Taylor Ridge Elementary School

Updates and Information

Happy **Thursday**, TRE Families and Friends.

Thank you all for attending one or both of our backpack nights this week. It was great to see so many excited new and returning students and families.

This newsletter is coming out a day earlier than normal to serve as a reminder that school is back in session starting tomorrow, Friday 8/14.

Arrival: Buses will usually arrive and unload at 7:40 AM in the TRE Parking Lot. We ask that all car riders please keep the parking lot clear at this time. Many car riders line up along Turkey Hollow Road facing north prior to this time - with that being said, please exercise caution in doing so. It's no secret to anyone that this is a busy road/intersection. **Please see the example in the attached flyer below.**

Dismissal: Please remember that this is a **1:30 PM Early Dismissal Day**. The early bus students will be dismissed prior to car riders on these days. If you are picking your student up on these days, please line up starting behind the cone that is in the parking lot. This allows the bus room to back up and exit through opening at the north end of the parking lot.

All of us here at Taylor Ridge Elementary are excited to get this year off to a great start. We hope that you and your little rockets are too.

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 Day of School - Friday 8/14 - 1:30 Dismissal.

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!

Parking Lot Procedures

As you can imagine, our parking ot can be a hectic place to navigate. We have put the following procedures into place to ensure the safety of all students. In addition to the following procedures, please be aware of STOP Arms and STOP hands on busses at all times.

It is unlawful to go around or pass a school bus when the STOP Arm or STOP Hand is out. Even if the bus is in the parking lot.

MORNING PROCEDURES

- MORNING CAR RIDERS SHOULD ARRIVE NO EARLIER THAN 7:45 A.M. THE SCHOOL DAY BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 8:05 A.M.
- PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE TO REMAIN IN THEIR VEHICLES IN THE DROP OFF LINE.
- STUDENTS SHOULD EXIT THE VEHICLE ON THE DRIVER'S SIDE TO ENTER THE BUILDING.
- STUDENTS WILL BE GUIDED INTO THE BUILDING BY STAFF THROUGH THE WEST GYM DOOR.

AFTERNOON PROCEDURES

- AFTERNOON CAR RIDERS WILL BE DISMISSED AT 3:00.
  - WE WILL DISMISS CAR RIDERS UNTIL THE "EARLY BUS" ARRIVES.
  - ONCE THE "EARLY BUS" DEPARTS, CAR RIDER DISMISSAL WILL CONTINUE.
- PARENTS ARE TO REMAIN IN THEIR VEHICLE IN THE PICKUP LINE.
- STUDENTS WILL BE ASSISTED INTO VEHICLES BY STAFF. STUDENTS SHOULD BUCKLE THEMSELVES INTO THEIR SEATS.

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 Breakfast for Lunch 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

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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