

Taylor Ridge Elementary School

Updates and Information

Happy Friday TRE Families and Friends.

Today we were joined virtually by author **Michelle M Deyarmin**.

Michelle is the author of the books: *Sandy the Service Dog: Lost in a Hurricane*, *Sandy the Service Dog: Honeymoon Disaster*, *Sandy the Service Dog: Heroic Rescue*, and *Sandy the Service Dog: Holiday Helper*. Students thoroughly enjoyed hearing about her stories with their classes!

If you're interested in learning more about her books, there is an order form and informational flyer attached further down in the newsletter.

Thank you to all parents who have filled out the 5Essentials survey for our building. If you haven't yet and you have a few minutes, please visit <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/> - or scan the QR code attached. We appreciate your time and feedback!



Baseball and Softball season is right around the corner. The Rockridge Ball Association has included a flyer in this week's newsletter - check it out below.

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

Our Celebration on 2/24 for TRE's 70th Birthday 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!

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

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

TRE Turns 70! - Celebration Feb. 24th

Early Dismissal - SIP Day - Friday 2/27

Michelle M Deyarmin Author Visit Order Form

We are excited to have author Michelle M Deyarmin visit our classroom!



Book Title	Price	Quantity	Please sign book(s) to:
Sandy the Service Dog: Lost in a Hurricane	\$10.00		
Sandy the Service Dog: Honeymoon Disaster	\$10.00		
Sandy the Service Dog: Heroic Rescue	\$10.00		
Sandy the Service Dog: Holiday Helper	\$10.00		

Child's name: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent name: _____

Email address: _____

** Please email me exclusive deals and free stuff! Circle: YES! or No Thanks

Please return form by: _____

Payments accepted: *Venmo (QR Code listed on back) or Zelle phone #
440-409-1422. Checks made out to Michelle Dantz.



*Note: If using Venmo please list the following in memo: School and Child name

A note from Michelle: Hello Parents! Thank you so much for taking the time to consider buying my books for your children! It means the world to me that I am able to share my message of kindness throughout my Sandy series! I wanted to share the back covers of my books so that you know what the adventure is that you will be diving into with your children!

Lost in a Hurricane: A hurricane is days away from hitting the shores of Florida. A service dog named Sandy, her owner Shelby, and their family must prepare for the storm that will soon change their lives forever. When the hurricane hits, Sandy is swept away by the current. Will Sandy ever make it back to her family? Will she ever see Shelby again? With the help of a few pals she meets along the way, Sandy must find her way home.

Honeymoon Disaster: Getting ready for a vacation can be stressful. Especially when you are accidentally put on the wrong plane! Sandy and Max were nothing but excited to visit the shores of Hawaii with their family. When the dogs realize they were on the wrong plane they devise a plan to get back to their family. Escaping the airport forced to face the unknown. Will Sandy and Max make it to Hawaii and be reunited with their family?

Heroic Rescue: A Zoo day talent show with the family turns into a day they will all never forget. Sandy and Max find a lost baby monkey that needs to return to his family. They meet a few nice animals to help them and a few not so nice animals that hinder their journey. Once the monkey is safe there seems to not be enough time to get back to the talent show. Will Sandy and Max make it back to the talent show in time to see Shelby perform?

Holiday Helper: Join Sandy and Max on a holiday adventure you won't want to miss! Journey to the snowy Ohio where they will be spending Christmas break. When they hear a strange noise on the top of Grandma Helen's roof, they come to discover one of Santa's reindeer stuck on Grandma's Christmas star! Will they be able to free Blitzen and get her back to Santa?



2026 Baseball/Softball Signups!

Returning players/parents AND New players/parents need to set up an account and register using the following link:

<https://rockridgeball.sportngin.com/register/form/058336340>

- Please follow the instructions to register ASAP!
- Debit or Credit will be accepted. Payment in full is required to be considered registered, placed on a team, and a uniform ordered.
- ALL Registration is Online. Registration closes on **MARCH 15th!!**

Leagues

- COED: PeeWee T-Ball (4U)
- GIRLS: Girls T-Ball (6U), J-Ball (9U), Minors (11U), Juniors (14U)
- BOYS: Boys T-Ball (6U), D-Ball (8U), C Ball (10U), B Ball (12U), A Ball (14U)

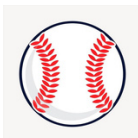
Pricing

- PeeWee T-Ball = \$40 (registration, fees and shirt)
- T-Ball (Boys) = \$60 (registration, fees and shirt/hat)
- T-Ball (Girls) = \$60 (registration, fees and shirt/socks)
- J-Ball = \$90 (registration, fees, umpires, shirt/socks)
- All Other Leagues = \$120 (registration, fees, umpires and full uniform)
- Late registration will be evaluated and put on a waiting list. IF accepted a \$30 late fee will be enforced.

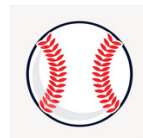
Considerations will be made when forming teams, but there will be movement between teams. Thank you for your understanding. Check out our website for more information.

UMPIRES NEEDED!!!! Contact us if interested or if you have any questions:

RockridgeBallAssociation@gmail.com



Volunteer Coaches Needed!!!!





'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

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

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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
2 	3 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			6 

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!



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
(dfinley@rr300.org)**

