Andalusia Elementary School Family Newsletter

9/18/2026

Hello Andalusia Families!

Next week, we head into Homecoming week! Dress-up days were shared on Wednesday with all families, but they are also listed on the page below. We will start the week with Pajama Day to hopefully make it easy on everyone after the weekend!

PTO is planning a Trunk or Treat! To get ahead of the Halloween question, Halloween falls on a Saturday. We do not have school on the 30th due to Parent Teacher Conferences. To provide students with the opportunity to show off their Hallowen Costumes, the district and the PTO are working together to put on a fun night October 30th! We appreciate your support to make it a great night for kids!

Next week, we have an early out on Friday! Dismissal is 11:30. Our teachers will be here at Andalusia Elementary School in a Professional Development for our new Magnetic Literacy i-Ready Curriculum.

As always, thank you for letting us be the present in your child's future.

Mrs. Saey

Handbook Highlight

District Registration Fees are 80.00 each year. These fees add up each year that go unpaid. You will be receiving notification in the next few weeks as a reminder to pay your Registrastion Fees.



I want to shoutout our 3rd and 4th grade students for our fire drill! They did exactly what I ask of them: quietly exit the building and wait quietly in line. Three out of four 5th grade classes were quite loud, dancing, and goofing off. To ensure we get this right, we will be practicing this again next week.

We want to get this right for when the Fire Department visits with us in October! Please talk with your students about the seriousness of fire drills!

2026-2027

HOMECOMING

DRESS-UP DAYS

MONDAY 9/21

PAJAMA DAY

TUESDAY 9/22

HAT DAY

WEDNESDAY 9/23

SPORTS JERSEY/TEAM DAY

THURSDAY 9/24

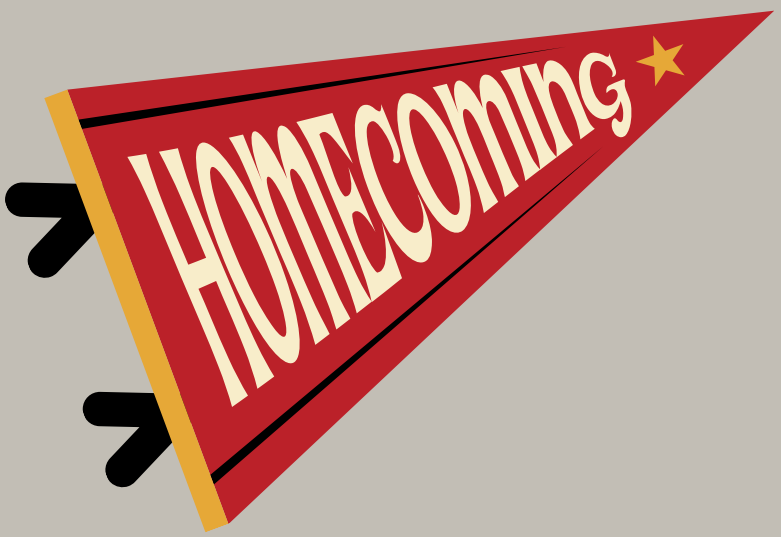
ROCKRIDGE SPIRIT DAY

FRIDAY 9/25

CLASS COLOR DAY

CLASS COLORS LISTED ON THE NEXT PAGE





2026-2027

CLASS COLORS

PRE-K/KINDERGARTEN

RED

FIRST GRADE

ORANGE

SECOND GRADE

YELLOW

THIRD GRADE

GREEN

FOURTH GRADE

BLUE

FIFTH GRADE

PURPLE

STAFF COLOR

MAROON



Homecoming Parade

DATE: Thursday, September 24th

LINE UP TIME: 4:45pm

PARADE START TIME: 5:30pm

Homecoming Parade Sign Up LINK

Homecoming Game

DATE: Friday, September 25th

START TIME: 7:00 pm

NURSE NOTES

SEPTEMBER IS FRUITS AND VEGETABLES MONTH

- Creating new habits is the ultimate way to make eating more fruits and veggies easy.
- If you're trying to eat more fruits and vegetables, focus on flavor! If something is delicious you're going to want to eat it again.
- Repeated exposure — trying something again and again — can make fruits and veggies tastier over time.
- When it comes to building new habits, think progress over perfection.
- Embracing all forms of fruits and vegetables (fresh, frozen, canned, dried and 100% juice) can make eating more fruits and veggies easier.
- Fruits and vegetables are packed with a variety of flavors and textures that can make meal and snack time more enjoyable.
- Explore new flavor pairings by combining fruits and vegetables with other foods, like lean protein, whole grains or low fat/fat free dairy.



FALL IN TO Healthy HABITS

Good Hygeine
Handwashing
Cover Coughs
Cover Sneezes

Be Active Everyday

Get Enough Sleep

Healthy Eating

RHS &RJHS Nurse: Amanda Lewis 309-793-8040 alewis@rr300.org
Andalusia & Taylor Ridge Nurse: Jessica Stubbs 309-793-8080 jstubbs@rr300.org
Illinois City Health Aid: Kristin Tucker 309-793-8090 ktucker@rr300.org

Parents!!

Don't Forget!

Is your student new to Illinois?

- Our health office needs a copy of an Illinois school physical form that was completed within one year of starting school by October 15
- If you are new to Illinois please turn in a current eye exam from an eye doctor.

Contact Jessica Stubbs (Jstubbs@rr300.org)

Fall Picture Day 2026 is here!

When: October 2nd, 2026

Just a reminder! ALL picture orders are online ordering only!

Link to Order: https://inter-state.com/FlyerEntry

Each School has their own code. See below:

Illinois City Elementary School: 0556VYF

Taylor Ridge Elementary School: 0556XYF

Andalusia Elementary School: 0557KPF

Rockridge Junior High School: 0557RDF

Rockridge High School: 0557YNF

If you have questions, please reach out to your building's secretary.



Retake:

11/16/2026

Septeмber Menus

September 2026 Breakfast Menu for All Buildings

*Served Daily: cereal, toast, fruit or juice & milk

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
31 	1 Breakfast Sandwich Bacon, Egg & Cheese	2 Donut Yogurt	3 Mini Waffles Syrup	4 Poptart Yogurt
7 **No School Labor Day**	8 Mini Pancakes Syrup	9 Muffin String Cheese	10 Cheese Omelet Toast	11 Uncrustable Granola Bar
14 Biscuit & Sausage Gravy	15 Breakfast Burrito	16 French Toast Sticks Syrup	17 Scrambled Eggs Toast	18 Breakfast Sandwich Bacon, Egg & Cheese
21 Donut Yogurt	22 Mini Pancakes Syrup	23 Breakfast Bagel Pizza	24 Cheese Omelet Toast	25 Muffin String Cheese
28 Mini Waffles Syrup	29 Scrambled Eggs Toast	30 Breakfast Burrito	1	2

Skim, Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday

September 2026 Lunch Menu for All Buildings

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1 Pretzel Bites w/ Cheese Sauce Cooked Carrots Strawberries / Milk	2 Quesadilla Chips & Salsa Corn / Grapes Milk	3 Walking Taco (Meat. Lettuce, Cheese) Mixed Fruit Teddy Grahams / Milk	4 Cheeseburger on Bun French Fries Apple Slices Cookie / Milk
7 **No School Labor Day**	8 *Breakfast for Lunch* Biscuit & Gravy Tri-Taters Fruit Cup Granola Bar Milk	9 Chicken Patty on Bun Baked Chips Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk	10 Pizza Mixed Vegetables Applesauce Cup Teddy Grahams Milk	11 Crispitos Chips & Salsa Corn / Peaches Pudding Cup Milk
14 Chicken Nuggets Tater Tots Fruit Cup Sherbet Cup Milk	15 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Goldfish Crackers Grapes Milk	16 French Bread Pizza Side Salad (dressing) Strawberries Cookie Milk	17 Meatball Sub w/ Mozzarella Cheese Baked Chips Green Beans / Peaches Milk	18 Uncrustable Baked Chips Carrots Apple Slices Milk
21 Pizza Crunchers Goldfish Crackers Corn Pears Milk	22 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Green Beans Bread Stick Fruit Cup Milk	23 Hotdog on Bun Baked Beans Baked Chips / Peaches Pudding Cup Milk	24 Sloppy Joe on Bun Mixed Vegetables Mixed Fruit Rice Krispy Treat Milk	25 **School Improvement Day 11:30am Dismissal**
28 Bosco Stick / Marinara Cooked Carrots Fruit Cup Teddy Grahams Milk	29 Hamburger on Bun French Fries Mandarin Oranges Fruit Snacks Milk	30 Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes Pineapples Cookie Milk	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.	

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October Menus

October 2026 Breakfast Menu *for All Buildings*

Menus Subject To Change

*Served Daily: cereal, toast, fruit or juice & milk

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
28 	29	30 	1 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Biscuit	2 Mini Pancakes Syrup
5 Bagel & Cream Cheese	6 Biscuits & Sausage Gravy	7 Muffin String Cheese	8 Breakfast Bagel Pizza Yogurt	9 Pop-Tart Yogurt
12 **No School Columbus Day**	13 Cheese Omelet Toast	14 French Toast Sticks Syrup	15 Scrambled Eggs & Bacon	16 Breakfast Burrito Yogurt
19 Breakfast Bagel Pizza Yogurt	20 Mini Pancakes Syrup	21 Bagel & Cream Cheese	22 Breakfast Burrito Yogurt	23 Biscuits & Sausage Gravy 
26 Scrambled Eggs & Bacon	27 French Toast Sticks Syrup	28 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Biscuit	29 Muffin String Cheese	30 **No School P/T Conferences**

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October 2026 Lunch Menu *for All Buildings*

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5 Pretzel Bites w/ Cheese Sauce Corn / Peaches Milk	6 Walking Tacos (Meat, Lettuce, Cheese) Strawberries Rice Krispy Treat / Milk	7 *Breakfast for Lunch* Pancake Sausage Stick Hashbrown Patty Granola Bar Orange / Milk	8 Chicken Patty on Bun Baked Chips Green Beans Apple Slices / Milk	9 **School Improvement Day 11:30am Dismissal**
12 **No School** 	13 Bosco Sticks / Marinara Cooked Carrots Pineapple Pudding Cup Milk	14 Quesadilla Chips & Salsa Corn / Pears Milk	15 Sloppy Joe on Bun Baked Chips Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk	16 *Breakfast for Lunch* Biscuits & Gravy Tri-Taters Applesauce Cup Fruit Snacks Milk
19 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Pears Rice Krispy Treat Milk	20 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Goldfish Crackers Grapes Milk	21 French Bread Pizza Side Salad (dressing) Strawberries Cookie Milk	22 Meatball Sub w/ Mozzarella Cheese Baked Chips Mixed Veggies / Peaches Milk	23 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Soup Crackers Fruit Cup Milk 
26 Cheeseburger on Bun Tater Tots Peaches Jello / Milk	27 Goulash Bread Stick Green Beans Applesauce Cup / Milk	28 Pizza Crunchers Side Salad (dressing) Pears Teddy Grahams / Milk	29 **1:30pm Dismissal** Rocket Rite on Bun Corn Baked Chips Fruit Cup / Milk	30 **No School P/T Conferences**

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ROCKRIDGE

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

Important Dates & Times

Date	Calendar Event
9/25/2026	Homecoming Game
9/25/2026	School Improvement Day - 11:30 Dismissal
10/9/2026	End of FirstGrading Period
10/12/2026	No School - Columbus Day
10/16/2026	Quarter 1 Report Cards Sent Home
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