

Taylor Ridge Elementary School

Updates and Information

Happy Friday TRE Families and Friends.

So many fun things going on today at TRE, classroom parties galore! Students should be ready to relax once they get home today!

Thank you all for supporting your students learning and growth throughout this first semester. We as a staff are extremely excited to continue building upon the progress that we've seen during the first half of the school year.

Please check out the message from Mr. Viren regarding winter PE protocols as we head into second semester.
We'll see you all in 2026!

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

Thank you for being a part of the Taylor Ridge Elementary Community. Have a great holiday break.

-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

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](#)

PE PROTOCOL

THIS WEEK WE HAVE BEEN PLAYING A VARIETY OF CHRISTMAS GAMES! WE'VE DONE SOME TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITIES THAT THEY ALL HAVE DONE GREAT AT! SOMETHING TO NOTE IS THAT AFTER BREAK IF STUDENTS ARE WEARING SNOW BOOTS OR SLIPPERS THEY ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN PE FOR THAT DAY. SO PLEASE SEND THEM WITH AN EXTRA PAIR OF SHOES IF THEY WEAR ONE OF THOSE FOOTWEAR THAT DAY! I HOPE

EVERYONE HAS A RELAXING/GREAT HOLIDAY BREAK!





January 2026 Breakfast Menu for All Buildings

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

**MENUS SUBJECT
TO CHANGE**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
29 No School Holiday Break	30 No School Holiday Break	31 No School Holiday Break	1 	2 No School Holiday Break
5 No School Teacher Institute	6 Breakfast Pizza 	7 French Toast Sticks Sugar Free Syrup	8 Scrambled Eggs & Bacon	9 Mini Pancakes Sugar Free Syrup
12 Cheese Omelet w/ Toast	13 Biscuits & Gravy	14 Donut Go-Gurt Yogurt	15 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Biscuit	16 Muffin String Cheese
19 No School M.L. King's Birthday	20 Mini Pancakes Sugar Free Syrup	21 Breakfast Pizza 	22 French Toast Sticks Sugar Free Syrup	23 Cereal Bar
26 Biscuits & Gravy	27 Scrambled Eggs & Bacon	28 Muffin String Cheese	29 Cheese Omelet Toast	30 Donut Go-Gurt Yogurt

Skim, Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday



January 2026 Lunch Menu for All Buildings



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29 No School Holiday Break 	30 No School Holiday Break	31 No School Holiday Break	1 	2 No School Holiday Break
5  No School Teacher Institute	6 Bosco Stick w/ Marinara Sauce Cooked Carrots Fruit Cup Milk	7 <i>Breakfast for Lunch</i> Biscuits & Gravy Hashbrown Patty Mandarin Oranges String Cheese Milk	8 Beef Ravioli Bread Stick Mixed Veggies Applesauce Cup Milk	9 Cheeseburger on Bun Baked Chips Green Beans / Pears Cookie Milk
12 Chicken Nuggets French Fries Peaches Pudding Cup Milk	13 Mini Corndogs Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges Teddy Grahams Milk	14 Pizza Side Salad (dressing) Apple Slices Cookie Milk	15 Meatballs Sub w/ Mozzarella Cheese Baked Chips Corn / Grapes Milk	16 School Improvement Day 11:30a Dismissal
19 No School M.L. King's Birthday 	20 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Green Beans Applesauce Cup Cookie Milk	21 Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes Pineapples Pudding Cup Milk	22 Rocket Rite on Bun Baked Chips Cooked Carrots Mandarin Oranges Milk	23 Crispito Chips & Salsa Refried Beans Pears Milk
26 Quesadilla Chips & Salsa Corn / Peaches Rice Krispy Treat Milk	27 Hotdog on Bun Baked Beans Grapes Cookie Milk	28 Sloppy Joe on Bun Baked Chips Carrots (PB) Apple Slices Milk	29 Walking Taco (Meat, Lettuce, Cheese) Fruit Cup Teddy Grahams Milk	30 School Improvement Day 11:30a Dismissal

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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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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!



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YEARBOOK
ONLINE
TODAY!



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Use Order Code: 0336EC
Orders Due By: Friday, April 3, 2026

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\$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
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