during orientation so that we can get set up with Google Classroom! Also, a water bottle is a great idea so that you can stay hydrated throughout the day as it gets warmer and warmer!
- This Friday will be our first Virtual Day. You will be assigned your Google Classroom site on orientation day where the CODE will be listed by Friday for you to join our Google Meeting. This will all be explained in greater detail along with more information on both health and PE!

- I am looking forward to meeting you all this week and can't wait for a great year ahead!! :)

MS. DANIELS' (BOSE) CLASS:

- Make sure you have your laptop during orientation so that we can get set up with Google Classroom! Also, a water bottle is a great idea so that you can stay hydrated throughout the day as it gets warmer and warmer!
- **Friday Virtual:** I will **NOT** be available to have any meetings this Friday, August 21, as I am getting married!
 - There will be a short video from me to watch on Google Classroom during your designated class time!