



Taylor Ridge Elementary School

Updates and Information

Happy Friday, TRE Families and Friends.

Our first full week has come and gone! Students are learning the ropes and getting our daily routines down pretty well.

With the start of the school year comes a wave of illness. Please help us in our efforts to remind students to wash their hands often!

We've been working hard on getting diagnostic testing completed so that we can accurately reach each student where they are. We cannot wait to see all of the great things that are accomplished by everyone this school year!

Cub Scouts will be here next week during lunchtime to distribute information about their upcoming year. Be on the lookout for information coming home.

Please check out the note from PE teacher, Mr. V below, as well as the SEL flyer and more.

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

School Improvement Early Dismissal - 11:30 - 9/25

Breakfast & Lunch Pricing.

Breakfast: \$2.75

Elementary Lunch: \$3.45

Milk: \$0.44

****If your family is interested in financial assistance for food, please fill out the free or reduced lunch pricing waiver form. This is available to ALL families. If you would like to fill one out, please email me directly at tgoben@rr300.org and I will make sure to get one to you!****

Physical Education



Hello! My name is Tanner Viren and I am the PE teacher here at Taylor Ridge Elementary. I am beyond excited to work with your kids this school year. We will be learning and practicing a lot of skills this summer, along with working on sportsmanship. I request that you support me in making sure the students have tennis shoes on or in their bookbags (with socks). This is so they have the safest footwear possible when playing in our activities. Thank you in advance for the help and please reach out if you have any questions.

Tanner Viren

ROCKRIDGE PTO

FUN RUN



Come run 1 mile with the RHS
Cross Country team!

Saturday: September 26

START AT 9:00AM
@ the RHS Track

2026



\$30 T-Shirt &
Registration



[Register Here!](#)



*All ages welcome to run!



Fun Run

Social and Emotional Update

Taylor Ridge & Illinois City Elementary School

2026/27

CharacterStrong



Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to a wonderful new school year! We are so excited to partner with you in supporting your child's growth—not just academically, but socially and emotionally as well.

As part of our commitment to nurturing the whole child, our school uses the **CharacterStrong (PurposeFull People)** curriculum for Kindergarten through 2nd Grade.

This curriculum focuses on essential character traits such as **Kindness, Respect, Responsibility, Gratitude, Empathy, Perseverance, Honesty, Cooperation, Courage, and Creativity**. Through engaging activities, discussions, and daily practices, students learn how to build strong relationships, manage their emotions, and make positive choices both inside and outside the classroom.

What's New This School Year?

To make our Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) program even more effective, we are updating how lessons and support are delivered across Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3:

- **Daily Tier 1 Classroom Lessons:** This year, all K-2 general education teachers will lead their own classroom's daily CharacterStrong SEL lessons. Having classroom teachers facilitate these core lessons ensures that social-emotional concepts are smoothly integrated into every part of your child's school day.
- **Targeted Tier 2 & Tier 3 Support:** Our dedicated SEL Teacher will focus on providing targeted group interventions and intensive support for students who need extra help developing specific skills, as identified through our universal screening tools.
- **Collaborative Classroom Push-In Support:** In addition to targeted small groups, our SEL Teacher will push into general education classrooms to partner with teachers, support staff, and students in real time.

Why This Team Approach Matters

Social and emotional growth doesn't happen in isolation—it flourishes when reinforced consistently throughout the day. By having **general education teachers, support staff, and our SEL Teacher working hand-in-hand**:

1. **Every Child Benefits Daily:** Core social-emotional habits are taught and modeled every single day by the teachers your child sees most.
2. **Seamless Skill Practice:** When a common language and set of expectations are shared by all staff, skills learned in SEL time are reinforced during reading, math, recess, lunch, and transitions.
3. **Tailored Help When Needed:** Students who need additional practice get immediate, specialized support without missing out on the core classroom experience.

We are thrilled to embark on this collaborative journey together to build a caring, connected, and supportive school environment for all our students.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher or our SEL team if you have any questions!

Warmly,

SEL Team

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

Bring joy to your journey!

Explore all the **sweet** things you'll do as a Girl Scout!

Join us for an evening of sweet treats, community fun, and learn more about joining **Girl Scouts!**

Event: Ice Cream Social

Date: Monday, August 24, 2026

Time: 6:00PM -7:00PM

Location: Andalusia Community Center | 302 2nd St. W., Andalusia, IL 61232

If unable to attend, please scan the QR code below to register on-line or please contact us with any questions. **We hope to see you there!**

Be a Girl Scout!
Get started today



Scan the QR code
or visit our website.
800-798-0833
www.girlscoutstoday.org

Questions? Contact:
Bettendorf Office @ 563-823-9940

girl scouts
of eastern iowa
and western illinois

**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 20	End of Fourth Grading Period (tentative) – 1:30 dismissal
May 21	No School Teacher Institute (tentative)
May 24, 25, 26, 27, 28	Emergency Days (tentative)
May 27	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	40
October 13 – December 22	46
January 7 – March 12	45
March 15 – May 20	43



August 2026 Breakfast Menu for All Buildings

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

**MENUS SUBJECT
TO CHANGE**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4	5	6	7 
10 	11	12 No School Teacher Institute	13 No School Teacher Institute	14 Donut Yogurt
17 Scrambled Eggs Bacon	18 Muffin String Cheese	19 Mini Waffles Syrup	20 Biscuits & Sausage Gravy	21 Uncrustable Granola Bar
24 Breakfast Burrito	25 Mini Pancakes Syrup	26 Breakfast Bagel Pizza	27 Cheese Omelet Toast	28 Poptart Yogurt
31 French Toast Sticks Syrup	1	2	3	4

Skim, Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday



August 2026 Lunch Menu for All Buildings

**MENUS SUBJECT
TO CHANGE**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 	4 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	5 	6 	7
10 	11 	12 No School Teacher Institute	13 No School Teacher Institute	14 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Mixed Fruit Pudding Cup Milk
17 Bosco Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce Peas / Peaches Rice Krispy Treat Milk	18 <u>Breakfast for Lunch</u> Pancake Sausage Stick Tri-Taters Mandarin Oranges Granola Bar Milk	19 Pretzel Bites w/ Cheese Sauce Mixed Veggies Pears / Cookie Milk	20 Chicken Patty on Bun Baked Chips Green Beans Pineapple Milk	21 Quesadilla Chips & Salsa Corn Applesauce Cup Milk
24 Pizza Crunchers Mixed Veggies Mandarin Oranges Goldfish Crackers Milk	25 Super Nacho Refried Beans Pineapple Rice Krispy Treat Milk	26 Turkey/Ham Wrap Baked Chips Side Salad Strawberries Milk	27 Crispito Chips & Salsa Corn / Mixed Fruit Pudding Cup Milk	28 Uncrustable Baked Chips Carrots (ranch) Apple Slices Milk
31 Mini Corn Dog Baked Beans Baked Chips Peaches Milk	1 	2 	3 	4

Skim, Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday



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)**

