

Taylor Ridge Elementary School

Updates and Information

Happy Friday TRE Families and Friends.

MAP Testing this week has gone great! You should be very proud of your child/children for trying their best and working so hard! We at school certainly are. Once we are all caught up and have completed testing, data will be shared out to celebrate our progress!

Please note that there is no school this coming Monday, January 19th for MLK Day.

The school year is flying by! It's hard to believe but our 100th day of school is on the horizon.

Please check out the PTO flyer below. Our PTO does a ton to support all of our elementary students throughout the year. If you're curious about how to get involved, all information can be found in their flyer!

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. 28th

11:30 Dismissal Jan. 30th

If you have a student who will be entering Kindergarten next year,
please click this link and fill out the form!

🌐 Kindergarten Interest Form 2026-2027

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

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



January 2026 Lunch Menu for All Buildings



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5  No School Teacher Institute	6 Bosco Stick w/ Marinara Sauce Cooked Carrots Fruit Cup Milk	7 <i>Breakfast for Lunch</i> Biscuits & Gravy Hashbrown Patty Mandarin Oranges String Cheese Milk	8 Beef Ravioli Bread Stick Mixed Veggies Applesauce Cup Milk	9 Cheeseburger on Bun Baked Chips Green Beans / Pears Cookie Milk
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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NURSE NOTES

WHAT WE'RE SEEING THIS MONTH IN OUR SCHOOLS



'TIS THE SEASON for illness

INFLUENZA

Symptoms of the flu include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea. Some people with the flu will not have a fever. If you suspect your child has influenza please do not send them to school and contact your child's physician for recommendations.



STREP THROAT



Strep throat symptoms include a sore throat, abdominal pain, vomiting/diarrhea, rash, and fever. It is diagnosed by a rapid antigen test done in a physician's office.

This test can detect strep bacteria in minutes by looking for substances (antigens) in the throat. If you or your child tests positive for strep throat, antibiotic treatment can begin right away. Some rapid strep tests may miss some strep throat

rapid strep tests may miss some strep throat infections. For this reason, many doctors still use throat cultures, especially in children if results of the rapid antigen test are negative. If you are waiting for throat culture results please keep your student home if they still complain of symptoms.

COVID

Symptoms of COVID include, fever, sore throat, coughing, loss of taste and smell, fatigue, shortness of breath, and body aches. COVID is diagnosed by a rapid antigen test that can be done at home or a PCR that can be done by a lab/physician's office. Current CDC guidelines recommend that positive COVID individuals stay isolated x 5 days and return wearing a mask if feeling better and fever free x 24hrs without fever reducing medication. A mask is recommended through day 10 after the symptoms started, if there is a negative test on day 6 and day 8 the mask is no longer recommended.

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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!



ORDER YOUR
YEARBOOK
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
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