

Taylor Ridge Elementary School

Updates and Information

Happy Friday TRE Families and Friends.

We have had great successes made in our first 101 days of the year here at Taylor Ridge! Our data from our Winter MAP tests is listed below.

Mrs. Saey helped to word this in a way that may make it easier to understand. For reference, this is similar to when you bring your children to the doctor for their weight and height and they provide percentiles. 50 percentile is your average child. Our goal is for all students to reach the 61 percentile, and we will continue to work towards that goal!

READING



MATH



Students and Staff all deserve a high-five for the hard work that they've put in throughout this school year. Let's keep pushing forward!

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.**

Our Celebration on 2/24 will take place from 1:30-2:15. More information to come.

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)

TRE Turns 70! - Celebration Feb. 24th

IC/TR SEL NEWSLETTER

February 2026

Grade-Level Learning

Kindergarten

Naming our emotions is 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's important to be able 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 is Honesty.

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

**MENUS SUBJECT
TO CHANGE**

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

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 <i>Breakfast for Lunch</i> 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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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 ■

[REGISTER HERE](#)

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE FLORIDA TRIP

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

<u>Month</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Location</u>
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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ONLINE
TODAY! ▶▶▶



INTER-STATE.COM/ORDER

Use Order Code: 0336EC
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)**

