

Andalusia Elementary School



Family Newsletter

10/23/2026

Hello Andalusia Families!



We had a busy week this week at Andalusia Elementary School! I visited each class to talk about leaving our legacy, bus evacuations drills, and fifth grade went to the Quad City Storm Educational Game.

On Tuesday, I visited with each class and talked about leaving a legacy here at AES. We talked about no matter the direction the district is going, our True North as educators is the students in front of us today. Each student received a compass. The goal of the compass is to help direct them to their "True North." Their "True North" is what helps them work hard and make the best choices. It was great to hear some of the internal motivators students had. I heard their family, piano, kindness, wrestling, hard-work, and many more. Our goal is to leave AES as the best 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes this building has ever seen! Each student will be submitting what they believe is their Legacy. In the Spring, we will be making 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade time capsules to plant our legacy.

We completed our Bus Evacuation drills for the school year. Third grade earned an extra recess for Leading by Example! They took the drills seriously as if we were in a real situation. They were quiet in the halls, listened to the bus drivers, and returned to class quietly. Because of their committment to safety, they have earned an extra reces! Way to go!

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

Mrs. Saey

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY



DRIVERS

ALWAYS STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES!

YELLOW

flashing lights mean the bus is preparing to stop. You should slow down.

RED

flashing lights and extended stop arm means you must stop and wait.

IN EVERY STATE



IT'S ILLEGAL TO PASS A SCHOOL BUS WHILE THE STOP-ARM IS EXTENDED AND THE RED LIGHTS ARE FLASHING.

KIDS ARE MOST AT RISK

WHEN APPROACHING OR LEAVING A SCHOOL BUS.



STUDENTS

BEFORE THE BUS ARRIVES

Wait for the bus at least 10 feet — 5 giant steps — away from the curb.

GETTING ON AND OFF SAFELY

Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop, the door opens and the driver says it's OK.

USE CAUTION

Never walk behind a school bus.



MAKE EYE CONTACT

**with the bus driver
BEFORE CROSSING
IN FRONT OF
THE BUS**

DROP SOMETHING?

Don't try to pick it up! The bus driver might not see you.



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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Sign-Up Link

Rockridge PTO invites you to...

TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday, October 30

Starts at 5:00PM

@Rockridge High School Bus
Barn Parking Lot

Want to host a trunk?
Click here or scan below



Haunted Green House hosted by Rockridge FFA

Thank you
FFA!



Want to host a
Trunk?!

Click this LINK
to sign up!

Anyone is
welcome to
host!



ROCKRIDGE FFA

HAUNTED GREENHOUSE

OCTOBER 30TH

Please join us for a spooky (But
kid-friendly) walk-through of
the greenhouse!

In Collaboration with
the Rockridge PTO
TRUNK - OR - TREAT

5:00 - 7:30 PM

Located in the Rockridge
High School Staff Lot
/Rockridge Greenhouse



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

October Menus



October 2026 Breakfast Menu for All Buildings

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

**MENUS SUBJECT
TO CHANGE**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
28 	29 BREAKFAST TIME 	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

Skim, Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday



October 2026 Lunch Menu for All Buildings

**MENUS SUBJECT
TO CHANGE**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
28 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	29	30 	1 Crispitos Chips & Salsa Corn / Peaches Milk	2 Hotdog on Bun Baked Beans Fruit Cup Baked Chips / Milk
5 Pretzel Bites w/ Cheese Sauce Corn / Peaches Milk	6 Walking Tacos (Meat, Lettuce, Cheese) Strawberries Rice Krispy Treat / Milk	7 <i>Breakfast for Lunch</i> 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 <i>Breakfast for Lunch</i> 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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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

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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 School Improvement Day 11:30 am Dismissal
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
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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



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