

Andalusia Elementary School

Family Newsletter

9/11/2026

Hello Andalusia Families!

As we head into the weekend, I wanted to pause and reflect on September 11th. It's hard to believe how much time has passed, but it's a date that always holds special meaning. Today, we're keeping in our thoughts everyone who was affected, while holding extra gratitude for the closeness and safety of our own family. Thank you to all first responders for everything you do.

This week, we wrapped up MAP testing and our Character Strong screening. This completes our fall benchmarking (thank goodness!). We can really jump into our work now! Just a reminder, Andalusia does not send mid-terms. Your first update will be with the Quarter 1 Report Card. If you are ever wondering the status of your student, please reach out directly to their teacher.

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

Mrs. Saey

Handbook Highlight

Immunizations: The district requires that all immunizations are current for each kindergartener and new students. The school **MUST** have immunization records turned into your child's office by **October 15, 2026**. Students will be excluded from school and subject to truancy proceedings until documentation has been received.



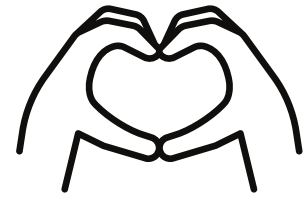
Due to testing, early outs, and heat days, our first fire drill will be next week. This one is planned and a time for staff to discuss with students protocol. Just a heads up if your student mentions a fire drill!



Character Strong



Rockets



**Our first round of Character Strong
Rockets got to do Fist Bump Friday this
morning! They were recognized for their
KINDNESS!**



IF YOU GET A CALL FROM US...



A call from one of us doesn't automatically mean your child needs to go home.

Rockets Health Team



- AMANDA LEWIS, DISTRICT RN
- JESSICA STUBBS, ELEMENTARY RN
- KRISTEN TUCKER, ILLINOIS CITY HEALTH AID



If they **HAVE** to go home, we will tell you.

If your child meets exclusion criteria or otherwise needs to leave school, we will specifically tell you they need to be picked up. That decision will be based on health and safety criteria we are required to follow. If we send your child home there will be instructions for return to follow.

****This absence is considered a Nurse EXCUSED absence and additional days if necessary****



If we **DON'T** say they have to go home, **YOU HAVE OPTIONS**

If they don't meet exclusion criteria but you still get a call from us, it's because I want your input on what to do next.

You can:

- Talk to your child.** We are always happy to put them on the phone
- Send them back to class.** You know your child best.
- Pick them up anyway.** That choice is always yours.

****most times this will not be an excused absence****

One quick note: Our offices can get pretty busy, you may not receive a call for every minor visit.

If you need to reach us:

- Amanda Lewis JH/HS/IL City
309-793-8040
alewis@rr300.org
- Jessica Stubbs Elementary
309-793-8080
jstubbs@rr300.org
- Kristen Tucker Illinois City
309-793-8090
ktucker@rr300.org

Every day in the classroom counts! While we always want to make sure your children are safe and comfortable, our main goal is to keep them in school and engaged in learning.

We know that minor, everyday aches and pains pop up from time to time. Often, a quick rest in the health office, a glass of water, or a little encouragement is all it takes to get them feeling ready to conquer the rest of their school day without needing to go home.

ROCKRIDGE
FFA
— CHAPTER —



Learning to Do,
Doing to Learn,
Earning to Live,
Living to Serve

Please join us to
tour the new
greenhouse, learn
about the test plot
and other upcoming
FFA activities for
the chapter!

invites you to

JOIN US FOR OUR

AG
Showcase
— SUPPER —

introducing our new

GREENHOUSE!



ENJOY GRILLED
HAMBURGERS
& HOT DOGS!



DATE: **SEPTEMBER 16, 2026**



TIME: **6:30 PM**



LOCATION: **ROCKRIDGE AG SHOP**

RSVP:

kdeloian@rr300.org
or 309-793-8020

GROWING

PLEASE RSVP BY

SEPTEMBER 11TH

LEADERS



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



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

September 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 <i>Breakfast for Lunch</i> 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. Skim, Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday	

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 First Grading 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

