Taylor Ridge Elementary School

Updates and Information

Happy Friday TRE Families and Friends.

We had a great week, capped off by a visit from QCAWC!

Students also got to enjoy a special morning of PE on Thursday with Coach Bizarri. Frisbee Golf was quite a hit! We can't thank Mr. Biz for his willingness to help out!

Please check out the Music Newsletter attached below from Miss Winn. There, you'll find some important information about the upcoming holiday concert next month!

Our Food Drive will continue into next week. Thank you for all of the donations this week!!

Donations will be collected from Monday 11/3-Friday 11/14.

Next Monday, 11/10 will be Picture Retake Day. Here is the link to order. inter-state.com/order (order code 0125XYD)

Next Tuesday, 11/11 we will be joining the other schools in the district for a Veteran's Day Assembly! We ask that all TRE students try to wear **RED.**

Students will be bussed to and from school for the assembly. Please reach out to the office if you have concerns about drop-offs/pickups for appointments taking place on this day.

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

Click here for the link to sign up: 🌐 **Veteran's Day Breakfast & Assembly**

Music News

October 2025

Miss Winn
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Dear families,
Your K-2 students have been learning and growing every day in music class! While this doesn't include *everything* we've done, here is an overview of how your kids have been playing, singing, moving, and creating this fall.

Playing

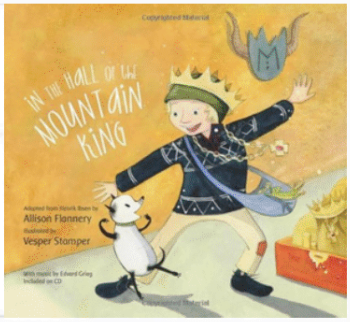
Kids have been brushing up on their small percussion instrument skills. We have worked a lot on proper instrument technique and care, and have practiced during the song Autumn is Here, as well as other fall play along songs.

Singing

Autumn is Here, Pass the Witch's Broomstick, and Pass the Pumpkin are songs that have had students singing confidently and independently. The two passing games are always big hits that improve steady beat skill. I was so impressed with them!

Moving

All students enjoyed hearing the story and moving to the beat of Edvard Grieg's "In the Hall of the Mountain King". It gets faster as the song goes on, so they needed to move quickly to keep up! Kindergarten explored calm scarf movement to Fall songs. 1st and 2nd grade also learned about musical form while performing a cup routine to the Addams Family theme song.



Creating

Students created sound effects to go along with the Halloween story, The LIttle Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything. 1st and 2nd grade used their can stations and Kindergarten used a variety of classroom instruments. Also, kindergarten created their own verses to the song, Spider on the Floor, while using fake spiders to match the words.

K-2 Holiday Program

The program will be on the evening of **December 10th**, with an afternoon dress rehearsal/grandparents performance. Performance times are as follows:

- Kindergarten: 5:30pm
- 1st Grade: 6:15pm
- 2nd Grade: 7:00pm

Program flyer and more details to come...

What's Next?

- Veterans Day music - students are currently preparing to sing a song at the Veterans Day Assembly at RHS.
- Winter Program music- Each grade will be working on their own songs to share in December. Students will be moving, singing, AND playing as they prepare for their performances.

In honor of our veterans:

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

All veterans are invited to join us on

November 11th

Breakfast will start at 8:00 am in the Cafeteria

Program will start at 9:00 in the South Gym

There will be presentations and performances by students and a welcome from Senator Anderson

TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE, OR TO SUBMIT NAMES, CLICK HERE
OR CONTACT MRS. DELOIAN - KDELOIAN@RR300.ORG

November 2025 Breakfast Menu for All Buildings

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
27	28	29 **Served Daily: cereal, toast, fruit or juice & milk**	30	31
3 Breakfast Burrito	4 Whole Grain Pop-Tart	5 Cereal Bar String Cheese	6 French Toast Sticks Sugar Free Syrup	7 Breakfast Pizza
10 Mini Pancakes Sugar Free Syrup	11 Cheese Omelet Toast	12 Bagel & Cream Cheese	13 Cereal Bar String Cheese	14 Breakfast Burrito
17 Breakfast Pizza	18 Scrambled Eggs, Bacon & Toast	19 Whole Grain Pop-Tart	20 Cheese Omelet Toast	21 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Biscuit
24 French Toast Sticks Sugar Free Syrup	25 Biscuits & Gravy	26 **No School Thanksgiving Break**	27 **No School**	28 **No School Thanksgiving Break**

Skim, Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday

November 2025 Lunch Menu *for All Buildings*

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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	29	30 	31
3 Bosco Stick / Marinara Cooked Carrots Pineapple Pudding Cup Milk	4 *Breakfast for Lunch* Biscuits & Gravy Tri-Taters Orange Granola Bar Milk	5 Chicken Patty on Bun Baked Chips Side Salad (dressing) Grapes Milk	6 Beef Ravioli Bread Stick Green Beans Apple Slices (PB) Milk	7 Hamburger on Bun Baked Beans Fruit Cup Fruit Snacks Milk
10 Chicken Nuggets Mixed Vegetables Peaches Sherbet Cup Milk	11 Mini Corn Dog Baked Beans Goldfish Crackers Mandarin Oranges Milk	12 French Bread Pizza Corn Applesauce Cup Teddy Grahams Milk	13 Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Peaches / Dinner Roll Pumpkin Dessert Milk	14 **School Improvement Day** **11:30 am Dismissal**
17 Pizza Crunchers Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Cookie Milk	18 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Side Salad (dressing) Bread Stick Pears Milk	19 Crispito Chips & Salsa Corn / Grapes Pudding Cup Milk	20 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Crackers Fruit Cup Milk	21 Rocket Rite on Bun Baked Chips Baked Beans Apple Slices Milk
24 Cheeseburger on Bun Tater Tots Peaches Fruit Snack / Milk	25 Uncrustable Baked Chips Carrots / Fruit Cup Fruit Snack / Milk	26 **No School Thanksgiving Break**	27 **No School** 	28 **No School Thanksgiving Break**

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WELCOME

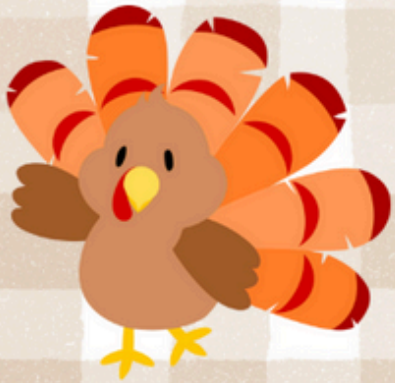
Future Kindergarteners

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!

TR/ICE SEL NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2025



Gratitude

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.

First Grade

Understanding how we are feeling 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.

Emotion Elements

- **Bree** represents feeling silly, nervous, playful, or distracted.
- **Brooks** represents feeling sad, lonely, tired, or embarrassed.
- **Ember** represents feeling angry, frustrated, excited, or scared.
- **Terra** represents emotions like calm, focused, proud, or happy.

Overview

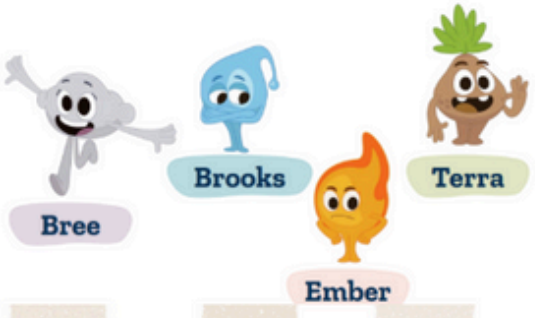
We are looking forward to focusing on Gratitude this month! One way to think about Gratitude is "choosing to appreciate the people and things in our lives." Practicing Gratitude can increase our well-being and our happiness. Gratitude is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students Be Well. Throughout the school, students will be developing skills like emotion regulation, positive self-talk, and stress management.

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

Be Kind, Be Strong, Be Well,

Miss Noe and Mrs. Sywassink



Winter Mini Photo Sessions

with Missy Myers: Capturing Fireflies

When: November 8th & 9th
15 minute slots from 10am-4pm
Where: Meyer's Tree Farm
9401 134th Ave W
Taylor Ridge, IL 61284
Cost: $100 per time slot with proceeds benefiting the Rockridge Elementary PTO

Sessions must be paid in full at the time of booking and are non-refundable.
Venmo (@for-freckles-sake) or checks to Rockridge PTO are accepted.
Time slots are available at:
Sign-Up Link

Please direct questions to: capturingff@gmail.com
ahicks@rr300.org

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K-2 Holiday Music Program

Wednesday, December 10th

Illinois City & Taylor Ridge

*Concert at the High School South Gym

3-5 Grades

Spring Concert

Thursday, April 16th

Andalusia Elementary

*Concert at the High School Gym

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