

Taylor Ridge Elementary School

Updates and Information

Happy Friday TRE Families and Friends.

Thank you for sharing your students with us on Wednesday evening for our holiday concert. We were thrilled to see so many audience members both in the stands and watching the YouTube feed. A huge shoutout to Miss Winn for putting together such a great show. Hats off to the music assistant of the year, Mr. Viren, as well.

Thank you to Mr. O and the High School Choir members for visiting our school today. Our students loved being able to participate in singing some winter classics with the big kids!

As many of you know, flu season has hit our school pretty hard over the last week! Please check out the flyer from our district nurses below. One more week until break!

Winter Dress-up Days / Spirit Week Next Week

If you'd like your student to participate, please check out the flyer further down in the newsletter.

If you have a student who will be entering Kindergarten next year, please click this link and fill out the form!

 [Kindergarten Interest Form 2026-2027](#)

As always, if you have any questions for us at TRE feel free to contact the office at (309)-793-8070. Have a great weekend!

-Mr. Goben

Important Dates for this Week/Near Future

No School - Winter break - 12/22 - 1/2

No School - Teachers Institute - 1/5

School Resumes - 1 / 6

Report Cards - 1/9

NURSE NOTES

WHAT WE'RE SEEING THIS MONTH IN OUR SCHOOLS



'TIS THE SEASON for illness

INFLUENZA

Symptoms of the flu include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea. Some people with the flu will not have a fever. If you suspect your child has influenza please do not send them to school and contact your child's physician for recommendations.



STREP THROAT



Strep throat symptoms include a sore throat, abdominal pain, vomiting/diarrhea, rash, and fever. It is diagnosed by a rapid antigen test done in a physician's office.

This test can detect strep bacteria in minutes by looking for substances (antigens) in the throat. If you or your child tests positive for strep throat, antibiotic treatment can begin right away. Some rapid strep tests may miss some strep throat

rapid strep tests may miss some strep throat infections. For this reason, many doctors still use throat cultures, especially in children if results of the rapid antigen test are negative. If you are waiting for throat culture results please keep your student home if they still complain of symptoms.

COVID

Symptoms of COVID include, fever, sore throat, coughing, loss of taste and smell, fatigue, shortness of breath, and body aches. COVID is diagnosed by a rapid antigen test that can be done at home or a PCR that can be done by a lab/physician's office. Current CDC guidelines recommend that positive COVID individuals stay isolated x 5 days and return wearing a mask if feeling better and fever free x 24hrs without fever reducing medication. A mask is recommended through day 10 after the symptoms started, if there is a negative test on day 6 and day 8 the mask is no longer recommended.

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SHOW YOUR HOLIDAY SPIRIT

DECEMBER
15TH-19TH

MONDAY

Merry Morning

**WEAR
CHRISTMAS
PAJAMAS OR
SLIPPERS!**

TUESDAY

Tinsel Toes

**WEAR COMFY
CLOTHES WITH
FESTIVE TOES!
(HOLIDAY
SOCKS)**

WEDNESDAY

Holiday Hat

**WEAR A SANTA
HAT, ELF HAT,
OR HOLIDAY
HEADBAND!**

THURSDAY

Merry and Bright

**WEAR RED,
GREEN, OR
SPARKLES!**

FRIDAY

Festive Finale

**GO ALL OUT IN
HOLIDAY
GEAR!**



TR/IC SEL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025

Grade-level learning

KINDERGARTEN

Listening to others is an important life skill – and it takes practice! In Kindergarten, we are focusing on listening skills this month. Being a good listener is also an important way to practice Empathy. We will learn and practice these Strong Listening strategies at school. Try them at home with your student!

FIRST GRADE

Friendship skills are life skills! In 1st grade, we are focusing on being a good friend. Understanding and connecting to other people's feelings (practicing Empathy) is a powerful way to grow in friendship. Friendship skills we are working on: Communicating with Kindness and understanding how our actions impact others. Talk about friendship with your student and the importance of connecting with others!

SECOND GRADE

We all experience conflict in life. Whether we are frustrated with a friend or in an argument with a family member, we need tools to help us navigate conflict successfully. This month's focus for 2nd grade is on understanding conflict resolution through the lens of Empathy. Students will practice using the Tree of Choices, which is a simple tool to lead us toward successful conflict resolution.

Empathy Overview

This month's focus is Empathy. One way to think about **Empathy** is **"understanding and connecting with other people's feelings."** Empathy is a practice that can help us grow strong relationships. Empathy is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students Be Kind. Throughout the school, students will be developing skills like perspective-taking, conflict resolution, and leadership.

STRONG LISTENING

- Eyes are ready.
- Ears are listening
- Brain is focused
- Heart is caring

TREE OF CHOICES

The Roots: is the problem big or small?

The Heart of the Tree: name your emotions

The Branches: make choice (move it out, breath it out, talk it out).

Be Kind, Be Strong, Be Well

Miss Noe &
Mrs. Sywassink

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



December 2025 Breakfast Menu for All Buildings

**MENUS SUBJECT
TO CHANGE**

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

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Muffin Yogurt	2 Mini Pancakes Sugar Free Syrup	3 Whole Grain Pop-Tart	4 Mini Waffles	5 Biscuits & Gravy
8 French Toast Sticks Sugar Free Syrup	9 Breakfast Bagel Pizza	10 Bagel & Cream Cheese	11 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Biscuit	12 Whole Grain Pop-Tart
15 Donut Yogurt	16 Biscuits & Gravy	17 Muffin String Cheese	18 Mini Pancakes Sugar Free Syrup	19 Breakfast Bagel Pizza
22 No School Holiday Break 	23 No School Holiday Break	24 No School Holiday Break	25 No School 	26 No School Holiday Break
29 No School Holiday Break	30 No School Holiday Break	31 No School Holiday Break	1 No School 	2 No School Holiday Break

Skim, Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday



December 2025 Lunch Menu for All Buildings



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TO CHANGE**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Applesauce Cup Cookie Milk	2 Mini Corn Dog Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges Teddy Graham Milk	3 Pretzel Bites w/ Cheese Sauce Peas / Apple Slices Granola Bar Milk	4 French Bread Pizza Side Salad (ranch) Mixed Fruit Gold Fish Crackers Milk	5 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Carrots (ranch) Fruit Cup Milk
8 Super Nacho Refried Beans Pears Rice Krispy Treat Milk	9 Chicken Strips Green Beans Peaches Pudding Cup Milk	10 (TR & IC Subject to change) Cheeseburger on Bun Baked Chips Tater Tots Fruit Cup Milk	11 Crispito Chips & Salsa Corn / Pineapple Cookie Milk	12 School Improvement Day 11:30a Dismissal
15 Bosco Stick w/ Marinara Sauce Corn Fruit Cup Milk	16 Walking Taco (Meat, Lettuce, Cheese) Applesauce Cup Rice Krispy Treat Milk	17 Hotdog on Bun Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges Fruit Snacks Milk	18 Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Peaches / Dinner Roll Dessert Milk	19 Pizza Crunchers Green Beans Pineapples Teddy Grahams Milk
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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)**

