



ILLINOIS CITY

OCTOBER 23,
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.
- REMINDER TO HAVE YOUR STUDENT HERE BY 8:05 TO PREVENT TRUANCY
- YOU CAN NOW ADD MONEY TO YOUR STUDENTS E-WALLET FOR THE BOOK FAIR. [CLICK HERE TO ADD FUNDS](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

OCT 26-30 - BOOK FAIR WEEK

OCT 29 - EARLY OUT 1:30

OCT 29 - PT CONF 3-8

OCT 30 - NO SCHOOL

OCT 30 - PT CONF

NOV 2 - NO SCHOOL IN LIEU OF CONFERENCES

NOV 9 - NO PREK CLASSES

[FULL CALENDAR HERE](#)

[CLICK HERE](#)

[RR300.ORG/O/ICES](https://rr300.org/o/ices)

TIMES

SCHOOL START: 8:05

SCHOOL END: 3:12

CAR RIDERS: 3:12

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Principal's Corner



Oct. 26-30 is a busy week at IC Elementary. Not only is it time for Parent-Teacher Conferences, but it's also time to host our first semester Book Fair Week. We have a book fair week first semester and a second book fair week second semester, and these events are near and dear to my heart. Developing an interest and love of reading in others is something that has always been important to me since becoming an educator in 1989. Through all of my various positions in all the school districts I've worked in, I've ALWAYS attempted to stress and promote the power of the love of reading. I know personally, academically, and professionally, reading on my own for entertainment and information is an important part of my life. In fact, I feel a little empty whenever I don't currently have a book to read. (My next group of books I've ordered from Amazon are scheduled to arrive today!) Even if you as a parent/guardian aren't necessarily a "reader", would you consider attempting to help your student to develop a love for reading books? And yes, I'm old school - no tablets or phones for my reading fix - I just enjoy the feel of having a book in my hands. On the other hand, if you prefer digital reading or audio books then you do you! With all that in mind, please consider attending and browsing our book fair next week and helping to select books for your student or perhaps your enjoyment. If your student sees you reading, it's a very powerful message. Perhaps you could ask your classroom teacher which books may be a good decodable fit for your student, or perhaps you just find a book with your student that she/he will enjoy you reading aloud for a few minutes before bedtime each night. Let's enjoy our first book fair week of 26-27 and promote reading for enjoyment for our students!

-Mr. Bizarri





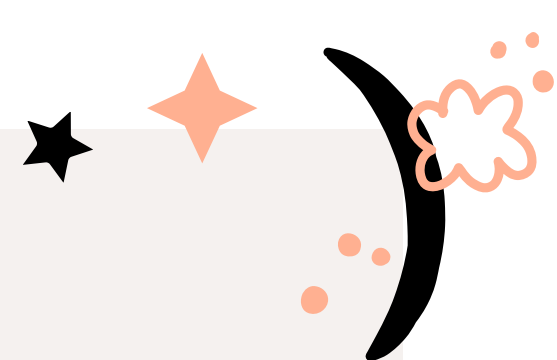
Are these yours?

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OCTOBER

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 <i>Columbus Day</i>	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

Skim, Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday



DEAR PARENTS,

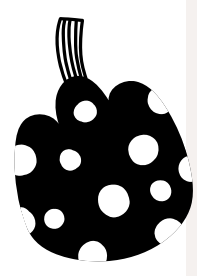
SINCE THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, OUR IN-SCHOOL HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29TH (REMINDER: THIS IS AN EARLY 1:30 PM DISMISSAL DAY).

HERE IS EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO MAKE THE DAY A TREAT:

CLASSROOM PARTIES



ILLINOIS CITY WILL BE HAVING CLASSROOM ROTATIONS. WE WILL NOT BE NEEDING VOLUNTEERS. IF YOUR STUDENTS TEACHER NEEDS SNACKS THEY WILL REACH OUT TO YOU.

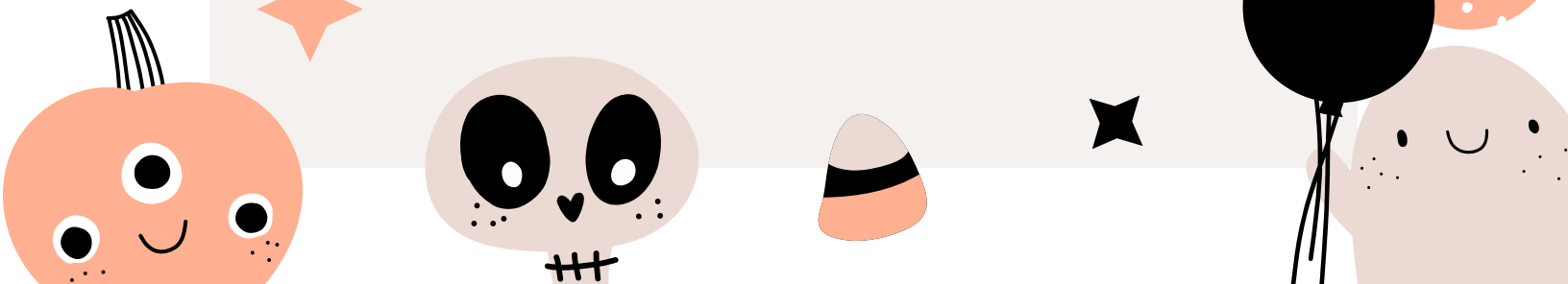
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- WEAR YOUR SPOOKY SPIRIT: STUDENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO WEAR HALLOWEEN COLORS OR FESTIVE CLOTHING ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29TH!

COSTUME GUIDELINES

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- COSTUME OPTION: STUDENTS MAY WEAR COSTUMES TO SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 29TH. WE WON'T ASK STUDENTS TO CHANGE OUT OF COSTUMES UNLESS THEY ARE INAPPROPRIATE OR SIGNIFICANTLY DISTRACTING TO THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.
 - NO MASKS: FOR SAFETY AND IDENTIFICATION, MASKS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT SCHOOL.
 - DRESSING RESPONSIBILITIES: DISTRICT STAFF WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ASSIST STUDENTS WITH CHANGING INTO OR OUT OF COSTUMES DURING THE DAY.
 - KEEP KEEPSAKES SAFE: PLEASE LEAVE PRECIOUS ACCESSORIES AT HOME! THE DISTRICT CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR DAMAGED COSTUME PIECES.



THANK YOU FOR HELPING US KEEP OUR CELEBRATIONS FUN, SAFE, AND FESTIVE. WE CAN'T WAIT TO CELEBRATE WITH OUR STUDENTS!





OCTOBER



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No School
Columbus Day
Sign up for PT
Conferences

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Report Cards
Fire Safety Day

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2nd Grade Field
Trip

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Book Fair

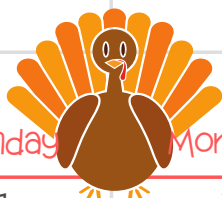
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Book Fair

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Book Fair

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Book Fair
PT Conferences
1:30 Dismissal

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Book Fair
PT Conferences
No School

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HAPPY
HALLOWEEN



NOVEMBER



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Mid Term

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Makeup Picture
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No School

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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

BOOK



Fair



October 26-30

KIDS SHOP DURING
SCHOOL HOURS,
CONFERENCES OR
ONLINE

Open during PT
Conferences

SET UP
E-WALLET

LOCATED IN THE GYM



Click this button to shop online or set up e-wallet

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.

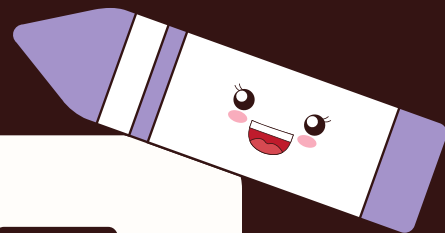
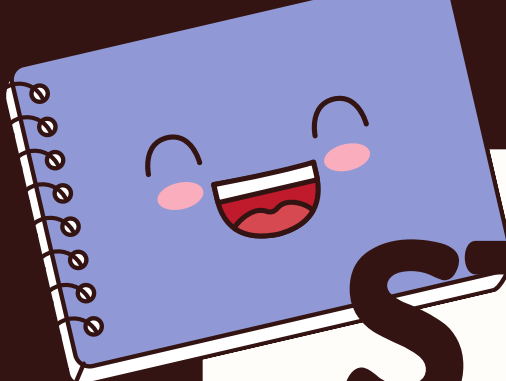
Time slots are available at:
[Sign-Up Link](#)

Please direct questions to: capturingff@gmail.com
ahicks@rr300.org

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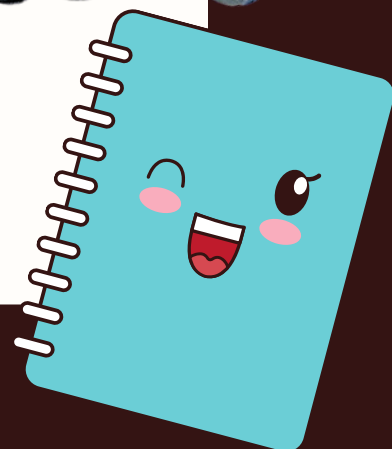
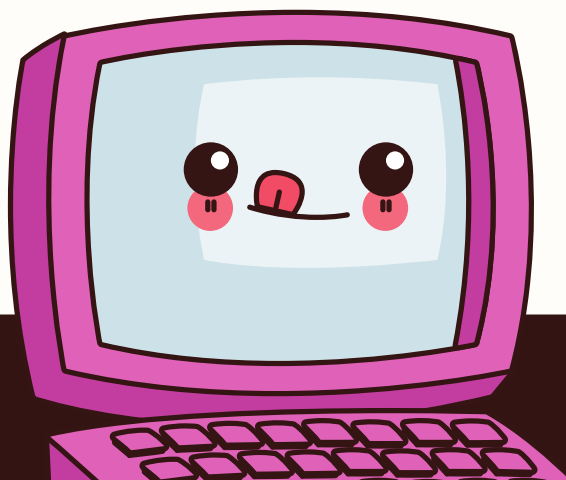


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STUDENT COUNCIL

We're happy you are here!





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.
- Watchout 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!

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**Do not hesitate to reach out
and ask questions!**



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