Taylor Ridge Elementary School

Updates and Information

Happy Friday TRE Families and Friends.

I hope everyone is staying as warm as possible. Another successful week in the books!

There is a Lunch Menu change for next week - Crisipito will be served on Monday Jan. 26th

Our 100th day of school will be on Thursday, Jan. 29!

Please check out the flyer below containing information regarding the inaugural **Valentine's Rocket Ball.**

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**. More information is to come regarding the celebration.

First PTO meeting of 2026 is next week at Andaulsia Elementary School!

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

Personalized Yearbooks - Order Deadline Feb. 1st (see flyer below)

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

No School Jan. 19th

100th day of school - Jan. 29th

11:30 Dismissal Jan. 30th

TRE Turns 70! - Celebration Feb. 24th

FATHER & DAUGHTER ■ ■ ■

■ ■ ■ MOTHER & SON

STUDENTS BRING A PARENT OR SPECIAL GROWNUP TO CELEBRATE

Valentine's Rocket Ball

FEBRUARY 7TH ■ 6:00-8:00 PM

ROCKRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

■ FEATURING A RED CARPET ENTRY ■

ENTRY $20 PER COUPLE

$5 EACH ADDITIONAL CHILD

ENTER TO WIN:

■ A SPECIAL DANCE WITH JUST YOU & YOUR STUDENT ■

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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!

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.

Perserverance 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

January 2026 Breakfast Menu for All Buildings

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

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
29 **No School Holiday Break**	30 **No School Holiday Break**	31 **No School Holiday Break**	1 	2 **No School Holiday Break**
5 **No School Teacher Institute**	6 Breakfast Pizza 	7 French Toast Sticks Sugar Free Syrup	8 Scrambled Eggs & Bacon	9 Mini Pancakes Sugar Free Syrup
12 Cheese Omelet w/ Toast	13 Biscuits & Gravy	14 Donut Go-Gurt Yogurt	15 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Biscuit	16 Muffin String Cheese
19 **No School M.L. King's Birthday**	20 Mini Pancakes Sugar Free Syrup	21 Breakfast Pizza 	22 French Toast Sticks Sugar Free Syrup	23 Cereal Bar
26 Biscuits & Gravy	27 Scrambled Eggs & Bacon	28 Muffin String Cheese	29 Cheese Omelet Toast	30 Donut Go-Gurt Yogurt

Skim, Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday

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12 Chicken Nuggets French Fries Peaches Pudding Cup Milk	13 Mini Corndogs Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges Teddy Grahams Milk	14 Pizza Side Salad (dressing) Apple Slices Cookie Milk	15 Meatballs Sub w/ Mozzarella Cheese Baked Chips Corn / Grapes Milk	16 **School Improvement Day** **11:30a Dismissal**
19 **No School M.L. King's Birthday**	20 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Green Beans Applesauce Cup Cookie Milk	21 Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes Pineapples Pudding Cup Milk	22 Rocket Rite on Bun Baked Chips Cooked Carrots Mandarin Oranges Milk	23 Crispito Chips & Salsa Refried Beans Pears Milk
26 Quesadilla Chips & Salsa Corn / Peaches Rice Krispy Treat Milk	27 Hotdog on Bun Baked Beans Grapes Cookie Milk	28 Sloppy Joe on Bun Baked Chips Carrots (PB) Apple Slices Milk	29 Walking Taco (Meat, Lettuce, Cheese) Fruit Cup Teddy Grahams Milk	30 **School Improvement Day** **11:30a Dismissal**

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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