

Taylor Ridge Elementary School

Updates and Information

Happy Friday TRE Families and Friends.

It has been an incredible week of learning and celebration at Taylor Ridge! From agricultural adventures to cultural performances, our students have stayed busy and engaged. Here is a look back at our recent events and a glimpse at what is coming next.

Weekly Recap

Rocket Gardens & Ag Day: We kicked off Monday with hands-on agricultural fun.

Musical Guests: On Tuesday, the High School Show Choir and Jazz Band treated us to a fantastic performance.

Moving Up Day: Our 2nd Graders visited Andalusia Elementary on Wednesday. They are officially ready for the transition to 3rd grade!

Cultural Arts: On Thursday, we enjoyed the impressive traditional Mexican dancing of Ballet Folklórico del Rio Grande.

Farming Finale: Today, local guests brought animals to campus to help our Kindergarteners conclude their Farming Domain unit.

ONE MORE WEEK

The excitement continues next week with more off-campus adventures and our annual Field Day event.

Upcoming Field Trips

Tuesday, May 19: 1st Grade Field Trip

Thursday, May 21: 2nd Grade Field Trip

Field Day Details

Date: Tuesday, May 26

Location: IC Elementary

Schedule: Students will be bused over at **8:30 AM** and will return to Taylor Ridge after lunch.

Dismissal: Please remember that this is a **1:30 PM Early Dismissal Day**.

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

First Grade Field Trip 5/19

Second Grade Field Trip 5/21

YES Day - 5/22

Field Day - 5/26 @ Illinois City Elem.



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All children 18 and under

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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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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 meal pattern in certain varieties student age. Meat/Meat Alternate Vegetable, Fruit, Fluid Milk	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



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**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)**

