

# Ryan Park Elementary School

## Rhino News



### Upcoming Events:

- **Jan. 5:** 5th Grade Spelling Bee 8:30am
- **Jan. 18:** End of 2nd Grading Period
- **Jan. 19:** No School—Staff Professional Day
- **Jan. 22:** 3rd Quarter Begins
- **Jan. 25:** 4th Grade Shrine Circus Trip
- **Jan. 26:** Report Cards Issued

## The Principal's Desk

Amy Heavin

I'm happy to see everyone back from winter break! 2018 will prove to be another great one for Ryan Park! Our students are showing excellent progress, and we will do everything we can to ensure this continues!

ISTEP testing for grades 3-5 is coming quickly, and it is time to start thinking about it and preparing for it as well. Teachers have been working diligently from the beginning of the school year to help students build their skills, and this test will be one of the tools to help show us their success. Begin talking to your child about the importance of this test, as it

will show us each child's strengths and weaknesses, and what we can do to help him/her progress in school. ISTEP testing begins on February 26th.

As always, my door is open and I welcome your feedback. Thank you for all you do for our students!

**Purpose:** *Ryan Park is a safe and innovative learning community, in which positive role models challenge all individuals to achieve their highest potential.*

**Direction:** *Ryan Park strives to provide purposeful instruction & motivate individuals to become independent learners & productive citizens to guide future generations.*

### No School

**Friday, January 19th**

**Staff Professional Day**

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### Student Absence Forms

Please be sure to fill out a student absence form **if your child will NOT be in school for a reason other than illness**. Missed work must be completed before the absence if possible. Absences will be excused, but will accumulate in your child's attendance record.  
Thank you.

### School Delays

**It is that time of year where the weather might pose a challenge.**



**Be sure to listen to WLKI, 100.3 or WPTA channel 21 for school delays or closings. Ryan Park is listed under MSD of Steuben County.**

**\*\*Morning meetings will be rescheduled if there is a delay or closing.**

Look at upcoming events and RP news on Twitter.  
**@RyanParkRhinos**

### Learning Lab Makerspace!



**Thank you for the Makerspace donations!**

We are busy making in our Learning Lab, and your donations to the space mean so much as we continue to provide our students creative outlets and problem-solving opportunities!

Please feel free to continue to bring in donations of consumable materials, such as cardboard, duct tape, craft pom-poms, cotton balls, etc.

Thank you to our PTO for also purchasing many materials for our space as well! We appreciate everyone's support in creating a space where our students can explore, tinker, and create!

**2017-2018****PTO Officers**

President - Abby Mathiak  
 V. President - Melissa Zeeb  
 Secretary - Laurie Kuster  
 Treasurer - Ashley Brown  
 Events Coordinators -  
 Teresa Stuckey & Katrina  
 Buchanan

**Box Tops for Education**

Please send in your Box Tops to support Camp Rhino! Each month, the box tops will be collected and counted. There will be a winning class each month! Thank you for your support!

**ISTEP Testing Dates**

The 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders will be taking the Applied Skills portion of the ISTEP test February 26-March 9 and the Multiple Choice April 16-May 4.

IREAD-3 will be March 12-16.

Please **DO NOT** plan vacations or appointments during school hours on those days. Thank you in advance!

**Winter Gear**

With winter weather here, please make sure your child has a coat, hat, and gloves when appropriate. We will go outside for recess on most days. We will stay inside if the temperature or wind chill is at or below 10 degrees. When it snows, students need to have waterproof snow boots and may want snow pants if they wish to play in areas where there is snow.

**Counselor's Corner**

Welcome back from winter break. I hope you had the opportunity to spend time together. We are rounding the corner as we embark on the second semester and I am excited to see what is in store for us.

Second semester we will change student council members. Thank you first semester council members for making Ryan Park a better place. From Red Ribbon week, college Go week. Collecting food and items for both FIST and the residents in Jay

county and last but not least for the semester, the Candy cane sale. We raised \$234, that means we sold 936 candy canes.

I will be starting lessons with grades 3-5 this semester. We have several assessments to work through and we will be working on goal setting, test taking skills discussing mindset, and bullying along with Random Acts of Kindness. I am looking forward to being in the classroom with the students.

Keep your eye out for upcoming activities sponsored by Ryan Park Student Council.

**Report Cards**

2nd Quarter Report Cards will be issued to students on Friday, January 26th. If you have any questions about your child's grades, please contact your child's teacher. Thank you!

**Tin Caps Reading Program****Let's Play Ball!**

This year, all 4th and 5th grade students will have the opportunity to participate in the Tin Caps Reading Program. If they read all the required minutes, they will receive a free ticket to a Fort Wayne Tin Caps game and their family can purchase reduced price tickets.

This year's game will be on **Saturday, April 21, 2018, 1:00pm**

Any questions, please ask your classroom teacher or Michele Davis (mdavis@msdsc.us) who is the coordinator for the program.

**Ryan Park Reminders:**

**Student Absences:** Call the office @ **260-668-8873** before 9:00 am.

**Student Dismissal:** No child may change his/her usual method of transportation home from school without a written note or a phone call from a parent.

**Website:** Please check out our school website for continuous updates and other information. <http://rpe.msdssteuben.k12.in.us/>

**"Peanut Restricted":** We are a peanut-free school. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**Remind:** Sign up for Ryan Park's Remind. Text @ryanpa to 81010