

Andalusia Elementary School Family Newsletter

January 9th, 2026

Happy New Year Andalusia Families! 2026 is here!

Welcome back to school!

We have officially entered the second half of the year! Report Cards will be emailed home today for the Second Quarter. If you have any questions, please reach out to the teacher directly.

With the New Year upon us, I asked our students what their New Year's Goal is! I got a lot of great responses. Quite a few students set a goal for reading a total number of books, getting better at the sports they play, keeping their room clean, or learning a new skill such as sewing. I love to hear what they are working towards, and offered to help in any way!

Spring semester is a busy one for us! First up, we have a published artist coming to read to our building next Friday for our Early Out day. Next, we have fifth grade headed to the QC Storm Education game! Field trip forms for that will be sent out soon. We will end the month by Mr. Goben, Principal at Taylor Ridge, and I traveling to each building to share the logo for the new Rockridge Elementary School to students K-5 picked out! This is a great time to remind your students to be on their best behavior. The fun activities of the spring semester are a privilege, and students who make repeated poor choices are at risk of losing out on those opportunities.

Thank you for letting us be the present in your child's future!

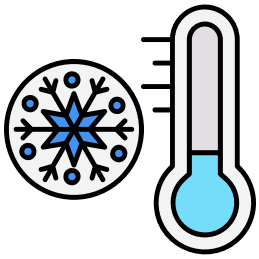


Mrs. Saey



Handbook Highlight

Please note there is NOT student supervision until after 7:35 in the morning. Students who are unattended prior will not have supervision. There may be staff present, but they are not necessarily required by their contract to be supervising students.



Cold Weather Check

- ☐ Gym Shoes for PE
- ☐ Coat &/or Snowpants
- ☐ Gloves
- ☐ Hat
- ☐ Boots

S.E.L. NEWSLETTER

Perseverance

Overview

January is all about Perseverance!
One way to think about Perseverance is "pushing yourself through challenges and obstacles."
We all experience challenges in our lives. We all have moments when we feel like we can't do it or that we want to give up on a big task. It is important to develop tools that help us work through those challenges in order to grow in those moments instead of giving up.

Perseverance is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students Be Strong. Throughout the school, students will be developing skills like focusing, organizing, and goal-setting.

Conversation Starters

- How can you use flexible thinking to persevere?
- How can you use organizing to accomplish larger goals?
- How can planning for challenges help you reach goals?
- How does perseverance help us reach goals?

Third Grade

Third grade students will be focusing on flexible thinking. Students will work on their ability to adapt to new situations and challenges by finding multiple solutions to different problems.

Fourth Grade

Fourth grade students will be focusing on organization using the 3T's: organizing their Time, Tasks and Things. Students will apply organization skills to help them Persevere.



Fifth Grade

Fifth grade students will be focusing on goal-setting. Students will practice setting an important target to work towards, anticipating obstacles, and making a plan. They will do this by using TOP Goals.

NURSE NOTES

WHAT WE'RE SEEING THIS MONTH IN OUR SCHOOLS



'TIS THE SEASON for illness

INFLUENZA

Symptoms of the fluinclude fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea. Some people with the flu will not have a fever. If you suspect your child has influenza please do not send them to school and contact your child's physician for recommendations.



STREP THROAT

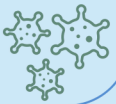


Strep throatsymptoms include a sore throat, abdominal pain, vomiting/diarrhea, rash, and fever. It is diagnosed by a rapid antigen testdone in a physician's office.

This test can detect strep bacteria in minutes by looking for substances (antigens) in the throat. If you or your child tests positive for strep throat, antibiotic treatment can begin right away. Some rapid strep tests may miss some strep throat infections. For this reason, many doctors still use throat cultures, especially in children if results of the rapid antigen test are negative. If you are waiting for throat culture results please keep your student home if they still complain of symptoms.

COVID

Symptoms of COVID include, fever, sore throat, coughing, loss of taste and smell, fatigue, shortness of breath, and body aches. COVID is diagnosed by a rapid antigen test that can be done at home or a PCR that can be done by a lab/physician's office. Current CDC guidelines recommend that positive COVID individuals stay isolated x 5days and return wearing a mask if feeling better and fever free x 24hrs without fever reducing medication. A mask is recommended through day 10 after the symptoms started, if there is a negative test on day 6 and day 8 the mask is no longer recommmended.



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Yearbook Orders

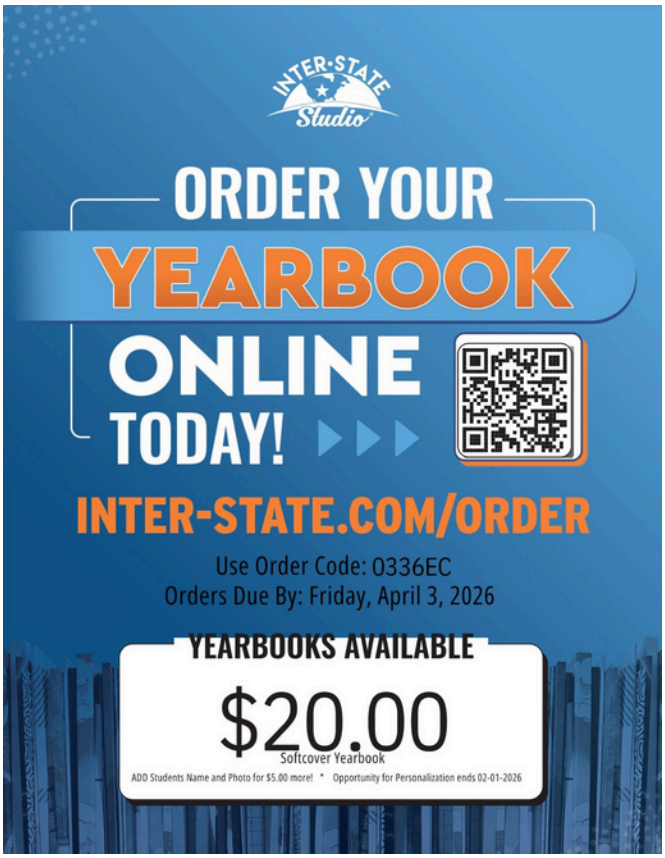
Personalized:

25.00 Due 2/1/26

Regular:

20.00 Due 4/3/26

All orders will be online!



ROCKRIDGE ROCKETS

January 2026 Lunch Menu for All Buildings

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
29 **No School Holiday Break**	30 **No School Holiday Break**	31 **No School Holiday Break**	1 Happy New Year 2026	2 **No School Holiday Break**
5 **No School Teacher Institute**	6 Bosco Stick w/ Marinara Sauce Cooked Carrots Fruit Cup Milk	7 *Breakfast for Lunch* Biscuits & Gravy Hashbrown Patty Mandarin Oranges String Cheese Milk	8 Beef Ravioli Bread Stick Mixed Veggies Applesauce Cup Milk	9 Cheeseburger on Bun Baked Chips Green Beans / Pears Cookie Milk
12 Chicken Nuggets French Fries Peaches Pudding Cup Milk	13 Mini Corndogs Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges Teddy Grahams Milk	14 Pizza Side Salad (dressing) Apple Slices Cookie Milk	15 Meatballs Sub w/ Mozzarella Cheese Baked Chips Corn / Grapes Milk	16 **School Improvement Day 11:30a Dismissal**
19 **No School M.L. King's Birthday**	20 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Green Beans Applesauce Cup Cookie Milk	21 Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes Pineapples Pudding Cup Milk	22 Rocket Rite on Bun Baked Chips Cooked Carrots Mandarin Oranges Milk	23 Crispito Chips & Salsa Refried Beans Pears Milk
26 Quesadilla Chips & Salsa Corn / Peaches Rice Krispy Treat Milk	27 Hotdog on Bun Baked Beans Grapes Cookie Milk	28 Sloppy Joe on Bun Baked Chips Carrots (PB) Apple Slices Milk	29 Walking Taco (Meat, Lettuce, Cheese) Fruit Cup Teddy Grahams Milk	30 **School Improvement Day 11:30a Dismissal**

Skim, Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday

WELCOME

Future Kindergarteners

2026-2027



DO YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW HAVE A STUDENT WHO WILL BE ENTERING KINDERGARTEN IN THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR?! PLEASE SHARE THIS LINK FOR THEM TO FILL OUT TO HELP THE DISTRICT PLAN FOR THE UPCOMING CLASS OF 2039!

Calendar of Events

Date	Description
1/9	School Report Cards Emailed Home
1/16	School Improvement Day - 11:30 Dismissal
1/19	No School - M.L. King's Birthday
1/30	School Improvement Day - 11:30 Dismissal
2/13	School Improvement Day - 11:30 Dismissal
2/16	No School - President's Day
2/19	Spring Picture Day
2/27	School Improvement Day - 11:30 Dismissal
3/13	End of the Third Grading Period
3/13	5th Grade BLAST!
3/13	School Improvement Day - 11:30 Dismissal
3/20	Quarter 3 Report Cards Sent Home
3/30-4/3	Spring Break
4/6	No School - in lieu of P/T Conferences
4/17	School Improvement Day - 11:30 Dismissal

