

Taylor Ridge Elementary School

Updates and Information

Happy Friday, TRE Families and Friends!

We celebrated the upcoming holiday with class parties and lots of candy! Happy long weekend!!

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for this afternoon/evening and tomorrow morning. Please note that there will be **no school on Monday, November 2.**

Be sure to check out the flyer from the PTO regarding their upcoming Trunk or Treat event at Rockridge High School tomorrow evening!

Shoutout to our Elementary PTO for sponsoring staff meals tonight for conferences! Staff Dinner break goes from 6:00-6:30 this evening.

As always, if you have any questions for us at TRE, feel free to contact the office at (309) 793-8070 or tgoben@rr300.org

-Mr. Goben

Important Dates for this Week / Near

Future

Thursday, 10/29 will be a 1:30 dismissal day due to parent teacher conferences taking place from 3:00-8:00 Thursday Night.

No School on Friday 10/30. Conferences will take place 8:00-1:00.

PTO Trunk or Treat 10/30

No School on Monday 11/2

K-2 Music Program - Wed. 12/16

Conference Quick Tips

Because most conferences are only 10 to 15 minutes long, focus on high-leverage questions rather than running down a long checklist. Pick 3 to 5 questions that match your biggest priorities.

Academic Progress & Learning

- "Is my child performing at, above, or below grade-level expectations?"
- "What are their biggest academic strengths, and where are they struggling?"
- "What does my child do when they get stuck on a difficult concept in class?"

Classroom Behavior & Social Development

- "How does my child interact with peers during group work, lunch, or unstructured time?"
- "How would you describe their focus, self-regulation, and ability to stay on task?"
- "When does my child participate most readily, and when do they hold back?"
- "Does my child seem comfortable asking for help when they need it?"

Action & Support at Home

- "What is the single most important thing we can work on at home to support their progress?"
- "How much time should homework realistically take each night, and what should I do if they get stuck?"
- "What specific strategies or tools do you use in class when they hit a roadblock?"

Quick Tips for the Meeting

- Ask your child first: Before the conference, ask your child: "What feels easiest right now? What feels hardest? Is there anything specific you want me to ask your teacher?"
- Share key updates from home: Tell the teacher about any major life shifts, sleep patterns, or homework struggles—context helps them understand changes in class behavior.

Remember, you are part of your child's team! Teachers welcome questions and the opportunity to have these discussions. Do not hesitate to come with a few questions!



K-2 Holiday Music Program



Illinois City and Taylor Ridge

Wednesday, December 16th



Concert in Rockridge High School South Gym

Grades 3-5 Spring Concert



Andalusia Elementary

Thursday, April 15th



Concert in Rockridge High School South
Gym



November 2026 Breakfast Menu for All Buildings

**MENUS SUBJECT
TO CHANGE**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 No School In lieu of P/T Conferences	3 Pop-Tart Yogurt	4 Mini Pancakes Syrup	5 Bagel & Cream Cheese	6 Donut
9 Scrambled Eggs & Bacon	10 Biscuits & Gravy	11 Breakfast Pizza 	12 French Toast Sticks Syrup	13 Muffin String Cheese
16 Mini Pancakes Syrup	17 Cheese Omelet Toast	18 Bagel & Cream Cheese	19 Breakfast Sandwich Bacon, Egg & Cheese	20 Cereal Bar String Cheese
23 Breakfast Burrito 	24 Scrambled Eggs & Bacon	25 No School Thanksgiving Break	26 No School 	27 No School Thanksgiving Break
30 French Toast Sticks Syrup	1	2 Served Daily: cereal, toast, fruit or juice & milk	3	4

Skim, Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday



November 2026 Lunch Menu for All Buildings

Skim, Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday



**MENUS SUBJECT
TO CHANGE**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 No School In lieu of P/T Conferences	3 Bosco Stick / Marinara Cooked Carrots Pineapple Pudding Cup Milk	4 Chicken Patty on Bun Baked Chips Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk 	5 Crispito Chips & Salsa Corn Mandarin Oranges Milk	6 Hamburger on Bun French Fries Fruit Cup Teddy Grahams Milk
9 Chicken Nuggets Mixed Vegetables Peaches Sherbet Cup Milk	10 Mini Corn Dog Baked Beans Goldfish Crackers Mandarin Oranges Milk	11 French Bread Pizza Side Salad (dressing) Cantaloupe Teddy Grahams Milk	12 Meatball Sub w/ Mozzarella Cheese Baked Chips Green Beans Grapes / Milk	13 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Crackers Apple Slices Milk
16 Pizza Crunchers Goldfish Crackers Corn Pears Milk	17 Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Peaches / Dinner Roll Pumpkin Dessert Milk	18 Chicken Strips Cooked Carrots Fruit Cup Cookie Milk	19 Rocket Rite on Bun Baked Chips Baked Beans Pineapple Milk	20 School Improvement Day 11:30 am Dismissal
23 Goulash w/ Meat Sauce Bread Stick Peas Pears / Milk	24 Hotdog on Bun Tater Tots Mandarin Oranges Cookie / Milk	25 No School Thanksgiving Break	26 No School 	27 No School Thanksgiving Break
30 Cheeseburger on Bun French Fries Peaches Fruit Snack / Milk	1	2 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	3	4

Winter Mini Photo Sessions

with Missy Myers: Capturing Fireflies

When: November 14th & 15th

15 minute slots from 10am-4pm

Where: The Hicks Farm

7914 134th Ave W

Taylor Ridge, IL 61284

Cost: \$100 per time slot with proceeds
benefiting the Rockridge Elementary PTO

Sessions must be paid in full at the time of booking and are non-refundable.
Venmo (@for-freckles-sake) or checks to Rockridge PTO are accepted.

Time slots are available at:

[Sign-Up Link](#)

Please direct questions to: capturingff@gmail.com
ahicks@rr300.org

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venmo

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BADAC2EA6F8C25-66709638-winter#/>



ROCKRIDGE FFA

HAUNTED GREENHOUSE

OCTOBER 30TH

Please join us for a spooky (But
kid-friendly) walk-through of
the greenhouse!

In Collaboration with
the Rockridge PTO

TRUNK - OR - TREAT

5:00 - 7:30 PM

Located in the Rockridge
High School Staff Lot
/Rockridge Greenhouse



Rockridge PTO invites you to...

TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday, October 30

Starts at 5:00PM

**@Rockridge High School Bus
Barn Parking Lot**



**Want to host a trunk?
Click here or scan below**



Haunted Green House hosted by Rockridge FFA

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdITNWKNeZB_mXuKx0jQapw2OpPNpyMhGfNQ4itS9kcsSva2w/viewform

**ALSO
AVAILABLE
FOR
PURCHASE**

\$5 Hot Dog, Chips, Drink

\$5 Wristbands Includes:

- **Haunted House**
- **Facepainting**
- **Games**

Hot Chocolate Bar

From Shivers & Shakes

Cash and Venmo both accepted!

ROCKRIDGE

School Break Planner

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Labor Day	3 DAY WEEKEND SEPT 5-7 - NO SCHOOL
Columbus Day	3 DAY WEEKEND OCT 10-12 - NO SCHOOL
P/T Conferences	4 DAY WEEKEND OCT 30-NOV 2 - NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Break	5 DAY WEEKEND NOV 25-29 - NO SCHOOL
Christmas Break	14 DAY BREAK DEC 23-JAN 5 - NO SCHOOL
MLK Day	3 DAY WEEKEND JAN 16-18 - NO SCHOOL
President's Day	3 DAY WEEKEND FEB 13-15 - NO SCHOOL
Spring & Easter Break	8 DAY BREAK MAR 22-29 - NO SCHOOL

**2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR
ROCKRIDGE COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT 300**

August 12.....	No School Teacher Institute
August 13.....	No School Teacher Institute
August 14.....	Classes Begin – 1:30 dismissal
September 7.....	No School – Labor Day
September 11.....	Quarter 1 Mid-Term
September 25.....	School Improvement Day – 11:30 dismissal
October 9.....	End of First Grading Period
October 9.....	School Improvement Day – 11:30 dismissal
October 12.....	No School – Columbus Day
October 16.....	Quarter 1 Report Cards Sent Home
October 29.....	Parent-Teacher Conferences-3:00–8:00 p.m.
October 29.....	1:30 dismissal
October 30.....	Parent-Teacher Conferences-8:00–1:00 p.m.
October 30.....	No School – P/T Conferences
November 2.....	No School – in lieu of P/T Conferences
November 13.....	Quarter 2 Mid-Term
November 25-27.....	No School – Thanksgiving Break
December 11.....	School Improvement Day – 11:30 dismissal
December 22.....	End of Second Grading Period – 1:30 dismissal
December 23-January 5.....	No School – Holiday Break
January 6.....	No School Teacher Institute
January 7.....	School Resumes
January 11.....	Quarter 2 Report Cards Sent Home
January 15.....	School Improvement Day – 11:30 dismissal
January 18.....	No School – M.L. King’s Birthday
February 5.....	Quarter 3 Mid-Term
February 12.....	School Improvement Day – 11:30 dismissal
February 15.....	No School – President’s Day
March 12.....	End of Third Grading Period
March 19.....	School Improvement Day – 11:30 dismissal
March 19.....	Quarter 3 Report Cards Sent Home
March 22-March 29.....	No School – Spring Break/Easter Break
April 9.....	School Improvement Day – 11:30 dismissal
April 9.....	Quarter 4 Mid-Term
April 23.....	School Improvement Day – 11:30 dismissal
May 16.....	High School Graduation – 2:00
May 25.....	End of Fourth Grading Period (tentative) – 1:30 dismissal
May 26.....	No School Teacher Institute (tentative)
May 27, 28.....	Emergency Days (tentative)
June 1.....	Quarter 4 Report Cards Sent Home (tentative)

Quarterly Attendance Report Periods are as follows:

NUMBER OF STUDENT DAYS	
DATES	SCHOOL IS IN SESSION
August 14 – October 9	37
October 13 – December 22	46
January 7 – March 12	45
March 15 – May 25	46

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