Taylor Ridge Elementary School

Updates and Information

Happy Friday TRE Families and Friends.

Another exciting week, capped off with Valentines Day Parties throughout the school! Thank you for supporting the fun things that take place in our building.

Kindergarteners are working super hard with Mr. Viren to become PBA Bowlers! I expect to see them on ESPN in the next 15 years!

1st Grade created some amazing animal habitat models to go along with their Amplify Knowledge Curriculum. We have some very talented first graders! Thank you for helping your students create such fine pieces of art.

This week, second graders were able to watch the QC Storm and Peoria Rivermen face off at Vibrant Arena with other area schools. Thank you to the Storm and their staff for inviting us to be a part of such a great experience!

Illness is going around, please check out the nurse note from our district nurses below.

In the near future, we will be celebrating Taylor Ridge Elementary's 70th birthday! TRE was opened on February 16th 1956. **We will have a belated celebration of 70 years on February 24th** since we are **not in session on February 16th**.

Our Celebration on 2/24 will take place from 1:30-2:15 in the gym. We welcome alumni and community members to stop in for a piece of cake and a chance to reminisce!

Next week begins Kindness Week. Please check out the flyer below regarding dress-up days from our S.E.L. Team.

This will be our new Rockridge Elementary School logo!

Need some new gear in preparation for our elementary schools coming together? Check out the other link in the post for this newsletter. Store will close 2/18.

As always, if you have any questions for us at TRE feel free to contact the office at (309)-793-8070.

-Mr. Goben

Important Dates for this Week/Near Future

We are not in session this coming Monday 2/16. We will return on Tuesday 2/17

Non-Personalized Yearbooks - Order Deadline April 3rd (see flyer below)

TRE Turns 70! - Celebration Feb. 24th

KINDNESS WEEK

Tuesday, February 17th	**"TEAM UP FOR KINDNESS"** WEAR YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM TO SHOW THAT WE TEAM UP WITH KINDNESS!
Wednesday, February 18th	**"WILD ABOUT KINDNESS"** WEAR ANIMALPRINTORCAMOTO SHOWYOUAREWILDABOUT BEING KIND TO OTHERS
Thursday, February 19th	**"WORKOUT PROBLEMS WITH KINDNESS"** WEAR YOUR WORKOUT GEAR TO SHOW THAT WE CAN WORK OUT PROBLEMS WITH KINDNESS
Friday, February 20th	**"WAKE UP AND SHOW KINDNESS"** WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS TO SHOW THAT YOU WAKE UP READY TO BE KIND

Tuesday, February 17th is "Random Acts of Kindness Day."

RandomActsofKindness.org

Rockridge Elementary

AES - ICE - TRE

'TIS THE SEASON

With the cold and flu season upon us, please keep the following guidelines in mind when deciding whether or not to send your child to school.

- For a temperature greater than 100 degrees. Children should be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school and not taking fever-reducing medication (acetaminophen or ibuprofen) to control symptoms.
- If your child has vomited or had persistent diarrhea (3 times or more) they should stay home until symptoms subside for 24 hours.
- If your child has a heavy, moist productive cough, chest congestion, or discolored nasal or eye drainage. They should stay home until symptoms improve.

IC/TR SEL NEWSLETTER

February 2026

Grade-Level Learning

Kindergarten

Namingouremotionsis an important part of expressing ourselves and practicing Honesty. This month, Kindergarten students will focus on identifying their emotions using the Emotion Elements.

First Grade

Understanding how we are feeling helps us build self-awareness. This month, 1st grade students will work on emotion awareness by using the Emotion Elements. We will also use body cues to help us accurately identify our emotions.

Second Grade

It'simportant to beable to understand and manage our emotions. This month, 2nd graders will use the Emotion Elements to name their emotions, and practice applying strategies to regulate their emotions

Honesty

This month's focus isHonesty.

One way to think about Honesty is "being truthful in what you say and do." Practicing Honesty helps strengthen our relationships and even reduces stress.

Emotion Elements:

- Bree- silly, nervous, playful, distracted
- Brooks-sad, lonely, tired, embarrassed
- Ember-angry, frustrated, excited, scared
- Terra-calm, focused, proud, happy

Be Kind, Be Strong, Be Well

Mrs. McMahon &
Mrs. Sywassink

February 2026 Breakfast Menu for All Buildings

*Served Daily: cereal, toast, fruit or juice & milk

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 French Toast Sticks Sugar Free Syrup	3 Breakfast Burrito	4 Cheese Omelet Toast	5 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Biscuit	6 Pancake Sausage On a Stick
9 Scrambled Eggs & Diced Ham	10 Mini Pancakes Sugar Free Syrup	11 Muffin String Cheese	12 Breakfast Pizza	13 Donut Yogurt
16 **No School** 	17 Pancake Sausage On a Stick	18 Bagel & Cream Cheese	19 Scrambled Eggs Toast	20 French Toast Sticks Sugar Free Syrup
23 Donut Yogurt	24 Mini Pancakes Sugar Free Syrup	25 Breakfast Pizza	26 Cheese Omelet Toast	27 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Biscuit
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Skim. Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday

February 2026 Lunch Menu for All Buildings

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Cheeseburger on Bun Tater Tots Mixed Fruit Fruit Snacks Milk	3 Pretzel Bites w/ Cheese Sauce Green Beans / Peaches Rice Krispy Treat Milk	4 Quesadilla Chips & Salsa Corn Pears Milk	5 Beef Ravioli Bread Stick Side Salad (ranch) Applesauce Cup Milk	6 Super Nachos Refried Beans Fruit Cup Cookie Milk
9 Bosco Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce Corn / Pineapple Pudding Cup Milk	10 Uncrustable Baked Chips Carrots Apple Slices Milk	11 Chicken Patty on Bun Baked Chips Side Salad (ranch) Mandarin Oranges Milk	12 *Breakfast for Lunch* Biscuits & Gravy Hash Brown Patty Fruit Cup Granola Bar Milk	13 **School Improvement Day** **11:30am Dismissal**
16 **No School** 	17 Mini Corn Dogs Tater Tots Goldfish Crackers Mixed Fruit Milk	18 French Bread Pizza Corn Applesauce Cup Rice Krispy Treat Milk	19 Meatball Sub w/ Mozzarella Cheese Baked Chips Peas / Peaches Milk	20 Crispito Chips & Salsa Refried Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk
23 Pizza Crunchers Goldfish Crackers Green Beans Pears Milk	24 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Side Salad (dressing) Bread Stick Pineapples Milk	25 Chicken Nuggets French Fries Apple Slices Teddy Grahams Milk	26 Rocket Rite on Bun Baked Chips Carrots (PB) Fruit Cup Milk	27 **School Improvement Day** **11:30am Dismissal**
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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

Skim, Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday

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

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!

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Orders Due By: Friday, April 3, 2026

YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE

$20.00

Softcover Yearbook

ADD Students Name and Photo for $5.00 more! * Opportunity for Personalization ends 02-01-2026

Join the Rockets Team!

Teachers, Paraprofessionals, and Kitchen Staff!

Teachers - $130.00/day

Paraprofessionals - $15.00/hr

Kitchen Staff - $15.00/hr

Flexible days! You decide when you want to or are able to! Staff will prepare everything for you to jump in that day! Breakfast and lunch is free when you sub. Substitutes also receives passes to athletic events! Email Dawn Finley (dfinley@rr300.org