

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
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOV 2 - NO SCHOOL IN LIEU OF CONFERENCES

NOV 9 - NO PREK CLASSES

NOV 11 - VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

NOV 16 - MAKEUP PICTURE DAY

NOV 24 - PREK FIELD TRIP

NOVE 25-27 - NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK

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

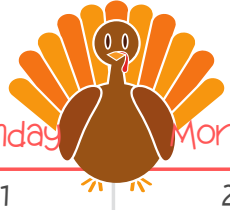


The leaves are turning their colors, and the days are getting shorter, and next week will be November and the start of the holiday season after Halloween this weekend! We've truly had a wonderful start to the school year, and now we look ahead to the exciting and special days in the upcoming months that include Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Please let me thank the parents and guardians for all the patience and support you have provided. It's true that I'm constantly in awe of the staff at IC Elementary - there are so many moving parts, even in our little building. Each staff member has such an important part to play in the daily school life of our students. Having the support of our parents and guardians, though, is such an important contribution to staff efforts and the overall success of our students. One last item in addition to all the positive things happening....we do have a couple of staff changes to share - we have a new custodian, Ms. Adda Rudsell, and we have a new lead cook in the kitchen, Ms. Angie Einfeldt. Welcome to both of them! Also, thank you to Ms. Sylvia Luppen and Ms. Tammy Friedel for the time and caring you provided while you were with us. We will miss you!

-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	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 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26
27	28 Winter Break	29 Winter Break	30 Winter Break	31 Winter Break		



Are these yours?

CONTACT THE OFFICE: 309-793-8090

NOVEMBER

ROCKRIDGE ROCKETS

November 2026 Lunch Menu for All Buildings

Skim, Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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



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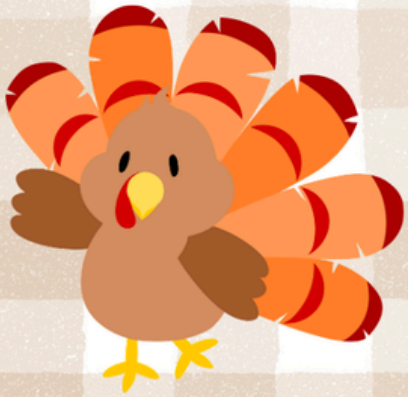
Thursday, April 15th



Concert in Rockridge High School South Gym

TR/ICE SEL NEWSLETTER

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Gratitude

Kindergarten

Naming our emotions is an important first step to managing our emotions. This month, Kindergarten students will focus on identifying their emotions using the Emotion Elements.

First Grade

Understanding how we are feeling helps us build self-awareness. This month, 1st grade students will work on emotion awareness by using the Emotion Elements. We will also use body cues to help us accurately identify our emotions.

Second Grade

It's important to be able to understand and manage our emotions. This month, 2nd graders will use the Emotion Elements to name their emotions, and practice applying strategies to regulate their emotions.

Emotion Elements

- **Bree** represents feeling silly, nervous, playful, or distracted.
- **Brooks** represents feeling sad, lonely, tired, or embarrassed.
- **Ember** represents feeling angry, frustrated, excited, or scared.
- **Terra** represents emotions like calm, focused, proud, or happy.

Overview

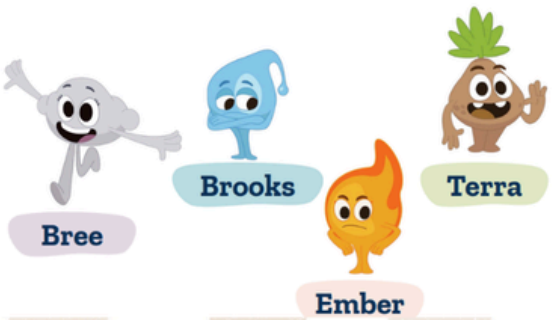
We are looking forward to focusing on Gratitude this month! One way to think about Gratitude is "choosing to appreciate the people and things in our lives." Practicing Gratitude can increase our well-being and our happiness. Gratitude is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students Be Well. Throughout the school, students will be developing skills like emotion regulation, positive self-talk, and stress management.

Emotion Regulation Strategies

- Breathe It Out - take a nice deep breath or try out a specific breathing strategy
- Move It Out - move away from the situation or get some exercise
- Talk It Out - talk to a trusted adult about how you feel

Be Kind, Be Strong, Be Well,

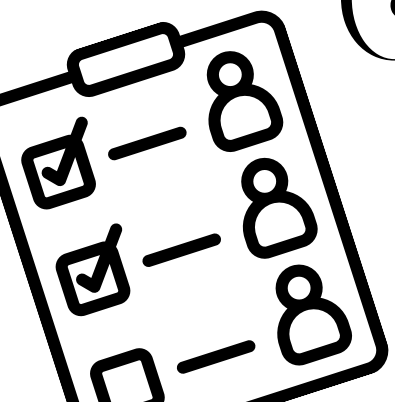
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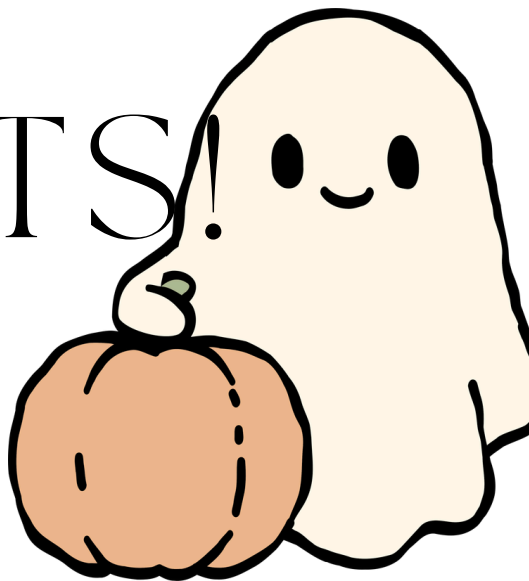


PERFECT ATTENDANCE *October*



CONGRATS!





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

ALSO AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

$5 Hot Dog, Chips, Drink

$5 Wristbands Includes:

- **Haunted House**
- **Facepainting**
- **Games**

Hot Chocolate Bar
From Shivers & Shakes

Cash and Venmo both accepted!

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!

Thursday, November 12, 2025
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
McDonald's
400W First Street; Milan, IL 61284

We will be selling cookies for donation!

THE CLASSROOMS WITH THE MOST STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE WILL GET A HAPPY MEAL LUNCH AT SCHOOL!

IF YOU CANNOT DINE-IN, YOU CAN GO THROUGH THE DRIVE-THRU - BE SURE TO TELL THE CASHIER THAT YOU ARE WITH OUR PTO



ICE Car Rider Procedure

MORNING PROCEDURES:

- ****Avoid the parking lot when buses are loading or unloading****
- Car riders should arrive NO earlier than 7:40.
- The school day begins promptly at 8:05 am. Breakfast is over at 8:05.
- Enter the parking lot on the West end (Baseball diamond) Exit through the East end when buses are NOT in the parking lot.
- Parents should remain in their car at drop off.
- Students will enter through the front doors.
- Parents MUST stop at the office and not go on to their students classroom for the safety of the other students and staff.
- It is unlawful to go around or pass a school bus when the STOP ARM or STOP HAND is out. Even if the bus is in the parking lot!!

AVOID DRIVING OR WALKING ON EAST SIDE OF THE PARKING LOT WHEN BUSES ARE LOADING OR UNLOADING!

AFTERNOON PROCEDURES:

- Parents will line up along the baseball diamond. (West entrance).
- Parents will remain in their cars in the pick up line, our staff will get your child to your car around 3:15 once the early buses leave.
- Watch out for busses. (Our late buses load/unload approx 3:30)

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

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