

ILLINOIS CITY

OCTOBER 2, 2026

YOUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT OUR SCHOOL!

IMPORTANT INFO:

- WITH SICK SEASON COMING UP, PLEASE REMEMBER IF YOUR CHILD HAS A FEVER PLEASE KEEP THEM HOME FOR 24 HOURS AFTER FEVER FREE WITHOUT FEVER REDUCING MEDS.
- 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:

OCT 9 - SIP 11:30 DISMISSAL

OCT 12 - NO SCHOOL COLUMBUS DAY

OCT 12 - SIGN UP FOR PT CONF THROUGH LUMEN

OCT 16 - FIRE SAFETY DAY

OCT 16 - REPORT CARDS (EMAILED)

OCT 22 - 2ND GRADE FIELD TRIP

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



Can you believe it's October? While we have steered our way around heat days and rainy days, the students and staff continue to work hard in the classrooms to learn and grow. Today, we distributed September Perfect Attendance certificates to over 30 of our students, and it's great to see the enthusiasm students have for their awesome attendance. I did explain to students that there's a little luck involved in perfect attendance for a month, so if an unfortunate illness or injury occurs this month, they can still try again next month. In addition to perfect attendance, we also today recognized our recent Rockin Rockets! Teachers nominated a student from their classes that best demonstrated the focused SEL skill which was respect. Respecting others is a HUGE skill that helps us all learn and grow, so it's a great SEL skill to start off the school year with. Finally, at a recent student council meeting, I asked members on the council what they love about their school day - not like or enjoy, but LOVE. Student council members reported LOVING (in no particular order) recess, math, music, lunch, chromebooks, skills, i-ready games, P.E., and kickball! And the students' responses are right on target; there indeed are many things during the school day that students truly appreciate and look forward to. And now we are heading into some really fun stuff! Fire Safety Day, Parent-Teacher Conferences, Halloween, Veterans' Day Ceremony, Thanksgiving, Holiday Music Program, Christmas....my goodness, we are just getting started with all the fun in 26-27!

-Mr. Bizarri





IMPORTANT

IF YOU ARE SENDING MONEY TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD PLEASE PUT IT IN AN ENVELOPE OR BAGGIE WITH YOUR CHILDS NAME AND WHAT THE FUNDS ARE FOR.

ROCKRIDGE ROCKETS

October 2026 Lunch Menu for All Buildings

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
28 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	29	30	1 Crispitos Chips & Salsa Corn / Peaches Milk	2 Hotdog on Bun Baked Beans Fruit Cup Baked Chips / Milk
5 Pretzel Bites w/ Cheese Sauce Corn / Peaches Milk	6 Walking Tacos (Meat, Lettuce, Cheese) Strawberries Rice Krispy Treat / Milk	7 *Breakfast for Lunch* 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** Columbus Day	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 *Breakfast for Lunch* 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



Are these yours?

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WE HAVE A FEW SHIRTS REMAINING

$11 - T-SHIRT (LIMITED ADULT/KID SIZES)

$11 - SLING BAGS

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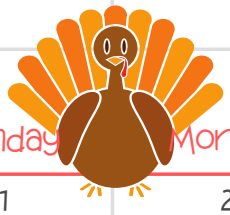
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OCTOBER



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



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 happy thanksgiving	27 No School	28
29	30					

TR/IC SEL NEWSLETTER

October 2026

Responsibility

Kindergarten

Following directions can be challenging for young students! An important way we will practice Responsibility in Kindergarten this month is learning to follow directions. Strong Listening is foundational for following directions. When we listen with our whole selves, following directions (and practicing Responsibility) becomes much easier!

First Grade

Focusing can be a challenge and takes practice! In 1st grade, we are learning focusing strategies alongside Responsibility. Focusing on a task, instructions, or even a conversation helps us practice Responsibility and be more successful.

Second Grade

While practicing Responsibility this month, 2nd grade students will be focusing on the idea of engagement. This means being an active participant in school, leading and contributing when collaborating in groups, getting involved in school and community groups, and building positive relationships. When we are actively engaged in our school and community, we demonstrate Responsibility.

Overview

This month we are talking about Responsibility. One way to define Responsibility is "taking action and understanding the impact of our choices." Taking action can mean doing the right thing or completing the tasks you have been assigned. Understanding the impact of our choices means that our actions matter. Positive and responsible actions can help people and irresponsible actions can hurt others. Responsibility is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students Be Strong.

Conversation Starters

- Can you share or show what i means to be Responsible?
- What are strategies you can use to help you focus and practice being responsible?
- What does it mean to you to be engaged in school?

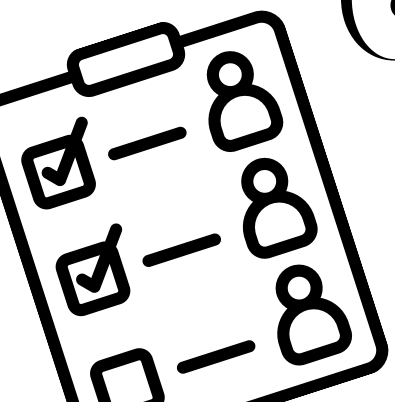
Thank you,

Mrs. Sywassink & Mrs. Stice

PERFECT ATTENDANCE *September*



CONGRATS!



NOT PICTURED:

FINN ROBINSON & ADALYN EDWARDS



KJ - BELLA



PRE-K - ELAINA



KG - HARLYN



1H - IVY



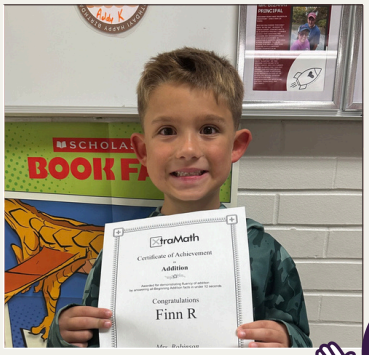
1R - IZZY



2S - EMERSYN



"RESPECT"



2B - FINN

ILLINOIS CITY ROCKIN' ROCKETS

Students who were nominated displayed characteristics of Respect. Respect is seeing value in all people and things and treating them with care.

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



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!
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Do not hesitate to reach out and ask questions!

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