Taylor Ridge Elementary School

Updates and Information

Happy Friday TRE Families and Friends.

Thank you for your flexibility with the weather curveball this week! Fingers crossed that the cold and snow is out of here for the remainder of the year.

Next week, we have a whole school field trip to Circa 21 to see Charlotte's Web.

Next week is our last week before Spring Break. We will not be in session starting Monday, 3/30. School will be back in session on Tuesday, 4/7.

Report Cards should be emailed today as 3rd quarter as come to a close.

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)

Circa 21 Field Trip - 3/24

Spring Break - 3/30-4/6

School Resumes 4/7

QUARTER 3 MUSIC NEWS

Miss Winn
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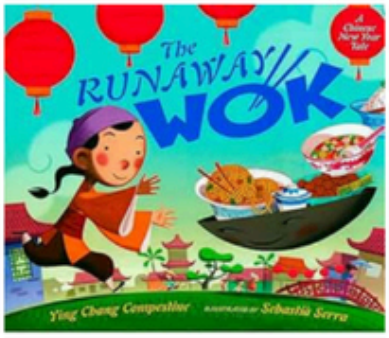
Last week, we wrapped up a great quarter of singing, moving, listening, and music making! Here are some highlights from music class over the last few months:

JANUARY

- *The Color Monster*: All students participated in a unit based on this book about emotions. They created word rhythm patterns, and chose instruments to play based on the different emotions.
- Snowball activities: Students practiced new and old rhythms with rhythm snowball fights, and used fake snowballs for a variety of songs.
- January is a great time to get the wiggles out and move! We learned the folk dances, Sasha and Seven Jumps, and focused on how teamwork helps make these dances successful.

FEBRUARY

- Valentine's Day: Students learned the songs "Skinnamarink" and "Tony Chestnut". We used both of these songs to practice different **tempos** (a big musical focus this quarter). Students also played a solo singing game called "Who Has the Valentine?"
- Lunar New Year: Students learned a fan dance with paper fans, and participated in a movement lesson using the story, *The Runaway Wok,* where they moved to different styles of Chinese music. .
- Black History Month: We focused on jazz musician, Louis Armstrong, specifically his song "What a Wonderful World". Older students learned the sign language, and all students learned to sing the song, We also took the time to listen and move to some jazz music.



MARCH

- March Music Madness: To celebrate Music in Our Schools Month, students are participating in a bracket using teacher/staff selected songs. Each day, we listen to the two songs competing for the day. Before voting on our favorite, we talk about musical elements of the songs including tempo, dynamics, mood, and instruments.
- St Patrick's Day: We revisited a seasonal favorite: "Rattlin' Bog", performed an Irish folk dance called Irish Stew, and learned about traditional Irish instruments.

FREE COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL SCREENINGS

April 17th, 2026
12:30-3:30

May 8th, 2026
12:30-3:30

Location:
Andalusia Elementary School
112 7th Ave E
Andalusia, IL

Scan the QR code to schedule your FREE screening!

- For children ages 3, 4 and 5 (and not enrolled in Kindergarten)
- Preschool screening is used to help you learn more about your child's development.
- The screening provides FREE language, motor and cognitive skill assessments. Children should be screened once a year until starting Kindergarten.
- This screening also helps us identify students eligible for our preschool screenings

Please call the Rock Island County Regional Office of Education for any questions or concerns.

309-736-1111

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ROCKRIDGE ROCKETS

EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY 22ND MARCH
2PM

ROCKRIDGE HIGHSCHOOL
FOOTBALL FIELD

Pre-K through Fifth

Free will monatary donations
for the Rocket Closet

NURSE NOTES

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS REMINDER

SOME GRADES STILL HAVE DENTAL DUE THIS YEAR
AND AN EARLY NOTIFICATION FOR NEXT YEAR'S REQUIRMENTS

DENTAL EXAMS THIS SCHOOL YEAR ARE DUE BY MAY 15, 2026

- KINDERGARTEN
- 2ND GRADE
- 6TH GRADE
- 9TH GRADE

SCHOOL PHYSICALS DUE IN AUGUST FOR 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

- PREK
- KINDERGARTEN (VACCINES REQUIRED)
- 6TH GRADE (VACCINES REQUIRED)
- 9TH GRADE
- 12TH GRADE STUDENTS REQUIRE MCV4 VACCINE

March 2026

IC/TR SEL NEWSLETTER

What We Learned

Kindergarten

Listening to others is an important life skill, and it takes practice! In Kindergarten, we are focusing on listening skills this month. Being a good listener is also an important way to grow in Cooperation with others.

1st Grade

Friendship skills are life skills! In 1st grade this month, we are focusing on friendship. An important part of being a good friend is working together to reach shared goals, which is practicing Cooperation!

2nd Grade

This month's focus for 2nd grade is on understanding conflict resolution through Cooperation. Students will practice using the Tree of Choices, which is a simple tool to lead us toward successful conflict resolution.

Cooperation

This month's focus is Cooperation. One way to think about Cooperation is "working together to reach shared goals."

Conversation Starters

* What is 1 way we can practice Cooperation as a family?

*Why do you think it is important to use Strong Listening when practicing Cooperation?

*Why do you think it is important to show Kindness and practice Cooperation?

Contact Info

Mrs. McMahon &
Mrs. Sywassink

March 2026 Breakfast Menu for All Buildings

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

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK!

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Mini Waffles Sugar Free Syrup	3 Pancake Sausage On a Stick	4 Breakfast Burrito	5 Biscuits & Gravy	6 Muffin String Cheese
9 Donut Yogurt	10 Cheese Omelet Toast	11 Breakfast Pizza	12 Breakfast Sandwich (Bacon, Egg & Cheese)	13 French Toast Sticks Sugar Free Syrup
16 Muffin String Cheese	17 Scrambled Eggs & Ham	18 Pancake Sausage On a Stick	19 Bagel & Cream Cheese	20 Mini Pancakes Sugar Free Syrup
23 Breakfast Burrito	24 Breakfast Sandwich (Bacon, Egg & Cheese)	25 Donut Yogurt	26 Breakfast Pizza	27 Mini Waffles Sugar Free Syrup
30 **No School Spring Break**	31 **No School Spring Break**	1 **No School Spring Break**	2 **No School Spring Break**	3 **No School Spring Break**

Skim, Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday

March 2026 Lunch Menu *for All Buildings*

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Goldfish Crackers Mandarin Oranges Milk	3 Walking Taco (Meat, Lettuce, Cheese, Tomatoes) Pears / Cookie Milk	4 Chicken Patty on Bun Baked Chips Carrots Apple Slices Milk	5 Cheeseburger on Bun French Fries Strawberries Jello Milk	6 Cheese Pizza Green Beans Applesauce Cup Teddy Grahams Milk
9 Pretzel Bites w/ Cheese Sauce Mixed Veggies / Peaches Rice Krispy Treat Milk	10 Crispito Baked Chips Refried Beans Pineapple Milk	11 Hotdog on Bun Tater Tots Pears Cookie Milk	12 Quesadilla Chips & Salsa Corn Applesauce Cup Milk	13 **School Improvement Day** **11:30am Dismissal**
16 Bosco Sticks / Marinara Green Beans Pineapple Pudding Cup Milk	17 Pizza Crunchers Side Salad Apple Slices Shamrock Sherbet Milk	18 Chicken Nuggets Baked Chips Baked Beans Strawberries Milk	19 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Bread Stick Peas Pears Milk	20 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Mandarin Oranges Jello Milk
23 Mini Corn Dogs Mixed Veggies Goldfish Crackers Peaches Milk	24 *Breakfast for Lunch* Biscuits & Gravy Hash Brown Patty Orange Granola Bar Milk	25 French Bread Pizza Side Salad (dressing) Apple Slices Teddy Grahams Milk	26 Super Nachos Refried Beans Pears Cookie Milk	27 Mac n Cheese Baked Chips Carrots (dressing) Fruit Cup Milk
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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!

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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