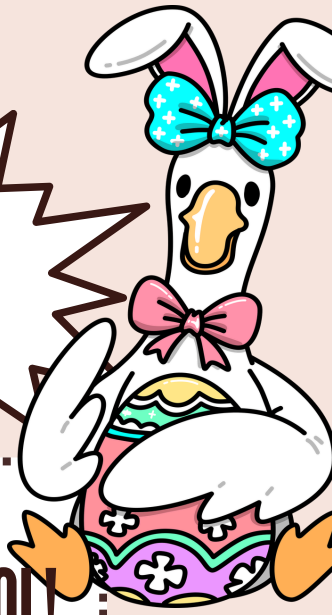
ILLINOIS CITY

MARCH 20, 2026



YOUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT OUR SCHOOL!

IMPORTANT INFO:

- SCHOOL BEGINS AT 8:05. PLEASE HAVE YOUR STUDENT HERE BY 8:00 SO THEY CAN GET TO CLASS ON TIME
- IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO OUR RAFFLE BASKETS THE LINK IS HERE: LINK A FORM WENT HOME WITH SUGGESTIONS BUT PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DONATE ANYTHING THAT WORKS!
- IF YOU HAVE A CHILD ATTENDING KINDERGARTEN NEXT YEAR PLEASE BE SURE TO REGISTER THEM FOR UPCOMING INFO. PLEASE CLICK THE LINK IN THE FLIER BELOW.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MARCH 25 - PTO @ ILLINOIS CITY

MARCH 27 - 1ST GRADE FIELD TRIP

MARCH 30 - APRIL 6 - NO SCHOOL

APRIL 7 - SCHOOL RESUMES KINDERGARTEN FIELD TRIP

APRIL 13-17 - BOOK FAIR

APRIL 14 - SCIENCE NIGHT 4:30-6:30

APRIL 16 - DONUTS W/ GROWNUPS

CLICK HERE

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TIMES

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

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ILLINOIS CITY, IL 61259

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Dr Seuss Week - Reading, Activities and Dress Up Week! Check out the flier!					
8 	9	10	11	12	13 SIP Day Out 11:30	14
15 Deadline for Baseball/Softball sign ups	16	17 	18	19	20 Report Cards	21
22 Easter Egg Hunt @ HS	23	24	25 PTO @ ICE	26	27 1st Grade Circa Trip	28
29	30 Spring Break No School	31 Spring Break No School				

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Spring Break No School	2 Spring Break No School	3 Spring Break No School Deadline for Yearbook Orders	4
5 Happy Easter	6 Spring Break No School	7 School Resumes Kindergarten Circa Trip	8	9	10	11
12	13 Book Fair Week	14 Science Night	15	16 Donuts w/ Grownups	17 SIP Day Out 11:30	18
19	20	21	22 PTO @ Andalusia	23	24 1st Grade Trip to Nahant Marsh	25
26	27	28 Ag Day	29 Crime Stoppers Kona Ice	30		

Yearbook Orders

IMPORTANT

YEARBOOK ORDERS

REGULAR: 20.00 DUE 4/3/26

ALL ORDERS WILL BE ONLINE!

click here

Inter-State.com/ORDER

Use Code: 0336EC

Rockridge Rockets March 2026 Lunch Menu for All Buildings

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Goldfish Crackers Mandarin Oranges Milk	3 Walking Taco (Meat, Lettuce, Cheese, Tomatoes) Pears / Cookie Milk	4 Chicken Patty on Bun Baked Chips Carrots Apple Slices Milk	5 Cheeseburger on Bun French Fries Strawberries Jello Milk	6 Cheese Pizza Green Beans Applesauce Cup Teddy Grahams Milk
9 Pretzel Bites w/ Cheese Sauce Mixed Veggies / Peaches Rice Krispy Treat Milk	10 Crispito Baked Chips Refried Beans Pineapple Milk	11 Hotdog on Bun Tater Tots Pears Cookie Milk	12 Quesadilla Chips & Salsa Corn Applesauce Cup Milk	13 **School Improvement Day** **11:30am Dismissal**
16 Bosco Sticks / Marinara Green Beans Pineapple Pudding Cup Milk	17 Pizza Crunchers Side Salad Apple Slices Shamrock Sherbet Milk	18 Chicken Nuggets Baked Chips Baked Beans Strawberries Milk	19 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Bread Stick Peas Pears Milk	20 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Mandarin Oranges Jello Milk
23 Mini Corn Dogs Mixed Veggies Goldfish Crackers Peaches Milk	24 *Breakfast for Lunch* Biscuits & Gravy Hash Brown Patty Orange Granola Bar Milk	25 French Bread Pizza Side Salad (dressing) Apple Slices Teddy Grahams Milk	26 Super Nachos Refried Beans Pears Cookie Milk	27 Mac n Cheese Baked Chips Carrots (dressing) Fruit Cup Milk
30 **No School** **Spring Break**	31 **No School** **Spring Break**	1 **No School** **Spring Break**	2 **No School** **Spring Break**	3 **No School** **Spring Break**

EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY 22ND MARCH
2PM

ROCKRIDGE HIGHSCHOOL
FOOTBALL FIELD

Pre-K through Fifth



Free will monatary donations
for the Rocket Closet



MS. WINN - MUSIC

See all of the fun activites below!

MR. VIREN – PE

We just recently got done with our exercise unit! The students started to learn certain muscles on their body and how exercising helps your health both now and in the future! Now we've started to do a hockey/deck hockey unit where they are learning how to properly hold a hockey stick and the easiest way to dribble/pass. I look to keep building onto this next week and after spring break. I hope everyone has a great weekend with the nice weather!
Mr. V

MISS KAY - HEALTH AIDE



MS. TAMMY - KITCHEN

A quick update from the kitchen. I took it upon myself and got your kids involved in decorating coffee sleeves for St. Patricks Day at Koffee Junktion in Aledo. That's my go to spot! If you go to Koffee Junktion on Facebook you should be able to see your child and their class. Thanks for sharing your kids with us! C'mon spring, let's get it going!

Thanks,
Ms. Tammy

QUARTER 3 MUSIC NEWS

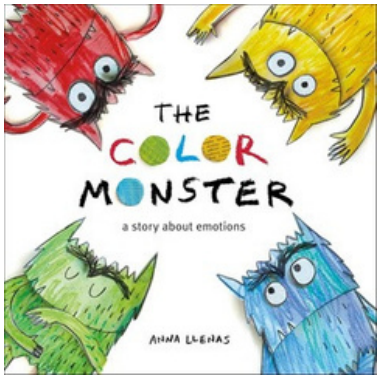
Miss Winn
awinn@rr300.org

Last week, we wrapped up a great quarter of singing, moving, listening, and music making! Here are some highlights from music class over the last few months:



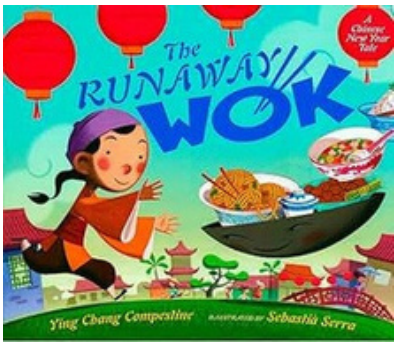
JANUARY

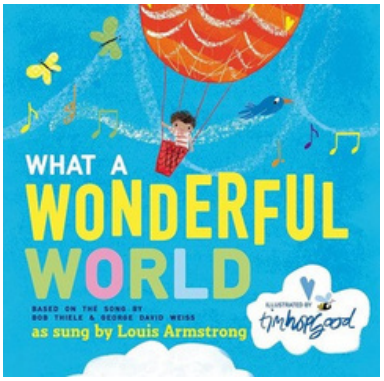
- *The Color Monster*: All students participated in a unit based on this book about emotions. They created word rhythm patterns, and chose instruments to play based on the different emotions.
- Snowball activities: Students practiced new and old rhythms with rhythm snowball fights, and used fake snowballs for a variety of songs.
- January is a great time to get the wiggles out and move! We learned the folk dances, Sasha and Seven Jumps, and focused on how teamwork helps make these dances successful.



FEBRUARY

- Valentine's Day: Students learned the songs "Skinnamarink" and "Tony Chestnut". We used both of these songs to practice different **tempos** (a big musical focus this quarter). Students also played a solo singing game called "Who Has the Valentine?"
- Lunar New Year: Students learned a fan dance with paper fans, and participated in a movement lesson using the story, *The Runaway Wok,* where they moved to different styles of Chinese music. .
- Black History Month: We focused on jazz musician, Louis Armstrong, specifically his song "What a Wonderful World". Older students learned the sign language, and all students learned to sing the song, We also took the time to listen and move to some jazz music.





MARCH

- March Music Madness: To celebrate Music in Our Schools Month, students are participating in a bracket using teacher/staff selected songs. Each day, we listen to the two songs competing for the day. Before voting on our favorite, we talk about musical elements of the songs including tempo, dynamics, mood, and instruments.
- St Patrick's Day: We revisited a seasonal favorite: "Rattlin' Bog", performed an Irish folk dance called Irish Stew, and learned about traditional Irish instruments.



NURSE NOTES

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS REMINDER

SOME GRADES STILL HAVE DENTAL DUE THIS YEAR
AND AN EARLY NOTIFICATION FOR NEXT YEAR'S REQUIRMENTS

DENTAL EXAMS THIS SCHOOL YEAR ARE DUE BY MAY 15, 2026

- KINDERGARTEN
- 2ND GRADE
- 6TH GRADE
- 9TH GRADE

SCHOOL PHYSICALS DUE IN AUGUST FOR 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

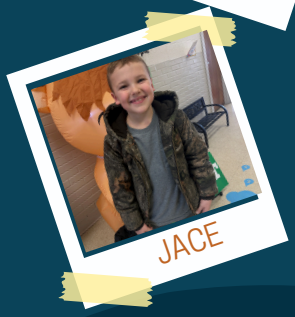
- PREK
- KINDERGARTEN (VACCINES REQUIRED)
- 6TH GRADE (VACCINES REQUIRED)
- 9TH GRADE
- 12TH GRADE STUDENTS REQUIRE MCV4 VACCINE

THIS MONTHS ROCKIN' ROCKETS




LIVY


AVERY


JACE


MASON


RAEGAN


SONORA

HONESTY

LIVY- KJ

LIVY HAS DONE A GREAT JOB OF TELLING THE TRUTH, EVEN WHEN IT MAY BE DIFFICULT. LIVY ALWAYS TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR HER ACTIONS!

MASON- KP

MASON RICKETTS CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATES HONESTY IN THE CLASSROOM AND WITH FRIENDS. HE TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS ACTIONS AND ALWAYS TRIES TO TELL THE TRUTH, EVEN WHEN IT CAN BE DIFFICULT.

AVERY - 1H

AVERY SHANE IS A FIRST GRADER WHO SHOWS HONESTY IN THE CLASSROOM BY ALWAYS TELLING THE TRUTH. SHE ADMITS WHEN SHE MAKES A MISTAKE AND TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR HER ACTIONS

RAEGAN- 1R

RAEGAN WARNER IS ALWAYS HONEST WITH HER CLASSMATES AND TEACHERS. IF SHE GETS AN EXTRA TICKET IN THE MORNING SHE QUICKLY LETS ME KNOW

JACE - 2B

JACE DOES A GREAT JOB OF DEMONSTRATING HONESTY. BEING HONEST IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT CHARACTER TRAIT. IT'S NOT ALWAYS EASY TO DEMONSTRATE HONESTY BUT WHEN I ASK JACE FOR THE TRUTH, I CAN RELY ON HIM TO BE HONEST WITH ME

SONORA - 2S

SONORA SHOWS HONESTLY EACH AND EVERY DAY IN OUR CLASSROOM. SHE TELLS THE TRUTH EVEN WHEN IT MIGHT BE HARD.

STUDENT COUNCIL

We're happy you are here!



NOT PICTURED: MASON R

Help our school raise money for Student Activities!



RAFFLE BASKET

Tickets: $1 each or 6 for $5



Themes Listed

Items That Are Needed:

Johnson - Arts & Crafts

Parchert - Summer Fun

Robinson - Reading Fun

Hall - Road Trip

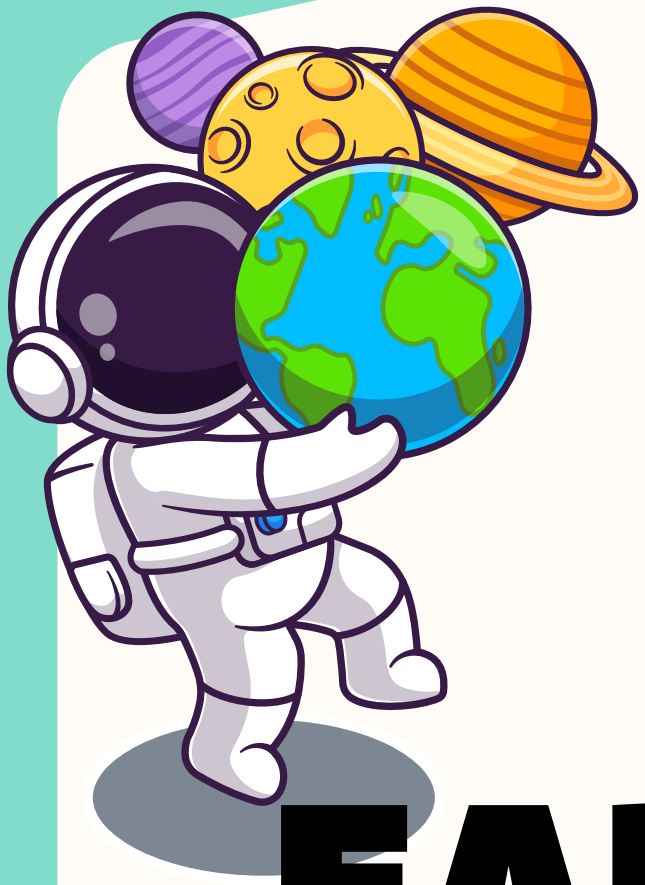
Sours - Baseball/Softball

Buckrop - Game/Movie Night

Basket Raffle Tickets will be available at our Donuts w/ Grownups and Family Science Night!

CLICK TO SIGN UP

ILLINOIS CITY ELEMENTARY





FAMILY

EARTH & SPACE

Out of this world fun!

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN

April 14, 2026
4:30-6:30
School Gym



Come Have Fun!

EARTH, MOON, STARS, AND SPACE ACTIVITIES!!
BOOK FAIR
RAFFLE BASKETS

DONUTS WITH GROWNUPS

BOOKFAIR

RAFFLE BASKET!



FOR GRANDPARENTS OR ANOTHER SPECIAL GROWN UP!

DONUTS & JUICE

Thursday, April 16!

7:45 -8:30

KINDERGARTEN: 7:45

1ST GRADE: 7:55

2ND GRADE: 8:05

GRANDPARENTS WELCOME!

GRANDPARENTS, **OR** ANOTHER SPECIAL GROWNUP IN YOUR CHILD'S LIFE ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR DONUTS WITH GROWNUPS AND ARE ALSO INVITED TO COME CHECK OUT OUR BOOK FAIR!



OUR LITTLE ROCKETS WANT TO INVITE THEIR GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL GROWNUP TO HAVE DONUTS AND SHOP AT OUR BOOKFAIR!





FREE COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL SCREENINGS

April 17th, 2026
12:30-3:30

May 8th, 2026
12:30-3:30

Location:
Andalusia Elementary School
112 7th Ave E
Andalusia, IL

Scan the QR code to schedule your FREE screening!

- For children ages 3, 4 and 5 (and not enrolled in Kindergarten)
- Preschool screening is used to help you learn more about your child's development.
- The screening provides FREE language, motor and cognitive skill assessments. Children should be screened once a year until starting Kindergarten.
- This screening also helps us identify students eligible for our preschool screenings

Please call the Rock Island County Regional Office of Education for any questions or concerns.

309-736-1111

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ROCKRIDGE ROCKETS

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!

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

ROCKRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

2026 PTO UPDATES

What is the PTO?

Parent Teacher Organization - a collaborative group of people working to improve the learning environment, provide resources, and build a positive school culture, often through fundraising, communication, and organizing events that benefit students and staff

Meeting Schedule

All Meetings Begin at 6:00PM

Month	Day	Location
January	28th	Andalusia
February	25th	Taylor Ridge
March	25th	Illinois City
April	22nd	Andalusia

Who can attend?

Parents, teachers, school staff, community members - anyone interested in supporting the Rockridge elementary schools and students





For more information, contact:

Mandy Parchert, Abbie Hicks, Megan Doane, or Natalie Sloan