

Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning

"As a K-12 community, the mission of the Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning (RMSEL) is to empower students and staff to be learners, thinkers, citizens, and explorers engaged in and inspired by the real world. We are crew, not passengers."

August 27th, 2025: Message from the Executive Director

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Dear RMSEL Community,

Thank you to our parents and guardians for adjusting schedules each Wednesday so our staff can grow through professional learning. Over the past three weeks, we've focused on strengthening belonging in crews and classes, supporting students with special services and accommodations, and planning lessons that deepen complexity, authenticity, and craftsmanship in student work.

I also want to shout our students who have shown discipline, courage, and responsibility as they put forth effort on their iReady math and reading diagnostic assessments this week. This data is critical for our teachers to know and understand where students are in terms of math and reading and how to adjust instruction to meet the needs of our students as individuals.

If you missed previous communications for the 25-26 school year, please check out our website under RMSEL News.

Positions

I am excited to announce that Jessica Ceder, a parent of three children with a strong and comprehensive background in Business Administration, has been hired as our new Academic Secretary. Gemma Marshall has graciously agreed to support Jessica in her onboarding process. We are still hiring for the Enrollment Coordinator position, Natalie's position, and are hoping to have this process completed by the end of the week.

Picture Day September 4, 2025

Orders should be placed online and will be delivered to the school within 4 weeks after photos are taken.

Step 1: go to orders.vangoghco.com/prepay

Step 2: Enter your information & School Code: 30024001

Step 3: select the package, background, style or order, and checkout

*Please note: If you would like a whole crew "class" picture, you must add it to your order.

District Accountability Committee Community Member Vacancy

The wonderful Jay Leaver has stepped down from his Secretary/At-Large *Community Member* position on RMSEL's District Accountability Committee (DAC). We are looking for someone from our community who is not a parent and can provide a unique and informed perspective to serve in this position. The DAC meets on Thursdays once a month from 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm. See the DAC <u>bylaws</u> for more information regarding how the DAC serves as an advisory board to preserve RMSEL's mission and vision. Please email me at <u>talmon@rmsel.org</u> if you are interested in applying for this position.

In crew, Tiffany Almon (she, her, hers, and why they matter)