Taylor Ridge Elementary School

Updates and Information

Happy Friday, TRE Families and Friends.

We made it (barely) through the rain event this week! It was great to be able to get outside today and burn off some energy!

School Pictures took place this morning! If you're interested in ordering, here is the link: https://inter-state.com/FlyerEntry Code: 0556XYF

The Book Fair returns next week! Donuts with Grown-Ups is coming up as well on **Thursday, 10/8**. The flyer and RSVP link are attached below.

Our K–2 students will be heading to Illinois City Elementary on October 16th for Fire Safety Day! We'll be there from the morning through lunchtime. If your student has an appointment or will be arriving at a different time that day, please let their teacher or the office know.

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

Donuts with Grown-Ups 10/8

Book Fair - 10/5 - 10/9

End of Q1 - 10/9

Fire Safety Day at IC Elem. - 10/16

Report Cards - 10/16

Parent Teacher Conferences 10/29-30

No School - 11/2

TAYLOR RIDGE ELEMENTARY



September ‘26

SEL Focus: Respect

Rockin Rockets

TR/IC SEL NEWSLETTER

Responsibility

October 20

Kindergarten

Following directions can be challenging for young students! An important way we will practice Responsibility in Kindergarten this month is learning to follow directions. Strong Listening is foundational for following directions. When we listen with our whole selves, following directions (and practicing Responsibility) becomes much easier!

First Grade

Focusing can be a challenge and takes practice! In 1st grade, we are learning focusing strategies alongside Responsibility. Focusing on a task, instructions, or even a conversation helps us practice Responsibility and be more successful.

Second Grade

While practicing Responsibility 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 Responsibility.

Overview

Thismonthwe are talking about Responsibility. One way to define Responsibility is "taking action and understanding the impact of our choices." Taking action can mean doing the right thing or completing the tasks you have been assigned. Understanding the impact of our choices means that our actions matter. Positive and responsible actions can help people and irresponsible actions can hurt others. Responsibility is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students Be Strong.

Conversation Starters

- Can you share or show what i means to be Responsible?
- What are strategies you can use to help you focus and practice being responsible?
- What does it mean to you to be engaged in school?

Thank you,

Mrs. Sywassink & Mrs. Stice



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

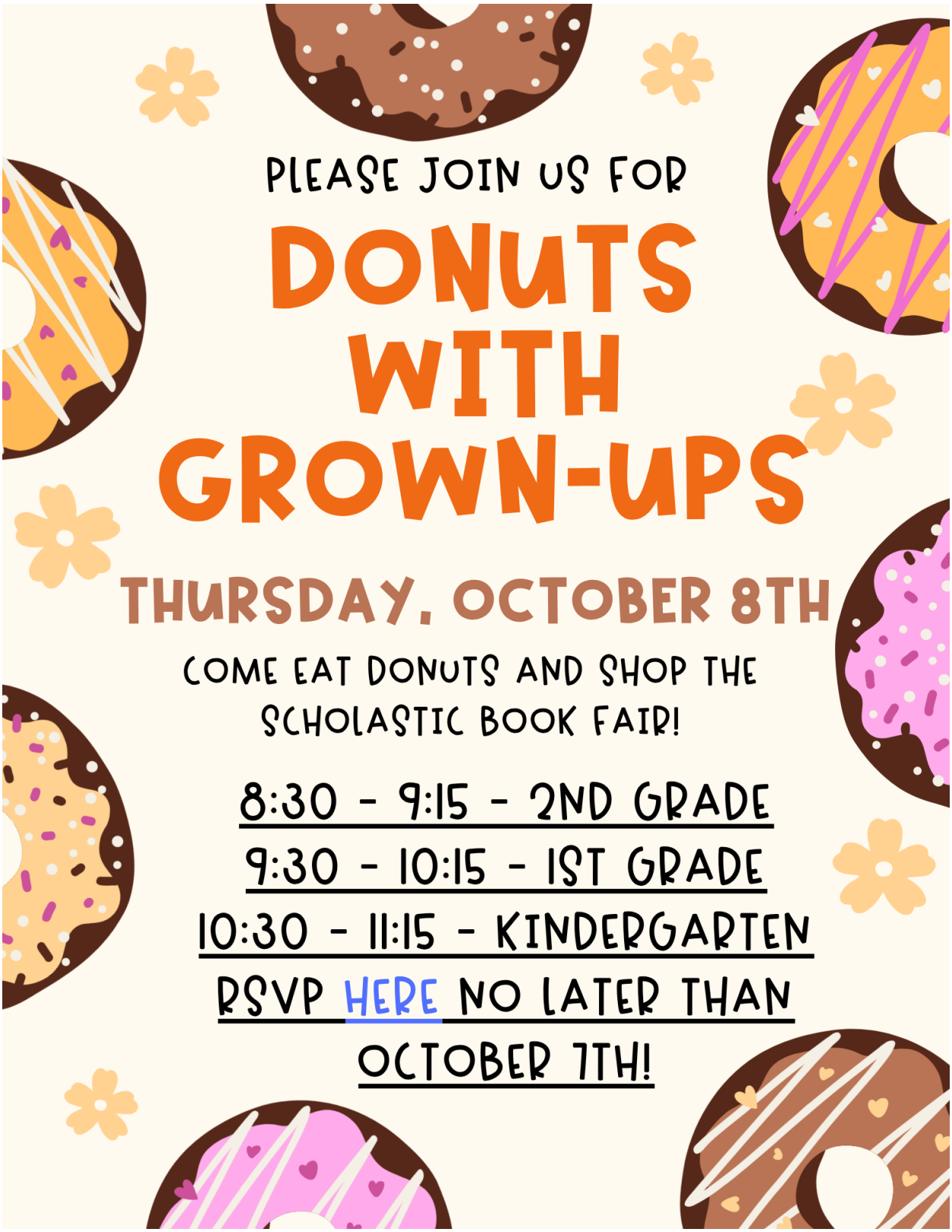
@Rockridge High School Bus Barn Parking Lot





Want to host a trunk?
Click here or scan below

Haunted Green House hosted by Rockridge FFA



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfdXgJ8NB7NWoP2EOMetx-7IfQi7dTn0g3VyRM5vpb3Al9Xig/viewform

Parents!!

Don't Forget!

Do you have a kindergarten or 2nd grader?

- Illinois school physicals and updated vaccines are due by October 15, 2026 for all kindergarten and new to Illinois students.
- Dental exam is due by May 15, 2027 for kindergarten and 2nd grade
- Vision Exams are due for Kindergarten.

Is your student new to Illinois?

- Our health office needs a copy of an Illinois school physical form that was completed within one year of starting school by October 15
- If you are new to Illinois please turn in a current eye exam from an eye doctor.

Contact Jessica Stubbs (Jstubbs@rr300.org)

Fall Picture Day 2026 is here!
When: October 2nd, 2026

Just a reminder! ALL picture orders are online ordering only!

Link to Order: https://inter-state.com/FlyerEntry

Each School has their own code. See below:

Illinois City Elementary School: 0556VYF

Taylor Ridge Elementary School: 0556XYF

Andalusia Elementary School: 0557KPF

Rockridge Junior High School: 0557RDF

Rockridge High School: 0557YNF

If you have questions, please reach out to your building's secretary.



Retake:
11/16/2026

October Menus

October 2026 Breakfast Menu *for All Buildings*

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
28 	29	30 	1 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Biscuit	2 Mini Pancakes Syrup
5 Bagel & Cream Cheese	6 Biscuits & Sausage Gravy	7 Muffin String Cheese	8 Breakfast Bagel Pizza Yogurt	9 Pop-Tart Yogurt
12 **No School Columbus Day**	13 Cheese Omelet Toast	14 French Toast Sticks Syrup	15 Scrambled Eggs & Bacon	16 Breakfast Burrito Yogurt
19 Breakfast Bagel Pizza Yogurt	20 Mini Pancakes Syrup	21 Bagel & Cream Cheese	22 Breakfast Burrito Yogurt	23 Biscuits & Sausage Gravy 
26 Scrambled Eggs & Bacon	27 French Toast Sticks Syrup	28 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Biscuit	29 Muffin String Cheese	30 **No School P/T Conferences**

Skim, Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday

October 2026 Lunch Menu *for All Buildings*

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
28 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	29	30 	1 Crispitos Chips & Salsa Corn / Peaches Milk	2 Hotdog on Bun Baked Beans Fruit Cup Baked Chips / Milk
5 Pretzel Bites w/ Cheese Sauce Corn / Peaches Milk	6 Walking Tacos (Meat, Lettuce, Cheese) Strawberries Rice Krispy Treat / Milk	7 *Breakfast for Lunch* Pancake Sausage Stick Hashbrown Patty Granola Bar Orange / Milk	8 Chicken Patty on Bun Baked Chips Green Beans Apple Slices / Milk	9 **School Improvement Day 11:30am Dismissal**
12 **No School** 	13 Bosco Sticks / Marinara Cooked Carrots Pineapple Pudding Cup Milk	14 Quesadilla Chips & Salsa Corn / Pears Milk	15 Sloppy Joe on Bun Baked Chips Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk	16 *Breakfast for Lunch* Biscuits & Gravy Tri-Taters Applesauce Cup Fruit Snacks Milk
19 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Pears Rice Krispy Treat Milk	20 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Goldfish Crackers Grapes Milk	21 French Bread Pizza Side Salad (dressing) Strawberries Cookie Milk	22 Meatball Sub w/ Mozzarella Cheese Baked Chips Mixed Veggies / Peaches Milk	23 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Soup Crackers Fruit Cup Milk 
26 Cheeseburger on Bun Tater Tots Peaches Jello / Milk	27 Goulash Bread Stick Green Beans Applesauce Cup / Milk	28 Pizza Crunchers Side Salad (dressing) Pears Teddy Grahams / Milk	29 **1:30pm Dismissal** Rocket Rite on Bun Corn Baked Chips Fruit Cup / Milk	30 **No School P/T Conferences**

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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:

DATES	NUMBER OF STUDENT DAYS 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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