Andalusia Elementary School Family Newsletter



10/29/2026



Hello Andalusia Families!

Thank you to all the families that have signed up for Parent Teacher Conferences tonight and tomorrow. Just a heads up, all teachers get a dinner break from 6:00 to 6:30 PM. If you are around that time, just wanted to keep you in the loop if they are not in their room.

On the following page, I put together just a small quick tip sheet for conferences. Please know, we want you walking away feeling like you know how your student is doing. Do not be afriad to sit down and think of a few questions you have for your teacher/s. You will receive formative assessments and grades, but there are so many other pieces to your child's education. We want this to be a joint conference!

Tomorrow night is our first ever Trunk or Treat courtesy of the PTO! A special shoutout to Mrs. Parchert, Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Doane, and Mrs. Sloan who are board members for the PTO. We know the work it takes to put this stuff together, and it is appreciated! The PTO also covers the cost of our teacher's dinner for Parent Teacher Conferences.

Also, I would like to thank to FFA for putting together a Haunted Greenhouse for our students! Lastly, I want to thank all the participants who signed up to host a Trunk or Touch a Truck!

Thanks for letting us be the present in your child's future.

Mrs. Saey



Conference Quick Tips

Because most conferences are only 10 to 15 minutes long, focus on high-leverage questions rather than running down a long checklist. Pick 3 to 5 questions that match your biggest priorities.

Academic Progress & Learning

"Is my child performing at, above, or below grade-level expectations?"
"What are their biggest academic strengths, and where are they struggling?"
"What does my child do when they get stuck on a difficult concept in class?"

Classroom Behavior & Social Development

"How does my child interact with peers during group work, lunch, or unstructured time?"
"How would you describe their focus, self-regulation, and ability to stay on task?"
"When does my child participate most readily, and when do they hold back?"
"Does my child seem comfortable asking for help when they need it?"

Action & Support at Home

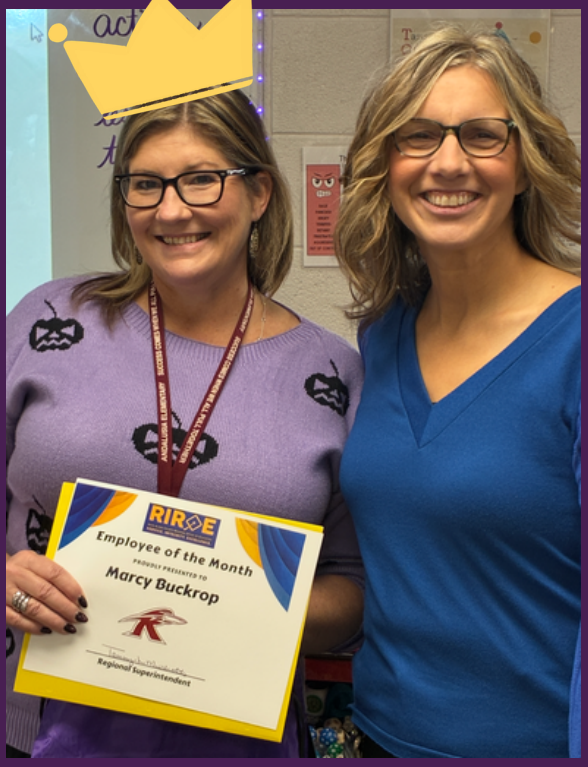
"What is the single most important thing we can work on at home to support their progress?"
"How much time should homework realistically take each night, and what should I do if they get stuck?"
"What specific strategies or tools do you use in class when they hit a roadblock?"

Quick Tips for the Meeting

- Ask your child first: Before the conference, ask your child: "What feels easiest right now? What feels hardest? Is there anything specific you want me to ask your teacher?"
- Share key updates from home: Tell the teacher about any major life shifts, sleep patterns, or homework struggles—context helps them understand changes in class behavior.

Remember, you are part of your child's team! Teachers welcome questions and the opportunity to have these discussions. Do not hesitate to come with a few questions!





Congratulations to Ms. Buckrop for being the RIROE Employee of the Month!



Character Strong Rockets!

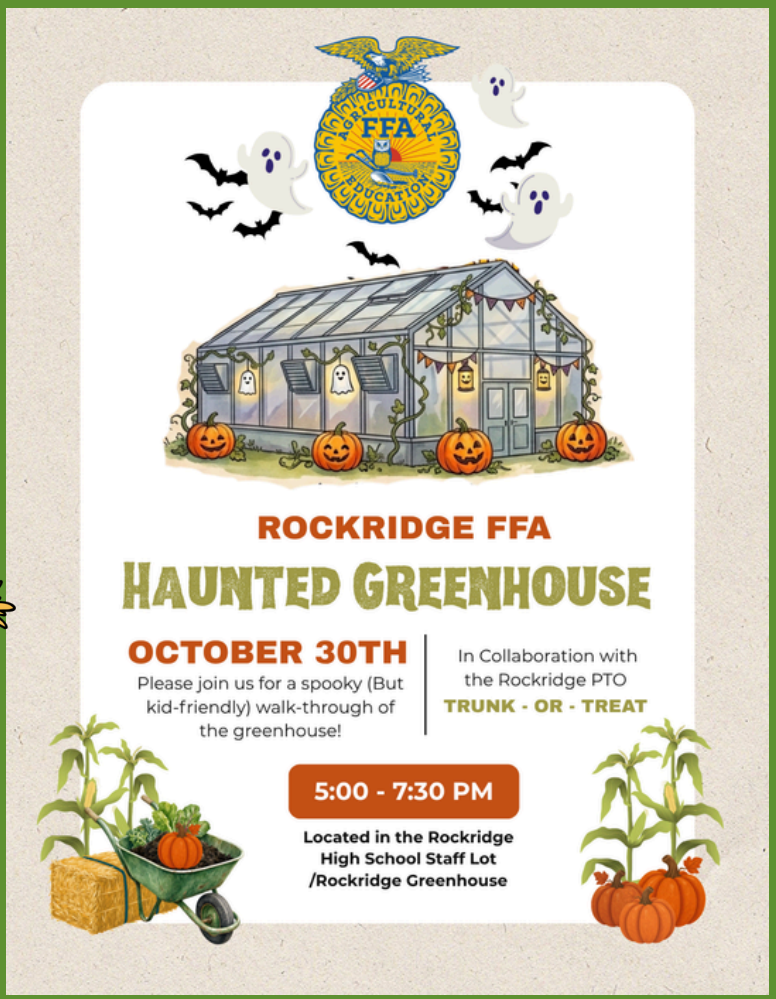
October is Responsibility!



We hope to see you tomorrow night at the Trunk or Treat!








Winter Mini Photo Sessions
with Missy Myers: Capturing Fireflies
When: November 14th & 15th
15 minute slots from 10am-4pm
Where: The Hicks Farm
7914 134th Ave W
Taylor Ridge, IL 61284
Cost: $100 per time slot with proceeds
benefiting the Rockridge Elementary PTO
Sessions must be paid in full at the time of booking and are non-refundable.
Venmo (@for-freckles-sake) or checks to Rockridge PTO are accepted.
Time slots are available at:
Sign-Up Link
Please direct questions to: capturingff@gmail.com
ahicks@rr300.org
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K-2 Holiday Music Program



Illinois City and Taylor Ridge

Wednesday, December 16th



Concert in Rockridge High School South Gym

Grades 3-5 Spring Concert



Andalusia Elementary

Thursday, April 15th



Concert in Rockridge High School South Gym

November Menus

November 2026 Breakfast Menu for All Buildings

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 **No School In lieu of P/T Conferences**	3 Pop-Tart Yogurt	4 Mini Pancakes Syrup	5 Bagel & Cream Cheese	6 Donut
9 Scrambled Eggs & Bacon	10 Biscuits & Gravy	11 Breakfast Pizza 	12 French Toast Sticks Syrup	13 Muffin String Cheese
16 Mini Pancakes Syrup	17 Cheese Omelet Toast	18 Bagel & Cream Cheese	19 Breakfast Sandwich Bacon, Egg & Cheese	20 Cereal Bar String Cheese
23 Breakfast Burrito 	24 Scrambled Eggs & Bacon	25 **No School Thanksgiving Break**	26 **No School** 	27 **No School Thanksgiving Break**
30 French Toast Sticks Syrup	1	2 **Served Daily: cereal, toast, fruit or juice & milk**	3	4

Skim, Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday

November 2026 Lunch Menu for All Buildings

Skim, Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 **No School In lieu of P/T Conferences**	3 Bosco Stick / Marinara Cooked Carrots Pineapple Pudding Cup Milk	4 Chicken Patty on Bun Baked Chips Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk 	5 Crispito Chips & Salsa Corn Mandarin Oranges Milk	6 Hamburger on Bun French Fries Fruit Cup Teddy Grahams Milk
9 Chicken Nuggets Mixed Vegetables Peaches Sherbet Cup Milk	10 Mini Corn Dog Baked Beans Goldfish Crackers Mandarin Oranges Milk	11 French Bread Pizza Side Salad (dressing) Cantaloupe Teddy Grahams Milk	12 Meatball Sub w/ Mozzarella Cheese Baked Chips Green Beans Grapes / Milk	13 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Crackers Apple Slices Milk
16 Pizza Crunchers Goldfish Crackers Corn Pears Milk	17 Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Peaches / Dinner Roll Pumpkin Dessert Milk	18 Chicken Strips Cooked Carrots Fruit Cup Cookie Milk	19 Rocket Rite on Bun Baked Chips Baked Beans Pineapple Milk	20 Uncrustable Baked Chips Cucumber Slices Fruit Cup Milk
23 Goulash w/ Meat Sauce Bread Stick Peas Pears / Milk	24 Hotdog on Bun Tater Tots Mandarin Oranges Cookie / Milk	25 **No School Thanksgiving Break**	26 **No School** 	27 **No School Thanksgiving Break**
30 Cheeseburger on Bun French Fries Peaches Fruit Snack / Milk	1	2 **A reimbursable lunch menu consists of 5 offered components which are set by the new USDA meal pattern in certain varieties and portion sizes determined by student age. Meat/Meat Alternate minimum, Grain minimum, Vegetable, Fruit, Fluid Milk**	3	4

Important Dates & Times

Date	Calendar Event
10/29/2026	1:30 Dismissal
10/29/2026	Parent Teacher Conferences 3:00 to 8:00
10/30/2026	Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00 to 1:00
10/30/2026	Trunk or Treat!
11/2/2026	No School - in lieu of P/T Conferences
11/25/2026	No School - Thanksgiving Break
11/26/2026	No School - Thanksgiving Break
11/27/2026	No School - Thanksgiving Break

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School Break Planner

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Labor Day	**3 DAY WEEKEND** SEPT 5-7 - NO SCHOOL
Columbus Day	**3 DAY WEEKEND** OCT 10-12 - NO SCHOOL
P/T Conferences	**4 DAY WEEKEND** OCT 30-NOV 2 - NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Break	**5 DAY WEEKEND** NOV 25-29 - NO SCHOOL
Christmas Break	**14 DAY BREAK** DEC 23-JAN 6 - NO SCHOOL
MLK Day	**3 DAY WEEKEND** JAN 16-18 - NO SCHOOL
President's Day	**3 DAY WEEKEND** FEB 13-15 - NO SCHOOL
Spring & Easter Break	**8 DAY BREAK** MAR 22-29 - NO SCHOOL