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A NEWSLETTER FOR CITIZENS OF THE ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRE – SCHOOL SCREENING

for children

3, 4, and 5 years old

(children should be screened once a year until starting Kindergarten)

FREE

Screening for Vision, Hearing, Developmental Speech and Language

Sponsored by Rockridge Unit #300,
Black Hawk Area Special Education District and
Rock Island County Public Health Department

Thursday, February 16, 2012

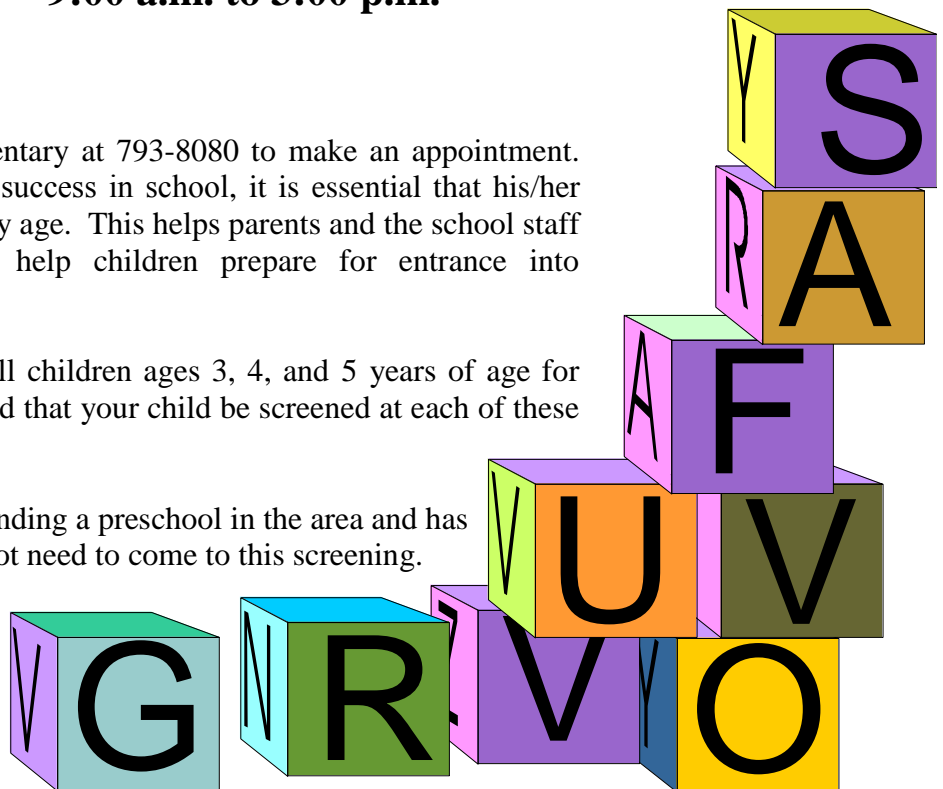
Andalusia Elementary School

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please call Andalusia Elementary at 793-8080 to make an appointment. To help insure your child's success in school, it is essential that his/her needs be identified at an early age. This helps parents and the school staff to determine strategies to help children prepare for entrance into kindergarten.

Parents are urged to bring all children ages 3, 4, and 5 years of age for screening. It is recommended that your child be screened at each of these ages.

If your child is currently attending a preschool in the area and has had this screening, they do not need to come to this screening.



EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Occasionally bad weather situations require school opening to be delayed or school to be cancelled. Every attempt will be made to notify the following radio and television stations of our current status:

<u>TV</u>	<u>RADIO</u>	
WQAD-TV 8	WOC 1423	KUUL 101.3
KWQC-TV 6	KMXG 96.1	WLLR 103.7
WHBF-TV 4	WRMJ 102.3	KVIK
KLJB-TV 18	KWPC	KCQQ
	WHTS	WKBF

RHS SPRING SPORTS MEETING

The Rockridge High School Spring Sports Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in the RHS Auditorium. All students planning to participate in HS baseball, softball, or track are expected to be in attendance with their parents. If player/parent attended the fall or winter general session with Mr. Daly then they do NOT need to attend the general session again this school year; however, they do need to attend the individual team meetings which will begin at 6:30 p.m. Some of the topics covered will include the provisions of the extracurricular handbook, random drug testing, and academically eligibility. Students and parents will have the opportunity to fill out the required paperwork – including the \$50 athletic fee – and meet with the coaching staff of their respective sports. Please make plans to attend this important meeting.

SINGING VALENTINE TELEGRAMS



The Rockridge High School Madrigal Choir will present singing Valentine-grams on Tuesday, February 14th. The Valentine-grams will cost \$25.00 and include a serenade from the madrigal choir and a long stem red rose. Please contact the High School Choir Department if interested at 309/793-8020 ext. 563.

ROCKRIDGE KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

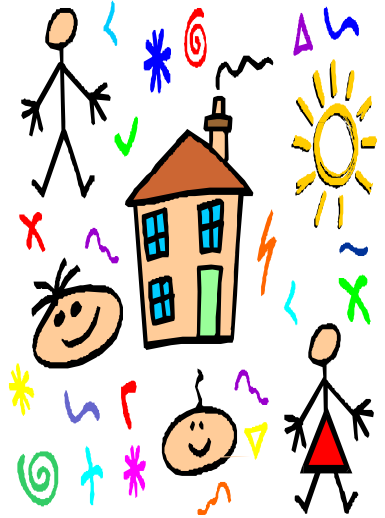
It's time to get ready for Kindergarten Round up. If you have a child that will be attending Kindergarten at Rockridge this year, please contact the child's school office with the child's name and birth date, parent's name, address and phone number. The child must be 5 by September 1, 2012.

Friday, April 27
9:00 a.m.
Andalusia Elementary
793-8080

Monday, April 30
9:00 a.m.
Taylor Ridge Elementary
793-8070

Wednesday, May 2
9:00 a.m.
Illinois City Elementary
793-8090

Friday, May 4
9:00 a.m.
Reynolds Elementary
793-8060



Parents should take their children to the round up in the school that they will be attending. Birth certificates should be brought to school that day. The birth certificates must be a certified birth certificate that you receive from the courthouse of the county of your child's birth. If you child attends a Rockridge Pre-kindergarten program, we have the birth certificate on file.

PHONE NUMBERS

Unit Office	793-8001
High School	793-8020
Junior High	793-8040
Andalusia	793-8080
Illinois City	793-8090
Reynolds	793-8060
Taylor Ridge	793-8070
Bus Barn	793-8003

NURSES NOTES

UPCOMING HEALTH REMINDERS



Dental examinations are due May 15th for all Kindergarten, 2nd and 6th grade students. If your student has not received their dental examination please get an appointment now. If you need a dental waiver because you cannot receive the dental examination due to

financial or religious reasons please call Kay Amy at 309/793-8040. Dental forms or waivers may also be printed from the Rockridge website.

Health Physicals will be required for all incoming Kindergarten, 6th grade and 9th grade students before school entrance in August. Kindergarten students will also be required to receive a vision examination and a dental examination. Sixth and ninth grade health physicals will be mailed home soon for your convenience. Immunization dates will be recorded on these along with a note if your child needs to receive any immunizations. Incoming Kindergarten students will receive the needed forms at kindergarten Round Up. Make your appointments now! The doctor offices get busy during the summer month.

NEW REQUIRED HEALTH INFORMATION

The Illinois Department of Public Health and the State Board of Education have made some recent changes to the immunization requirements for your student. **Every student entering grade 6 thru 12** must show proof of receiving one dose of Tdap (defined as tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis) vaccine regardless of the interval since the last DTaP, DT or Td dose. Some of our students have already received the Tdap but other students have not received it or it is not clear on their last health physical as to which immunization was given. Mrs. Amy is checking all records and will be notifying you by letter if your child needs this immunization or if further clarification is needed. Please be looking for a letter from her as there are currently over 300 students that will either need clarification from their doctor as to which immunization was given or they will need to receive the Tdap vaccine before starts for the 2012-2013 school year.

ROCKRIDGE BOOSTER DANCE & RAFFLE

The 23rd Annual Rockridge Booster Club Raffle and Dance will be held Saturday, March 3rd at the Rock Island Plumbers and Pipefitters. There will be lots of valuable items up for bid in the Silent Auction. Music will be provided by Pulse Ox. Prize drawings will take place from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. There will be 27 cash prizes totaling \$13,000 including the grand prize of \$5,000. The donation is \$100 per ticket. Please contact Drue Griffin (537-3148) or any

Booster Board Member for more information or to purchase a ticket. Ticket forms are also available for download on the RHS website, located at www.rockridgeschools.org/rhs.



ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission has named thirteen Rockridge High School Seniors as Illinois State Scholars. The State Scholar program recognizes students for outstanding academic achievement. Qualification is based on a combination of ACT score results and class rank at the end of the junior year. The RHS students recognized are: Dylan Allison, Daisy



Bower, Keaton Brown, Jesse Hamerlinck, Joseph Heath, Kristin Johnson, Allyson Martens, Jamie Mueller, Stephanie Schultz and Emily Watkins. Congratulations to these fine students!



SPRING TESTING AT ROCKRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

The annual Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE) will be administered to juniors on April 24th & 25th. A variety of modifications are being made to these two days to accommodate testing at several grade levels. The general details of testing plan are listed below. Additional information will be sent home with 3rd Quarter Report Cards.

April 24th

- The ACT will be given to all juniors
- A practice ACT test will be given to all sophomores
- Freshmen and seniors will not attend on this day
- Sophomores and juniors will be permitted to leave after testing (approximately 12:30 p.m.) with PRIOR permission from a parent or guardian

April 25th

- The Work Keys/PSAE test will be given to all juniors.
- A practice Work Keys test will be given to all sophomores.
- The PLAN test will be given to all freshmen.
- The EXPLORE test will be given to all 8th graders.
- Seniors will be provided with a variety of **post-high school planning** options to choose from on this day both in and out of school. All will require appropriate documentation.

CONTIG

On Thursday, March 22nd at 1:00, fourth, fifth, and sixth graders will be gathering at Andalusia Elementary School for the Rockridge Elementary Contig Championship. For each grade, there will be a participant from Andalusia, one from Illinois City, and two from Reynolds. The champion from



each grade level will be awarded a trophy and the opportunity to compete at Wilson Junior High on April 11th at 1:30 in the Rock Island County Contig Competition. Contig is a strategic dice game with a playing grid and is played between two players. It involves the

four mathematical operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division with timed turns.

TRIVIA NIGHT TO SUPPORT THE RHS SOFTBALL TEAM

The Rockridge HS Softball Team will host a Trivia Night fundraiser in the North gym at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 10th. Doors open at 6:30. Tables are \$10 a person to hold between 8-10 people. Reservations can be made by contacting Coach Jason Lingle by phone at 563/528-1824. Tables can bring their own snacks and the team will have pop for sale. Door prizes will be available.



The trivia night is the primary fundraiser for the softball team. The funds raised will be used to purchase Under Armour for the players, to fund the overnight trip to the Lisle Tournament, for equipment not funded by the budget, and for physical improvements to the softball facilities. The team thanks everyone in advance for their support!

POST-PROM FUNDRAISERS

The Post-Prom Committee is hosting a Trivia Night at the Reynolds Legion on Saturday, March 24th. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with trivia beginning at 6:30 p.m. We encourage tables of 8 to 10 and the cost is \$10 per person. Participants can bring their own snacks and beverages to this event. The money raised will be used to help finance the post prom activities. You can make reservations by contacting Molly Hetzler by phone at 309/781-4440 or email at jmhetz2010@aol.com

DISTRICT SPELLING BEE

The District Elementary Spelling Bee for 5th and 6th grade students will be held on Friday, April 27th at Andalusia Elementary. Competition will begin at 1:00 p.m.



ANDALUSIA PTC NEWS

Andalusia PTC is really excited about our upcoming Spring Carnival/Book Fair/Class Basket Raffle night. The date is set for March 31, 2012. Our theme for the Carnival and Book Fair will be a Hawaiian Luau. The kids are excited to collect items for their classroom baskets and Andalusia PTC will be sure to have a lot of great games and activities for all. Look for more information to be sent home with the students in the coming weeks.



“YOU CAN’T TAKE IT WITH YOU”

Rockridge High School is proud to present “You Can’t Take it With You” on February 23rd and 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. At first the Sycamores seem mad, but it is not long before we realize that if they are mad, the rest of the world is madder. In contrast to these delightful people are the unhappy Kirbys. The plot shows how Tony, attractive young son of the Kirbys, falls in love with Alice Sycamore and brings his parents to dine at the Sycamore home on the wrong evening. The shock sustained by the Kirbys, who are invited to eat cheap food, shows Alice that marriage with Tony is out of the question. The Sycamores, however, though sympathetic to Alice, find it hard to realize her point of view. Meantime, Tony, who know the Sycamores are right and his own people wrong, will not give her up, and in the Mr. Kirby is converted to the happy madness of the Sycamores, particularly since he happens in during a visit by the ex-Grand Duchess, earning her living as a waitress. No mention has as yet been made of the strange activities of certain members of the household engaged in the manufacture of fireworks; nor of the printing press set up in the parlor; nor of Rheba the maid and her friend Donald; nor of Grandpa’s interview with the tax collector when he tells him he doesn’t believe in the income tax. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$5.00.

ILLINOIS CITY PTC NEWS

Illinois City PTC has begun planning for the spring Carnival which will be held on Saturday, March 24th from 1:00 to 3:00. The next Carnival Planning meeting will be held on Monday, February 6th at 6:30 p.m. at the Illinois City School. This is our major funding source for the assemblies, classroom supplies, library books and AR tests that are so important to our children’s education. Please come and share some ideas or help with organizing the activities and schedule. There will be free Carnival game tickets for children of parents who attend the February and March meetings. Carnival Raffle tickets will be on sale in mid-March.

Valentines parties will be held on Tuesday, February 14th. They will begin at 10:15 since it is an 11:15 dismissal day.

PTC will provide an assembly for students on Thursday, February 16th. The presenters are the Chinese Acrobats.

Kindergarten Round-up is Wednesday, May 2nd in the gym at 9:00 a.m. Spread the word to any families in the area that have children of school age for enrollment next fall.

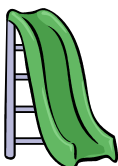


Grandparents/Special Person Day is scheduled for May 9th.

Remember to save Boxtops and Swiss Valley milk caps and send them to school with your child. We are always collecting! Also, shopping with your Target Card can earn money for our school.

TAYLOR RIDGE/REYNOLDS PARENT-TEACHER CLUB

Parents and volunteers never cease to amaze PTC with their continued enthusiasm and support! Thank you to all that made our fall fundraiser and wreath sales a tremendous success! PTC is hosting a spring butter braid fundraiser to begin in February. All of the proceeds from this fundraiser will be put towards much needed playground equipment for the Reynolds School.



So far, with the money that has been fundraised, PTC has been proud to sponsor Putnam Outreach programs at Taylor Ridge, make classroom contributions to all Taylor Ridge and Reynolds teachers at Christmas and start a separate fund for Reynolds Playground Equipment.

With all of the hard work that our families do to financially support PTC, we are planning two fabulous family nights. The first will be Friday, February 10th at Snow Star. Families can enjoy skiing and tubing together from 4-9. Snow Star will donate \$2.00 from all ticket sales back to PTC. The second family night will be Math Mania on March 28th. Western Illinois University is helping PTC sponsor this FREE family night at Reynolds Elementary. From 5:30-7:00, parents and students can enjoy fun math games and activities developed by WIU's pre-service teachers. To add to the excitement of the night, students that complete a specific math goal set by their classroom teachers, can earn an extra special treat! We can't wait to see all of our students there to share in the fun and excitement!

Taylor Ridge and Reynolds Parents and Teachers meet at 6:30 p.m., the first Tuesday of every month at Taylor Ridge Elementary. We always welcome new parent involvement and would love to see you there to share your ideas!

ROCKRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

2012 Sports Schedules

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TRACK

2/28	Rock Island Indoor	T	4:00
2/29	Rock Island Indoor	T	4:00
3/13	Mon-Roseville Indoor	Mon College	4:00
3/17	Galesburg Indoor	Mon College	10:00
3/23	Illinois Prep Top Times	Bloomington	4:00
4/2	Stark Cty/Wethersfield	T	4:00
4/3	F/S Invite @ Sherrard	T	4:00
4/7	Assumption Invite	Augustana	12:00
4/10	Fulton Invite	T	4:15
4/16	Kewanee/Erie-Prophetstown	H	4:30
4/20	Rockridge Invite	H	4:00
4/25	Mercer Cty Invite	Sherrard	4:15
4/27	Tiger Relays	Sherrard	4:00
5/4	Conference Meet @ Macomb	3:00	
5/7	Morrison	T	4:00
5/8	F/S Conference @ Warsaw	T	4:00
5/10	Sherrard/Stark Cty/Wethersfield/West Central	H	4:00
5/18	Sectionals	H	4:00

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

3/17	Geneseo/Morris	T	TBA
3/20	Alleman	H	4:30
3/21	Cambridge-Ridgewood	T	4:30
3/22	ROWVA	T	4:30
3/24	Rockridge Invite	H	9:00
3/31	Sterling	T	11:00
4/5	Moline	T-V; JV-H	4:30
4/7	Macomb (DH)	T	11:00
4/10	Sherrard	T	4:30
4/12	Sherrard	H	4:30
4/13	Morrison (F-S)	T	4:30
4/14	Riverdale	H	11:00
4/16	UTHS	H-V; JV-T	4:30
4/18	IVC	H	4:30
4/20	Illini West (DH)	T-V; JV-T	4:30
4/21	QND/Jacksonville/Camp Point	QND	9:00
4/23	Alleman	T	4:30
4/24	Orion	T	4:30
4/26	Orion	H	4:30
4/27	Mercer Cty	T	4:30
4/30	Mon-Roseville (DH)	H-V; JV-T	4:30
5/1	Galesburg	H	4:30
5/2	Rock Falls	H-V; JV-T	4:30
5/7	Wethersfield	T	4:30
5/8	United (Alexis)	H	4:30
5/9	Kewanee	H	4:30
5/11-12	Lisle Tournament	T	TBA
5/14-19	Regionals	TBD	

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

3/16	Kewanee	T	4:30
3/19	Alexis United (Varsity)	T-V; JV-H	4:30
3/21	Cambridge-Ridgewood	T	4:30
3/23	Prophetstown	T-V; JV-H	4:30
3/24	Stark County	H	1:00
3/26	UTHS (Fresh)	H	4:30
3/29	Princeton	H-V; JV-T	4:30
3/30	Morrison	H-V; JV-T	4:30
3/31	Byron (DH)	H	11:00
4/2	Alleman (Fresh)	H	4:30
4/4	Kewanee (JV)	H	4:30
4/5	Monmth-Roseville (Fresh)	T	4:30
4/7	Macomb (DH)	H-V; JV-T	11:00
4/10	Sherrard	H-V; JV-T	4:30
4/11	Abingdon	T	4:30
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4/14	Riverdale	T	11:00
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4/24	Orion	T-V; JV-H	4:30
4/26	Orion	H-V; JV-T	4:30
4/27	Rock Falls	H-V; JV-T	4:30
4/30	Knoxville	T	4:30
5/1	IVC	T	7:00
5/1	UTHS (Fresh)	T	4:30
5/2	Rock Falls (Fresh)	H	4:30
5/4	Fulton	H-V; JV-T	4:30
5/5	Monmouth-Roseville (DH)	H-V; JV-T	11:00
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5/8	Bushnell-Prairie City	H	4:30
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