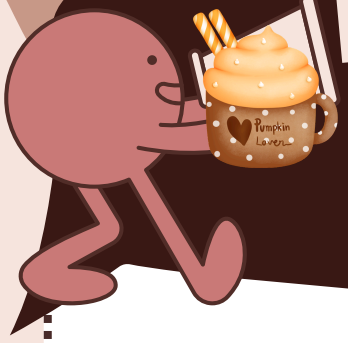



# ILLINOIS CITY

SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

## YOUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT OUR SCHOOL!

## IMPORTANT INFO:

- YOU CAN PAY REGISTRATION FEES THROUGH YOUR LUMEN ACCOUNT OR DROP A CHECK (MADE OUT TO ROCKRIDGE #300) OR CASH IN THE OFFICE.
- IF YOU NEED A FEE WAIVER OR REDUCTION FORM PLEASE ASK IN AT THE OFFICE
- REMINDER TO HAVE YOUR STUDENT HERE BY 8:05 TO PREVENT TRUANCY
- REMINDER: DO NOT ENTER THE PARKING LOT WITH BUSES LOADING/UNLOADING. IF YOU WALK YOUR CHILD TO THE DOOR PLEASE PARK IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL, NOT IN THE PARKING LOT SO THAT OUR BUSES CAN COME AND GO AS NEEDED.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEPT 24 - HOMECOMING PARADE

SEPT 25 - HOMECOMING GAME

SEPT 25 - SIP DAY 11:30 DISMISSAL

OCT 2 - PICTURE DAY

OCT 9 - SIP 11:30 DISMISSAL

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 weather hasn't been very nice this week, but at least it's been a full week! We have wrapped up all of our Fall testing and looking forward to a certificate assembly next week. Also, just a reminder, I'm inviting parents/guardians to spend an hour with me on Monday, September 21, from 6-7 p.m. for Illinois City Elementary Parent Information Night. I'll give a tour of the building and touch on various items that may be of interest. This is an informal event, but there will not be addtional staff members or supervision, so it's basically geared toward parents/guardians rather than an event for students. Also next week is Homecoming Week, which is primarily a "high school thing", but we do have dress-up days in our building to have a little fun, and we encourage students and their families to participate in the week's festivities, including the parade, the pep rally, and of course the Friday night football game - all at Rockridge High School in Edgington!

-Mr. Bizarri





IMPORTANT

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.

ROCKRIDGE ELEMENTARY HANDBOOK LINK

ROCKRIDGE ROCKETS

## *September 2026 Lunch Menu for All Buildings*

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | 1<br>Pretzel Bites<br>w/ Cheese Sauce<br>Cooked Carrots<br>Strawberries / Milk | 2<br>Quesadilla<br>Chips & Salsa<br>Corn / Grapes<br>Milk | 3<br>Walking Taco<br>(Meat. Lettuce, Cheese)<br>Mixed Fruit<br>Teddy Grahams / Milk | 4<br>Cheeseburger on Bun<br>French Fries<br>Apple Slices<br>Cookie / Milk |
| 7<br>**No School**<br>**Labor Day** | 8 *Breakfast for Lunch*<br>Biscuit & Gravy<br>Tri-Taters<br>Fruit Cup<br>Granola Bar<br>Milk | 9<br>Chicken Patty on Bun<br>Baked Chips<br>Green Beans<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>Milk | 10<br>Pizza<br>Mixed Vegetables<br>Applesauce Cup<br>Teddy Grahams<br>Milk | 11<br>Crispitos<br>Chips & Salsa<br>Corn / Peaches<br>Pudding Cup<br>Milk |
| 14<br>Chicken Nuggets<br>Tater Tots<br>Fruit Cup<br>Sherbet Cup<br>Milk | 15<br>Mini Corn Dogs<br>Baked Beans<br>Goldfish Crackers<br>Grapes<br>Milk | 16<br>French Bread Pizza<br>Side Salad (dressing)<br>Strawberries<br>Cookie<br>Milk | 17<br>Meatball Sub<br>w/ Mozzarella Cheese<br>Baked Chips<br>Green Beans / Peaches<br>Milk | 18<br>Uncrustable<br>Baked Chips<br>Carrots<br>Apple Slices<br>Milk |
| 21<br>Pizza Crunchers<br>Goldfish Crackers<br>Corn<br>Pears<br>Milk | 22<br>Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce<br>Green Beans<br>Bread Stick<br>Fruit Cup<br>Milk | 23<br>Hotdog on Bun<br>Baked Beans<br>Baked Chips / Peaches<br>Pudding Cup<br>Milk | 24<br>Sloppy Joe on Bun<br>Mixed Vegetables<br>Mixed Fruit<br>Rice Krispy Treat<br>Milk | 25<br>**School Improvement Day**<br>**11:30am Dismissal** |
| 28<br>Bosco Stick / Marinara<br>Cooked Carrots<br>Fruit Cup<br>Teddy Grahams<br>Milk | 29<br>Hamburger on Bun<br>French Fries<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>Fruit Snacks<br>Milk | 30<br>Chicken Strips<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Pineapples<br>Cookie<br>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.<br><br>Skim, Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday | |



# SEPTEMBER



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7<br>No School Labor Day | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23<br>Dental Theater | 24<br>Homecoming Parade | 25<br>SIP 11:30 Dismissal<br>Homecoming Game | 26<br>PTO FUN RUN |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |



# OCTOBER



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | 1 | 2<br>Picture Day | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9<br>SIP 11:30 Dismissal<br>End of Grading | 10 |
| 11 | 12<br>No School Columbus Day | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16<br>Report Cards<br>Fire Safety Day | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22<br>2nd Grade Field Trip | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26<br>Book Fair | 27<br>Book Fair | 28<br>Book Fair | 29<br>Book Fair<br>PT Conferences<br>1:30 Dismissal | 30<br>Book Fair<br>PT Conferences<br>No School | 31<br>HAPPY HALLOWEEN |




**Homecoming Parade DATE: Thursday, September 24th**

**PARADE START TIME: 5:30pm**

**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




## MS. WINN – MUSIC

Last week, 1st and 2nd grade focused on steady beat with the song and game "Charlie Over the Ocean." This week we reviewed rhythms from last year, and practiced the concept of beat vs rhythm using the song/game "Apple Tree". Kindergarten is now three animals into their farm unit where they learn to play a new classroom instrument with each animal. So far they have done the duck (rhythm sticks), the hen (tambourines), and the sheep (maracas). All students also learned a song in Spanish this week in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month: El Coqui. The song is about a little tree frog, so we used small plastic frogs to show the melody of the song!




## MS. TAMMY – KITCHEN

Can you believe it, we're almost at mid term for the first semester, time is definitely flying by! Having your kids has been such a blessing. Almost all of them know their log on numbers for the cafeteria (which are the same as their home room). It definitely makes the lines move a little faster. We are still tackling cafeteria manners and etiquette. It's a work in progress. Once again, thanks for sharing your kids with us. They are such a joy and every one of them is a character.

Tammy and Angie

## MR. VIREN – PE

Hello families! We are concluding our underhand/overhand throwing and catching unit! We learned to step with our opposite foot while bringing it back and following through, along with using our hands to catch. Heading into next week the itinerary plan is to start some kick ball before heading into whiffle ball. It's been a great start to the school year, I hope all your kiddos are having fun and learning in PE already! Have a great weekend.

- Tanner Viren



## MRS. LUEBBE – SPED

Hello, we have been working on lots of exciting things so far this year. Such as, cvc words, letter blends, addition/subtraction and the human body. It has been great getting to know all the students, and I am thrilled to continue to watch them grow!
Mrs. Luebbe

## MISS KRISTEN – HEALTH AIDE

**Do you have a kindergarten or 2nd grader?**

-Illinois school physicals and updated vaccines are due by October 15, 2026 for all kindergarten and new to Illinois Students

-Dental exam is due by May 15, 2027 for kindergarten and 2nd grade

-Vision Exams are due for Kindergarten

**Is your student new to Illinois?**

-Our health office needs a copy of an Illinois school physical form that was completed within one year of starting school by Oct 15.

-If you are new to Illinois please turn in a current eye exam from an eye doctor.

Contact Amanda Lewis (alewis@rr300.org) or Kristen Tucker (ktucker@rr300.org) with any questions.

# STUDENT COUNCIL

We're happy you are here!



2026-2027

# HOMECOMING DRESS-UP DAYS

## MONDAY 9/21

PAJAMA DAY

## TUESDAY 9/22

HAT DAY

## WEDNESDAY 9/23

SPORTS JERSEY/TEAM DAY

## THURSDAY 9/24

ROCKRIDGE SPIRIT DAY

## FRIDAY 9/25

CLASS COLOR DAY

CLASS COLORS LISTED ON THE NEXT PAGE





2026-2027

# CLASS COLORS

KINDERGARTEN

RED

FIRST GRADE

ORANGE

SECOND GRADE

YELLOW

THIRD GRADE

GREEN

FOURTH GRADE

BLUE

FIFTH GRADE

PURPLE

STAFF COLOR

MAROON







# 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