December 12th, 2025

Andalusia Elementary School Family Newsletter

Hello Andalusia Families!

This week our students had some special visitors! The Choir came to visit and sang Christmas Carols with our students. If you click the Short Clip, you can see a short bit of our students singing along with them,

Next week, our students will be doing a mix of learning and fun! We will also be having dress-up days. We will ease into the week with some pajamas on Monday!

We have set a Spring Picture Date, which will be February 19th. There will be more information to follow.

Please make sure you check your email regarding how and why any weather decisions are made. This was sent from the district this week. It helps to explain the options we have available to us to esnure safety of students, staff, and our transportation department.

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

Mrs. Saey

thank you!



Short Clip!

Student Absence Update

REMINDER! It is imperative to receive a doctor's note when you are attending doctor visits to ensure it is excused.

SHOW YOUR HOLIDAY SPIRIT

DECEMBER 15TH-19TH

MONDAY

Merry Morning

WEAR CHRISTMAS PAJAMAS OR SLIPPERS!

TUESDAY

Tinsel Toes

WEAR COMFY CLOTHES WITH FESTIVE TOES! (HOLIDAY SOCKS)

WEDNESDAY

Holiday Hat

WEAR A SANTA HAT, ELF HAT, OR HOLIDAY HEADBAND!

THURSDAY

Merry and Bright

WEAR RED, GREEN, OR SPARKLES!

FRIDAY

Festive Finale

GO ALL OUT IN HOLIDAY GEAR!



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

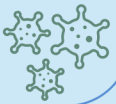


Strep throatsymptoms include a sore throat, abdominal pain, vomiting/diarrhea, rash, and fever. It is diagnosed by a rapid antigen testdone in a physician's office.

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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SEL NEWSLETTER

Empathy

OVERVIEW

This month's focus is Empathy. One way to think about Empathy is "understanding and connecting with other people's feelings." Empathy is a practice that can help us grow strong relationships.

Empathy is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students Be Kind. Throughout the school, students will be developing skills like perspective-taking, conflict resolution, and leadership.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

What does empathymean?
Why do you think it is important to use perspective-taking when practicing Empathy?
Why do you think it is important to use Empathy when practicing conflict resolution?
Why is it important to use empathy as a leader?

THIRD GRADE

Looking at someone else's point of view is an important way for us to understand others. Alongside Empathy, our focus in 3rd grade this month is perspective-taking. Perspective-taking is the ability to consider a situation from another person's point of view.

FOURTH GRADE

We all experience conflict in life. We need tools to help us navigate conflict successfully. This month, 4th graders will practice using the Tree of Choices to work toward resolving conflict successfully.

FIFTH GRADE

Leadership is how we influence others. It's a powerful way to positively impact the world around us. This month, 5th graders will build their leadership skills while practicing Empathy.

Yearbook Orders

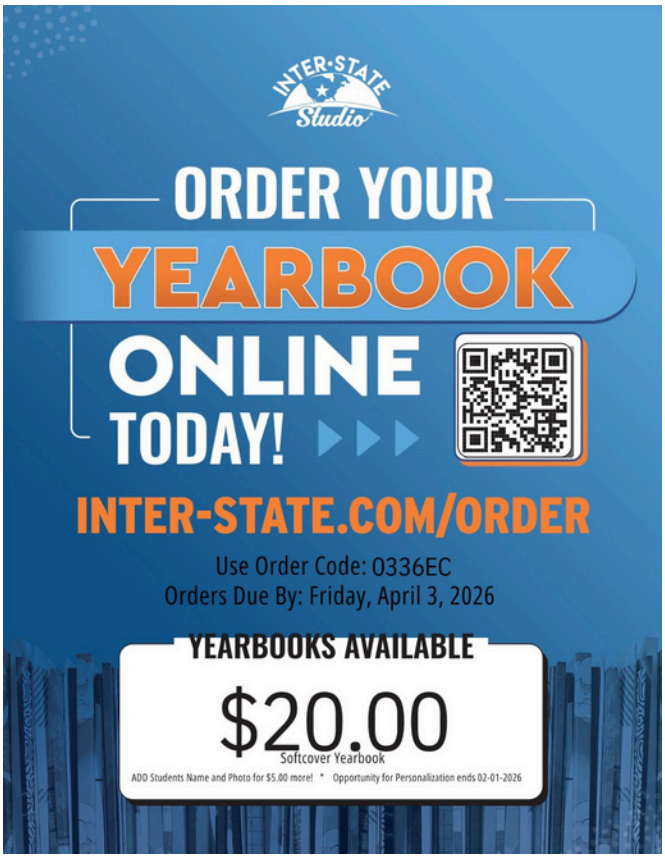
Personalized:

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
12/12	School Improvement Day - 11:30 Dismissal
12/19	End of Second Grading Period
12/22-1/2	No School - Holiday Break
1/5	Teacher Institute
1/6	School Resumes
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

