



# 2R-Press

## September 1st, 2023

Two Roads--We are **HARDWORKING, CARING, and ACADEMIC.**  
We utilize **COLLABORATION, CRITICAL THINKING, COMMUNICATION, and CREATIVITY.**

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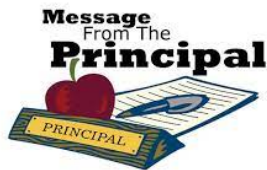
Arvada Campus Office/Attendance Line: 303-423-3377

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Refer to the school website calendar for a complete list of school events.

EVENTS	DATE/TIME
1st Month Burrito Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Wednesday of the Month - \$2.00 each from 7:45 a.m.-7:55 a.m.</li> </ul>
Friday Hat License for \$1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Every Friday morning students may purchase a hat license for \$1.00.</li> </ul>
MAP Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Week of September 4th (Secondary English)</li> </ul>
K-5th Testing - <b>NO SCHOOL for Elementary Students Only</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>September Friday, September 1st</li> <li>Testing is by appointment</li> <li>Contact your student’s teacher with questions</li> </ul>
Labor Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, September 4th - Labor Day - <b>NO SCHOOL</b></li> </ul>
SAC Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday, September 5th via Google Meet (from 7:00-8:30 p.m.)</li> </ul>
Kona Ice After School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>September 6th (truck onsite beginning at 3:00 for snow cone purchases)</li> </ul>
Fall Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday, September 8th, 5:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.</li> </ul>
Resource Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check out the resource section at the end of the newsletter for a variety of helpful information</li> </ul>
Athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HS Volleyball: Tuesday, September 5th, 4:00 PM @ Ascent North</li> <li>HS Volleyball: Thursday, September 7th, 5:30 @ Ascent Classical</li> <li>HS Cross Country: Friday 9/1 @ Broomfield County Commons</li> <li><a href="#">Volleyball Home Games Volunteer Sign-Up</a></li> </ul>

*Welcome to our Weekly School Newsletter!*



Please plan on joining us next Friday evening from 5:00-7:30 p.m. for our annual Fall Festival. This is truly a fun event for the entire family. Also, next week brings a return of Wednesday burritos. This year we will sell burritos the first Wednesday morning of the month for \$2. Finally, Kona Ice will be onsite next Wednesday after school.

# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



**Mr. Waters - Assistant Principal** - I'm returning to Two Roads for my 8th year and am excited to meet you and your students. I have a BA in History and an MPA with an emphasis in Education Policy. Right out of college, I taught World History to 10th graders for the next 5 years. I've spent almost 30 years working with students in education and in non-profit organizations. Education is facing many challenges in our post-pandemic world, but I am here for it! I enjoy traveling, movies, music, and food. I'm a die-hard Chicago Bulls fan and a sneakerhead. I like to learn and analyze and question everything.

My heart is to give every student a chance to learn in a physically, intellectually, and socio-emotionally safe environment. Looking forward to a great 23-24 school year!



**Mrs. Ullman** - Hello! My name is Karen Ullman, and I'm the music teacher here at Two Roads. I have a total of 20 years experience teaching music in Jefferson County, and the last four have been here. Additionally, I have been teaching privately for over 30 years. There are many reasons I love being at Two Roads: excellent administrators, small class sizes, flexibility, and outstanding students and families. Most of all, I love helping others make music. I have been married to Doug for 33 years and we have raised three wonderful boys who are now 30, 28 and 26. I enjoy walking our two dogs, Rocky and Greta, spending time with family and doing almost anything outdoors.

## Newsletter Key:



= new information in the newsletter



= volunteer opportunities



= event information



= meeting information

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## **Fee Portal is Open & Ready**

The fee portal is now open and directions on how to pay fees through the Campus Family Portal are included below. Please ensure all fees are paid by September 30.

[Campus Parent Portal](#)

[How to Pay Fees Through Campus Parent Portal](#)

If you have questions regarding your fees please email [connie.wennen@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:connie.wennen@jeffco.k12.co.us).



## **Breakfast Burritos are Back!**

We will be selling breakfast burritos **the 1st Wednesday of every month**. That means this coming Wednesday, September 6, Admin will be selling burritos outside of Building B from 7:30 - 7:50 a.m. Burritos are \$2/each. Profits go to support teacher and staff appreciation.



## **After School Club Classes for Secondary Students**

Here are two current clubs taking place after school each week:

- Tuesday: Digital Photography 3:00pm - 3:45pm in Ms. Benko's room
- Friday: Video Game Club 3:00pm - 4:00pm in Ms. Benko's room

Students in grades 6th-12th are encouraged to participate!



## **Join Our Two Roads Committees/Groups**

Come be involved at Two Roads! Here are the descriptions for each committee and a link to sign up:

[LINK](#)

### **SAC (School Accountability Committee)**

The SAC is looking for interested individuals who want to work closely with the principal to create family surveys, look closely at testing data, and more. The SAC is made up of individuals from both campuses and every program offered at Two Roads (homeschool families, full time families, elementary families, secondary families, and more). The SAC meets five times a year (virtually via Google Meet) on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

### **Foundation**

Foundation Mission: The Two Roads Foundation purpose is to provide financial assistance to support the needs, efforts and mission of Two Roads Charter School. The Foundation is a resource to financially support the administration, teachers, and educational and social programs at Two Roads Charter School through grants, fundraisers and donations from our school community, businesses, and non-profit organizations. We work to fund school-wide programs and projects that will benefit a majority of students such as: school technology and funding academic needs to support classrooms. The Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization with its own board of directors. The Two Roads Foundation is its own separate non profit organization, but we report to and follow guidance from the Two Roads Board of Directors. The Foundation is completely managed and run by volunteers, made up of individuals from both campuses of Two Roads Charter, including staff and parents. Which means as a parent who serves on The Foundation, all of your volunteer hours will be covered for the year. The Foundation meets once per month and work to plan fundraising opportunities as well as hosting 1-2 fundraising events per year in which members will need to be involved. We also help support boosters, and encourage them in their own fundraising to more specifically support needs for things like music, art, theater, etc. The Foundation meets on the third Wednesday of each month, during the school year, from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

### **Two Roads Board of Directors**

The Two Roads Board is looking for leaders who have skill sets and perspectives that align with our school's strategies, goals, and needs — not just now, but into the future. And it's not just about recruiting one great individual; it's about having the right blend of skill sets, expertise, community connections, and diverse

perspectives and spheres of influence across the board as a whole.

Charter schools are unique in that they are “parent-governed” schools. This is done through the election of board members. The purpose of the board as elected representatives is to direct, not manage, the school. Board members are a policy setting group, and through policy, direct administration within the Mission and Vision Statements of Two Roads.

The qualifications and commitments of a candidate include:

Be in agreement with our Vision Statement which states: “Two Roads is a highly sought after program providing rigorous academics addressing the unique educational needs of traditional and homeschooled students; all students are empowered to develop confidence, define their future and achieve.”

Support our Mission Statement which states: “Two Roads achieves its vision using 21st Century Learning employing and valuing critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity. Homeschooled and traditionally schooled students are challenged in a rigorous academic environment to reach their highest potential.”

- Be in agreement with the educational philosophy, discipline policy and administrative structure of Two Roads.
- Complete 30 Board Modules through *eNet Learning*, attend monthly meetings which occur every fourth Tuesday of the month, and the Board Retreat.
- Be committed to act in a manner that sustains and supports both our traditionally educated and homeschooled students. It is not the Board's responsibility to manage the day-to-day operation of the school.
- Provide support to and oversight of school function and administration.
- Create and set policies that support the school's Vision and Mission.
- Serve as a liaison between the school and the larger community.
- Be willing to fulfill a 3-year term.

Do you want to be involved in one of these three committees/groups? Here is a sign up link:

<https://forms.gle/G5EJ7t7os4Litxvv7>

## **Carpool Help Requested for Two Families**

One of our Two Roads families is requesting carpool help two mornings a week. If you can assist contact the following parent:

Scott Gulley 303-961-3907  
Looking for car pooling Tues & Thurs. Morning  
Willing to compensate  
Located in the Lake Arbor area  
Club Crest Dr and 88<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Another parent is requesting assistance transporting her child from the Lakewood Warren Tech location back to Two Roads. If any one is coming from there and can help please contact Lisa Elrod and [ericelrod@comcast.net](mailto:ericelrod@comcast.net).

## **MAP Testing**

Over the next two weeks, the students in grades 1st-10th will be taking the beginning of the year NWEA MAP test in Reading and Math. Please help your student be present, get some sleep, have breakfast, and bring lunch, and a water bottle.

With these particular tests, the students will set a goal prior to taking the test based on their Best Ever score. **They get their scores immediately and will receive a prize if they meet or beat their Best Ever**

score. Please talk to your student about the importance of testing and doing your best on these two tests. Ask them how they did! In addition, the teacher will have the information about what they know and need to learn. Here is a video that explains the testing: [Video](#)

Thanks for making this a positive event for your student.

- Week of 8/28: 1st-5th Elementary Reading & Math, 6th-10th Math
- Week of 9/4 6th-10th Reading

## **Kona Ice Coming to Two Roads!**

We will have a Kona Ice truck onsite after school on the following days:

- September 6th
- September 20th



## **Save the Date: Fall Festival**

Fall Festival is just one week away! This is great fun for the entire family. All ages are welcome. The Festival features unlimited carnival games (with prizes) with the purchase of a \$10 wristband. You do not need a wristband to enter. The wristband allows you to play unlimited games. Skip the longest lines and prepurchase your wristbands and tickets. Click this link to purchase: [Foundation Square](#)

Presale will run through Wednesday, September 6th.

There are volunteer opportunities, too. If you are interested, click on the link: [Fall Festival Helper](#)

Fall Festival is Friday, September 8th, from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.



## **Order Your Two Roads Arvada Yearbook**

### **Now for 10% Off**

Don't miss out on our 22-23 Two Roads Arvada yearbook! Orders placed by September 30th will receive 10% off! Don't delay. Order now! Here's

how to order: <https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=1015594886292201>

With every purchase there are two free customizable pages. These two custom pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in the purchased book.



## **Before & After School Childcare**

Before and after school care is here! Are you interested? If so, reach out to Amy at [astele@arvadapreschool.com](mailto:astele@arvadapreschool.com) to receive an enrollment packet. Our hours will be Monday thru Friday, 7 am until 8 am and 3 pm until 5:30 pm.

## **Lunch at Two Roads**

Two Roads will not be serving lunch this year. Students must bring a lunch each day. We provide a few microwaves for student use but no refrigeration. We understand the district messaging regarding free meals for all students; however, this does not automatically apply to charters. We plan to participate in this program in the future, but it is not an option for us this year.

## **Student Dress Code**

Please speak to your child to ensure our student dress code (page 20 of our Two Roads Family Handbook) is followed at school.



## Dress Code

Students, staff and families are expected to dress in a manner that denotes self-respect and does not cause, or has the potential of causing, embarrassment, derisive or derogatory comments, or disruption.

- Undergarments (with the exception of bra straps) should not be exposed at any time.
- Footwear is required at all times.
- Hats and hoodies worn up over the head may not be worn in school buildings (exceptions may include school sponsored events or spirit days).
- Students are not allowed to wear clothing with gang symbols, sexual content, or content deemed inappropriate (included but not limited to drug or alcohol references).
- Students enrolled in a Physical Education class are expected to dress appropriately. Athletic shoes are required – students without appropriate footwear will not be permitted to participate. In addition, in Arvada a school issued PE shirt should be worn to every PE class.

**If a student's dress or appearance is deemed as inappropriate or disruptive in any way, the student will be asked to correct the situation.** Parents/guardians may be called to assist the student in obtaining the appropriate attire. Refusal by the student to comply will result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension.



## [Start Earning Volunteer Hours](#)

Check out all Volunteer opportunities here: [Arvada Service Hours](#). In this one document you will find opportunities from now until the end of the semester. The list is also available on our website. Thank you in advance for your support!



## [Safety Response Protocols - New Handout](#)

Student safety is a top priority at Two Roads. Here is a link to our Safety Protocols: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Hhs5jpLzzBw1JdrfTLQEcONLk8trSuXI/view?usp=sharing>

## [Order Your Two Roads Letter Jacket!](#)

Two Roads is working with a new letter jacket company. If your high schooler would like to order a letter jacket, please contact B&H Renegade Sports. Here is the contact info:

- **Address:** 4550 S Kipling PKWY, Suite 11 Denver, CO 80127
- **Phone:** (303) 986-9515
- **Email:** [renegadebhsports@yahoo.com](mailto:renegadebhsports@yahoo.com)



## [Download the Box Top App!](#)

Want an easy way to donate money to the school without costing you a thing? Well, download the Box Top app on your phone and set Two Roads as your donating school. After shopping, use the app to take a picture of your receipt. All Box Top qualifying items will automatically add 10 cents per item to our school. It is easy!

## [Attendance](#)


Students may arrive as early as 7:45 in the morning. Please do not arrive earlier. Building doors will open at 7:45 a.m. Students must be picked up no later than 3:15 p.m. Remember it will take a few minutes to get to the first class, so please be on time. The first bell rings at 8:00 a.m. and students who are not in their seats when the bell rings will be tardy. Our teachers work hard to prepare lessons and it is important to be in class on time.

## [Athletics:](#)

**High School Cross Country:** All of our runners ran great races and had personal best record times at the Horizon Invitational. This week, our runners will compete at the Legacy Lightning Invitational at the Broomfield County Commons.

**High School Volleyball:** Volleyball season is in full swing! Our team competed in the Twin Peaks Tournament last weekend and had their first home game of the season Tuesday vs Mile High Academy. The team has a busy upcoming week with two away games Tuesday & Thursday.


Good luck to all our athletes!

	
<b>Family Service Hours</b>	Check out the links - <a href="#">Volunteer Opportunities</a>
<b>Fees</b>	Your contact for fee questions or payment questions is our Financial Secretary, Connie Wennen. You may reach Connie by emailing <a href="mailto:connie.wennen@jeffco.k12.co.us">connie.wennen@jeffco.k12.co.us</a> or by calling 303-423-3377 Ext. 284. The parent portal for viewing your statement and paying fees online is linked here: <a href="#">Campus Parent Portal</a> <a href="#">How to Pay Fees Through Campus Parent Portal</a>
<b>Grading Practices</b>	This year's grading changes are based on the work of a Two Roads teacher committee and the book " <a href="#">Grading for Equity</a> ". <a href="#">Two Roads Grading Practices Document</a> This 2R Press includes a weekly "article" on our grading practices. Check out this short <b>video synopsis and other electronic resources:</b> <a href="#">Grading for Equity: What it is, Why it matters, and how it transforms schools and classrooms</a> <a href="#">Podcast on Harvard Edcast: Grading for Equity</a> <a href="#">TEDx-Normal: Making Grading Pointless Jay Percell</a>
<b>Homeschool Resources</b>	Check out this folder of material presented at our Littleton Homeschool Coffees. Contents are updated as meetings occur. Please check the folder for anything you might have missed. If you have questions about any of the resources please email <a href="mailto:lisa.wick@jeffco.k12.co.us">lisa.wick@jeffco.k12.co.us</a> . <a href="#">Homeschool Coffee Parent Resources</a> <a href="#">Homeschool Curriculum Options</a> <a href="#">Curriculum Request Form</a>
<b>Lettering Applications</b>	All lettering applications are due by the last Thursday in April at 3:00 p.m. No late submissions will be considered. When using the links below, you will be prompted to make a copy of the application. <a href="#">Academic Letter</a>

	<a href="#">Athletics Letter</a> <a href="#">Community Service Letter</a> <a href="#">Drama Letter</a> <a href="#">Music Letter</a> <a href="#">Visual Arts Letter</a>
<b>MAP Testing</b>	<a href="#">Family Guide to Map Growth PDF</a> <a href="#">MAP Family Toolkit - Website</a> <a href="#">Student Progress Report_Quick Reference PDF</a>
<b>National Honor Society</b>	<p>Students who meet eligibility requirements (necessary sustained GPA) will be invited to apply in January of each year. To view the application packet use the following link:</p> <a href="#">NHS Application Packet</a>
<b>Password Reset</b>	<a href="#">Parent/Guardian Password Reset Tool</a> <a href="#">Student Password Reset</a>
<b>Questions</b>	<p>Unsure of who to contact with your question? Please start be emailing <a href="mailto:tworoadsquestions@gmail.com">tworoadsquestions@gmail.com</a></p>
<b>Schoology</b>	<p>Parent login is your same login for Jeffco Connect and Infinite Campus. Parents and students should NOT be logged in on the same computer. Student username is the student number, password is their 8 digit birthdate</p> <a href="#">Schoology Parent Notifications - Website Article</a> <a href="#">Schoology Parent View - Website Video</a>
<b>Volunteer Opportunities</b>	<p>Check out the links on our website- <a href="#">Volunteer Opportunities</a></p>

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