

ILLINOIS CITY

**JANUARY 9,
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
- 25/26 YEARBOOKS ARE AVAILABLE TO ORDER. PLEASE REFER TO THE FLYER BELOW.
- REPORTS CARDS WERE EMAILED OUT TODAY, IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE ONE PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.
- PLEASE READ THROUGH EVERYTHING AND REACH OUT IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JAN 9 - REPORT CARDS

JAN 16 - SIP DAY 11:30
DISMISSAL

JAN 19 - NO SCHOOL MLK
DAY

JANUARY 28 - PTO @
ANDALUSIA

JANUARY 30 - SIP DAY 11:30
DISMISSAL

FULL CALENDAR HERE

[CLICK HERE](#)

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TIMES

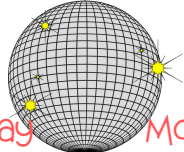
SCHOOL START: 8:05

SCHOOL END: 3:12

CAR RIDERS: 3:12

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JANUARY



Sunday

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Saturday



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No School -
Teacher Institute

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School Resumes

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Report Cards

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SIP Day
Out 11:30

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No School - MLK
Day

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PTO @ Andalusia

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SIP Day
Out 11:30

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FEBRUARY

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SIP Day
Out 11:30

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No School -
Presidents Day

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Spring Pictures

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PTO @ TRE

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SIP Day
Out 11:30

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Yearbook Orders

YEARBOOK ORDERS

PERSONALIZED: 25.00 DUE 2/1/26

REGULAR: 20.00 DUE 4/3/26



IMPORTANT

ALL ORDERS WILL BE ONLINE!

click
here

Inter-State.com/ORDER

Use Code: 0336EC

WITH THE WEATHER GETTING COLDER, PLEASE
START PRACTICING PUTTING ON AND TAKING OFF
THESE AT HOME:

1. SNOWPANTS
2. BOOTS
3. HAT AND GLOVES
4. COAT (ZIPPING UP INDEPENDENTLY)

THIS HELPS STAFF SO THE KIDS CAN GET OUTSIDE
AND ENJOY RECESS. IT TAKES A LOT LONGER
WHEN 2 PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO HELP 30
STUDENTS GET IN THEIR WINTER GEAR.



TR / ICE SEL NEWSLETTER

January 2026

Grade-Level Learning

Kindergarten

Following directions can be challenging for young students! An important way we will practice Perseverance in Kindergarten this month is by learning to follow directions. Strong Listening is foundational for following directions. When we listen with our whole selves and follow directions, we are able to Persevere through big projects and tough challenges.

First Grade

In 1st grade, we are learning focusing strategies that help us Persevere. Focusing on a task, instructions, or even a conversation helps us be more successful.

Second Grade

While practicing Perseverance 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 Perseverance.

Perseverance Overview

This month is all about Perseverance. One way to think about Perseverance is “pushing yourself through challenges and obstacles.” We all experience challenges in our lives. We all have moments when we feel like we can’t do it or that we want to give up on a big task. It is important to develop tools that help us work through those challenges in order to grow in those moments instead of giving up. How might you practice Perseverance as a family this month?

Strategies for Following Directions

1. Pay attention to directions with Strong Listening
2. Ask questions if you are confused
3. Do what you are asked to do the first time

Be Kind, Be Strong, Be Well

Miss Noe and Mrs. Sywassink

THIS MONTH'S ROCKIN' ROCKETS



DESTINEE



LILY



JACE



ELLA



MARTHA



JADE

EMPATHY EARNERS

DESTINEE- KJ

DESTINEE CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATES EMPATHY BY RECOGNIZING AND RESPONDING TO THE FEELINGS OF OTHERS. SHE OFFERS HELP OR ENCOURAGEMENT TO PEERS WHO MAY BE STRUGGLING AND SHOWS RESPECT DURING GROUP ACTIVITIES

ELLA- KP

ELLA IS KIND AND CARING GIRL WHO ALWAYS NOTICES HOW OTHERS ARE FEELING. IN KINDERGARTEN, SHE HAS BEEN SHOWING EMPATHY BY SHARING HER TOYS WITH OTHERS, OFFERING COMFORT TO FRIENDS WHO ARE SAD, AND USING GENTLE WORDS.

LILY - 1H

SHE IS AN EMPATHETIC FIRST GRADER WHO NOTICES HOW OTHERS ARE FEELING AND TRIES TO HELP MAKE EVERYONE FEEL BETTER. SHE CAN BE SEEN OFFERING HELP TO OTHERS OR OFFERING A HUG OR WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT WHEN SOMEONE IS SAD OR FRUSTRATED.

MARTHA - 1R

SHE IS THE FIRST TO NOTICE WHEN ANOTHER STUDENT NEEDS A LITTLE HELP. SHE HELPS BY EXPLAINING AND NOT JUST GIVING THEM THE ANSWER.

JACE - 2B

JACE HEERKES IS A KIND STUDENT WHO DEMONSTRATES EMPATHY BY HELPING OTHERS WHEN HE SEES THAT THEY NEED HELP. HE ALSO FOLLOWS THE SCHOOL RULES AND WORKS HARD TO DO HIS BEST IN THE CLASSROOM.

JADE - 2S

JADE KARGL IS A VERY THOUGHTFUL AND CARING FRIEND TO ALL. JADE OFTEN DOES RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS TO BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S DAY.

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!

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



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



2025-2026 PTO MEETING SCHEDULE



JOIN US AT 6:00PM

~~AUG 27~~ ~~ANDALUSIA~~

~~SEPT 24~~ ~~TAYLOR RIDGE~~

~~OCT 22~~ ~~ILLINOIS CITY~~

JAN 28 ANDALUSIA

FEB 25 TAYLOR RIDGE

MAR 25 ILLINOIS CITY

APR 22 ANDALUSIA



2025-2026 PTO LEADERS

ABBIE HICKS

MANDY PARCHERT

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

