

ILLINOIS CITY

NOVEMBER 6, 2026

YOUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT OUR SCHOOL!

IMPORTANT INFO:

- WITH FLU SEASON APPROACHING, PLEASE REMEMBER IF YOUR CHILD HAS A FEVER, SHE/HE MUST BE FEVER FREE FOR 24 HOURS WITHOUT FEVER REDUCING MEDS IN ORDER TO RETURN TO SCHOOL.
- PLEASE UPDATE YOUR EXTRA CLOTHES (IN THEIR BACKPACK) FROM SUMMER TO FALL/WINTER.
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- REMINDER TO HAVE YOUR STUDENT HERE BY 8:05 TO PREVENT TRUANCY
- VETERANS DAY LIVE LINK: HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/@ROCKRIDGESCHOOLDISTRICT5887

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOV 9 - NO PREK CLASSES

NOV 11 - VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

NOV 16 - MAKEUP PICTURE DAY

NOV 24 - PREK FIELD TRIP

NOV 25-27 - NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK

DEC 10 - READING W/ SANTA

FULL CALENDAR HERE

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TIMES

SCHOOL START: 8:05
SCHOOL END: 3:12
CAR RIDERS: 3:12

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ILLINOIS CITY ELEMENTARY

Principal's Corner

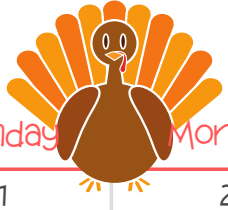


Last week, grade level teachers met with Mrs. Stice (IC Interventionist) and Mrs. Emery (Rockridge Curriculum Director). I'd like to take an opportunity on this newsletter to share information about this meeting. It's called an MTSS Data Meeting, and the collaboration team utilizes data collected to determine the level of acadmic progress each student is making. THIS IS HUGE because these quarterly meetings looking at each student's progress during the school year help identify students that may need some extra help. As parents/guardians, I'd like you recognize and appreciate this level of attention that your students are receiving, because this type of thing doesn't happen in all school districts. Plus, I'd like parents/guardians to recognize and appreciate that there is a great deal of effort to collect and analyze student progress performance data in order to determine next steps. What type of data is collected an analyzed? Data from weekly progress monitoring, most recent and trend m-class and MAP testings results, and results from weekly Mission Control sessions, as well as observations from teachers and results from classroom instruction - all of this information is reviewed and discussed. It's a lot of work and a lot of conversation and a lot of data, but the effects are wonderful. The collaboration team knows students' strengths and areas of improvement, and if there is a struggle, strategies are discussed to offer assistance. As an administrator in the building, it's exciting to see this level of collaboration and cooperation among staff members - they are so devoted toward with systemic processes to make sure students continue to grow.

-Mr. Bizarri







NOVEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 No School	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 No Pre-K	10	11	12	13 Mid Term	14
15	16 Makeup Picture Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 No School	26 No School	27 No School	28
29	30					





December



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Reading W/ Santa	11 SIP DAY 11:30	12
13	14	15	16 K-2 Holiday Program	17	18	19
20	21	22 1:30 Dismissal	23 Winter Break	24 Winter Break	25 Winter Break	26
27	28 Winter Break	29 Winter Break	30 Winter Break	31 Winter Break		





November 2026 Lunch Menu for All Buildings

Skim, Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

NOVEMBER

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 No School In lieu of P/T Conferences	3 Bosco Stick / Marinara Cooked Carrots Pineapple Pudding Cup Milk	4 Chicken Patty on Bun Baked Chips Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	5 Crispito Chips & Salsa Corn Mandarin Oranges Milk	6 Hamburger on Bun French Fries Fruit Cup Teddy Grahams Milk
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 Uncrustable Baked Chips Cucumber Slices Fruit Cup Milk
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 Happy Thanksgiving	27 No School Thanksgiving Break
30 Cheeseburger on Bun French Fries Peaches Fruit Snack / Milk	1	2	3	4

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

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



ILLINOIS CITY & TAYLOR RIDGE ELEMENTARY

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

Santa Story Time, Make A Craft, and Cookies! Pre-K will end the evening with a song at 6:30.

DECEMBER 10, 2026
FROM 4:30 PM TO 6:30 PM
WHERE: ROCKRIDGE HS CAFETERIA

OPEN TO OUR ROCKET FAMILIES! LET'S GET THIS HOLIDAY SEASON STARTED!

PERFECT ATTENDANCE *October*



ADDITIONAL PERFECT ATTENDANCE WINNERS



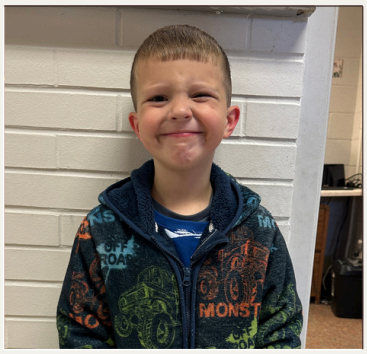
CONGRATS!



KJ - AUBREY



PRE-K - KAEL



KG - ARCHER



1H - BRILEE



1R - LAYLA



2S - SIMMI



"RESPONSIBILITY"



2B - MARTHA

ILLINOIS CITY ROCKIN' ROCKETS

Students who were nominated displayed characteristics of Responsibility. Responsibility is taking action and understanding the impact of our choices.

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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PTO would like to invite you to have dinner with your teachers!

When:Thursday November 12,2026

Time: 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Location: McDonald's in Milan

400 1st Street W

Milan, IL 61264

Cookies will be sold for donation!

The classroom with the best percentage of attendance from each elementary building will get a Happy Meal party!

If you cannot dine in, feel free to go through the drive-through and just let them know who the teacher is!

KINDNESS WEEK



Monday, November 9th

"BRIGHTEN THE WORLD WITH KINDNESS"

WEARNEONCOLORSORSPARKLESTO SHOWTHATWEBRIGHTENOUR SCHOOL WITH KINDNESS!



Tuesday, November 10th



"CORRAL KINDNESS"

WEAR WESTERN ATTIRE (COWBOY HATS,BOOTS, JEANS, FLANNEL, ETC) TO SHOW THAT WE CORRAL TOGETHER TO SHOW KINDNESS!

Wednesday, November 11th



"SERVICE, GRATITUDE AND KINDNESS"

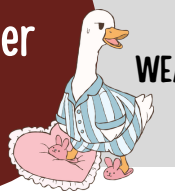
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WEAR RED, WHITE, OR BLUE



Thursday, November 12th



"WAKE UP AND SHOW KINDNESS"

WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS TO SHOW THAT YOU WAKE UP READY TO BE KIND

Friday, November 13th



"ROCKETS ROCK KINDNESS"

WEAR YOURROCKRIDGEGEARTOSHOWTHATTOGETHER,WE"ROCK" KINDNESS

Rockridge Elementary Schools

DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

Let's wear blue on NOVEMBER 19 to support our friends with Diabetes.

The Basics

Glucose:
Your body breaks down food into glucose (sugar) for energy.

Insulin:
Your pancreas produces a hormone called insulin. Insulin acts like a key, letting the glucose in your blood enter your cells to be used for energy.

Disruption:
With diabetes, your body either doesn't make enough insulin (Type 1) or can't use the insulin it makes as well as it should (Type 2).

Three Types:

1. **Type 1 Diabetes:** Your pancreas produces little to no insulin. It's an autoimmune reaction.
2. **Type 2 Diabetes:** Your cells don't respond normally to insulin. This is the most common form.
3. **Gestational Diabetes:** A type of diabetes that develops only during pregnancy.

Know the Facts!

How can we help our friends with Diabetes?

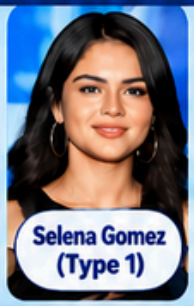
- Be kind and include them.
- Learn the signs of high or low blood sugar (like feeling shaky, sweaty, tired, or very thirsty).
- Support them during physical activities and school events.
- Encourage them to take their medicine and check their blood sugar.
- Spread awareness and help end the stigma!

ALWAYS SPREAD KINDNESS

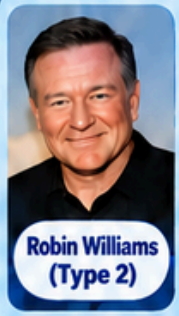
Famous Faces with Diabetes


Nick Jonas (Type 1)


Halle Berry (Type 1)


Selena Gomez (Type 1)


Charles Barkley (Type 2)


Robin Williams (Type 2)


Mark Andrews (Type 1)

Diabetes Awareness Matters!

Together, we can make a difference!

Join our team!

WE ARE HIRING SUBSTITUTES

Great pay, flexible hours, & a LOT of fun!

Contact Dawn Finley to find out more!
309-793-8001
dfinley@rr300.org



Do not hesitate to reach out and ask questions!

HIRING SUBS FOR: TEACHERS, PARAPROFESSIONALS, SECRETARY, KITCHEN, BUS DRIVERS, NURSE