

Taylor Ridge Elementary School

Updates and Information

Happy Friday TRE Families and Friends.

A Week of Learning and Treats

It has been a wonderful week of growth and fun! Students enjoyed Kona Ice and ice cream sandwiches yesterday. Even with the "spring" weather of 50 degrees and light sprinkles, the treats were a big hit!

MAP Testing Update

MAP testing wraps up today. We are incredibly proud of the amazing growth our students have shown throughout the school year. Hats off to both our students and teachers for their dedication and hard work! I look forward to sharing our official growth results with you in the near future.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week! We are truly blessed to have some of the best educators in the world here at Taylor Ridge. Please join us in celebrating the passion and heart they bring to our classrooms every day.

Closing Out the Year

May is a busy month as we head toward summer break. Please review the Important Dates below to stay up to date on all upcoming events and activities.

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

Kindergarten Field Trip 5/4

Early Dismissal 5/8

Rocket Gardens/Ag Day 5/11

Jazz Band & Show Choir Tour 5/12

Quad City Arts @ TRE 5/14

First Grade Field Trip 5/19

Second Grade Field Trip 5/21

Field Day - 5/26 @ Illinois City Elem.



Help Show Your Support...

We are asking the Rockridge community to come together in showing support of The Ronald McDonald House of Iowa City. The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois helps families feel at home, even when they can't be. They provide food, lodging, and comfort to families when they must be away from home for needed medical care for their child or children. Several people from the Rockridge community have been blessed with the resources offered from The Ronald McDonald House. Let's rally together and help give back to this charity that helps so many families!

A donation drive is being held from May 4th through May 15th . All Rockridge schools will be accepting donations during this time. A donation to The Ronald McDonald House helps keep families close to each other and close to the care they need. Even the smallest donation can make a big impact. Whether you donate pop tabs or a wish list item, your support will be deeply appreciated by everyone who walks through their doors.

The elementary schools will be having a contest to see which classroom within each building can collect the most pop tabs. The classroom who collects the most tabs will win a popcorn party!

The wish list for needed items at The Ronald McDonald House can be found at https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/82OX062CCJTQ/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1?

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

TR/IC Newsletter

May 2026



What We Learned

Kindergarten

Naming our emotions is an important first step to managing our emotions. This month, Kindergarten students will focus on identifying their emotions using the Emotion Elements below.

First Grade:

Understanding how we feel 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.

Creativity

Get ready for some fun as we focus on Creativity this month! One way to think about Creativity is "using your imagination to create something new or solve a problem."

Emotion Regulation

Strategies:

- *Breathe It Out - take a nice deep breath or try out a specific breathing strategy
- * Move It Out - move away from the situation or get some exercise
- *Talk It Out - talk to a trusted adult about how you feel

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May 2026 Breakfast Menu for All Buildings

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

**MENUS SUBJECT
TO CHANGE**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
27 	28 BREAKFAST TIME 	29	30	1 Bagel w/ Cream Cheese
4 Cheese Omelet Toast	5 Biscuits & Gravy	6 Muffin String Cheese	7 Breakfast Bagel Pizza Yogurt	8 Mini Pancakes Syrup
11 Scrambled Eggs Toast	12 Breakfast Burrito	13 Mini Waffles Syrup	14 Donut Yogurt	15 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Biscuit
18 Cooks Choice Milk	19 Cooks Choice Milk	20 Cooks Choice Milk	21 Cooks Choice Milk	22 Cooks Choice Milk
25 No School Memorial Day	26 <u>Last Student Day</u> Cooks Choice Milk	27 No School Teacher Institute	28 	29

Skim, Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday



May 2026 Lunch Menu for All Buildings

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TO CHANGE**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
27 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	28 29		30 	1 French Bread Pizza Mixed Veggies Fruit Cup Teddy Grahams / Milk
4 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Goldfish Crackers Pears Milk	5 Chicken Nuggets French Fries Pineapples Jello Milk	6 Cheeseburger on Bun Green Beans Baked Chips Applesauce Cup Milk	7 Uncrustable Baked Chips Peaches Sliced Cucumbers Milk	8 School Improvement Day 11:30am Dismissal
11 Bosco Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce Cooked Carrots Pineapple Milk	12 Crispito Tostitos Chips / Salsa Refried Beans Applesauce Cup Milk	13 Rocket Rite on Bun Baked Chips Mixed Veggies Fruit Cup Milk	14 <u>Breakfast for Lunch</u> Pancake Sausage Stick Tri-Taters Mandarin Oranges Granola Bar Milk	15 Chicken Patty on Bun Baked Chips Corn Peaches Milk
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2026 SUMMER CAMPS

Rockridge Summer Camps

GIRLS BASKETBALL LINKS
CHEER CAMP LINK

K-8TH GRADE



VOLLEYBALL LINKS

3RD - 5TH GRADE

6TH - 8TH GRADE



BOYS BASKETBALL TBA

TBA



GIRLS GOLF LINK

6TH - 12TH GRADE



3RD - 5TH GRADE

JH GIRLS

HS GIRLS



BASEBALL TBA

TBA



FOOTBALL LINK

3RD - 6TH GRADE



SUMMER BAND LINK

TBA



FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Fall Season - [CLICK HERE](#)

**Rockridge School
District #300**

KINDERGARTEN INTEREST FORM

**PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING FORM IF YOU HAVE
A STUDENT TURNING 5 ON OR BEFORE SEPT. 1ST!**

**This will help us to connect
with you regarding
Registration and
Kindergarten Roundup!**





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!**



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



309-736-1111

- 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





NURSE NOTES



HEALTH REQUIREMENTS REMINDER

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

**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



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)**

