

Taylor Ridge Elementary School

Updates and Information

Happy Friday TRE Families and Friends.

We had a great time celebrating the 70th birthday of Taylor Ridge Elementary this week! It was great to see alumni back in our building to reminisce and enjoy some cake. Check out the various classroom pictures in front of our banner further down in the newsletter!

Next week is National School Breakfast Week, along with Read Across America Week. Check out the flyer below which has information about Dress-Up Days if interested.

National School Breakfast Week (NSBW) celebrates the important role a nutritious school breakfast plays in helping students start their day ready to learn, grow, and succeed. Observed each year during the first full week of March, NSBW shines a spotlight on the School Breakfast Program and the dedicated school nutrition professionals who fuel students every morning.

Please use the following link to provide any feedback to consider when updating our Student Handbook for the 2026-2027 School Year! Thank you!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc4xlJio0CYN7McMyhPMBmRSIf1tRvMSJw6sWw7Ln2jSZ1eNA/viewform>

Thank you to all parents who have filled out the 5Essentials survey for our building. If you haven't yet and you have a few minutes, please visit <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/> - or scan the QR code attached. We appreciate your time and feedback!



Baseball and Softball season is right around the corner. The Rockridge Ball Association has included a flyer in this week's newsletter - check it out below.

Illness is going around, please check out the nurse note from our district nurses below.

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)

11:30 Dismissal 3/13

Spring Break Begins 3/30











March 2026 Breakfast Menu for All Buildings

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



**MENUS SUBJECT
TO CHANGE**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Mini Waffles Sugar Free Syrup	3 NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK! 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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TO CHANGE**

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 <i>Breakfast for Lunch</i> 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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Dr. Seuss Dress-Up Week!

Let's celebrate the wonderful world of Dr. Seuss
with a week full of **FUN** and **SILLY** outfits!

Monday – The Sleep Book

Wear your pajamas!
Get cozy and comfy as we start our week!

Tuesday – The Cat in the Hat

Wear red and white **OR** your favorite hat!
Tall hats, silly hats, sparkly hats – we love them all!



Wednesday – Wacky Wednesday

Wear wacky clothes!
Mismatched outfits, backwards shirts, silly patterns –
the wackier, the better!

Thursday – Green Eggs and Ham

Wear **GREEN!**

Bright green, dark green, polka-dot green –
any shade will do!

Friday – Fox in Socks

Wear crazy socks!
Striped, spotted, fuzzy, tall – show off your silliest socks!

Get ready for a week of reading,
laughing, and dressing up!

Oh, the fun we will have!





2026 Baseball/Softball Signups!

Returning players/parents AND New players/parents need to set up an account and register using the following link:

<https://rockridgeball.sportngin.com/register/form/058336310>

- Please follow the instructions to register ASAP!
- Debit or Credit will be accepted. Payment in full is required to be considered registered, placed on a team, and a uniform ordered.
- ALL Registration is Online. Registration closes on **MARCH 15th!!**

Leagues

- COED: PeeWee T-Ball (4U)
- GIRLS: Girls T-Ball (6U), J-Ball (9U), Minors (11U), Juniors (14U)
- BOYS: Boys T-Ball (6U), D-Ball (8U), C Ball (10U), B Ball (12U), A Ball (14U)

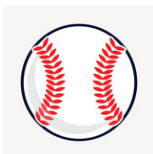
Pricing

- PeeWee T-Ball = \$40 (registration, fees and shirt)
- T-Ball (Boys) = \$60 (registration, fees and shirt/hat)
- T-Ball (Girls) = \$60 (registration, fees and shirt/socks)
- J-Ball = \$90 (registration, fees, umpires, shirt/socks)
- All Other Leagues = \$120 (registration, fees, umpires and full uniform)
- Late registration will be evaluated and put on a waiting list. IF accepted a \$30 late fee will be enforced.

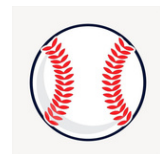
Considerations will be made when forming teams, but there will be movement between teams. Thank you for your understanding. Check out our website for more information.

UMPIRES NEEDED!!!! Contact us if interested or if you have any questions:

RockridgeBallAssociation@gmail.com



Volunteer Coaches Needed!!!!





'TIS THE SEASON

With the cold and flu season upon us, please keep the following guidelines in mind when deciding whether or not to send your child to school.

- **For a temperature greater than 100 degrees. Children should be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school and not taking fever-reducing medication (acetaminophen or ibuprofen) to control symptoms.**
- **If your child has vomited or had persistent diarrhea (3 times or more) they should stay home until symptoms subside for 24 hours.**
- **If your child has a heavy, moist productive cough, chest congestion, or discolored nasal or eye drainage. They should stay home until symptoms improve.**





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

<u>Month</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Location</u>
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!



ORDER YOUR
YEARBOOK
ONLINE
TODAY!



INTER-STATE.COM/ORDER

Use Order Code: 0336EC
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)**

