

Ryan Park Elementary School

Rhino News



The Principal's Desk

Amy Heavin

ISTEP is here and our students are excited to show what they know! All year, we have prepared for this test, our students are demonstrating fantastic growth, and we are ready! Our K-2 classrooms have buddied with our 3-5 students, preparing some motivational cheers and treats! It is a school-wide effort, and our students are geared up to do their very best!

Our 3rd grade students are also making great preparations for the IREAD test, which will be taken on March 13th. We wish them luck and know they will all do well.

Remember a few tips to help during test time to help allevi-

ate some tension. Get a good night's rest and eat a healthy breakfast. Relax and know you have worked hard and those preparations have paid off. And above all, have fun showing what you know!

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

Time Change!

Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour on Sunday, March 11th!



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.*

Look at upcoming events and RP news on Twitter.

@RyanParkRhinos

Spring Break!



March 26-30

Monthly School Newsletters

will be sent home in the first week of every month.

Newsletters are also posted on our school website.

Upcoming Events:

- **Feb 27-March 5:** ISTEP Part 1 Testing Grades 3-5
- **March 2:** Read Across America Day Activities
- **March 6:** PTO Meeting 6:30pm
- **March 7:** Ft. Wayne Philharmonic Visits RP
- **March 13:** IREAD-3 Test
- **March 20:** Rocky's Math Blast Level 5 Celebration
- **March 21 & 22:** Kindergarten Registration @ Central Office
- **March 23:** End of 3rd Quarter
- **March 26-30:** Spring Break!

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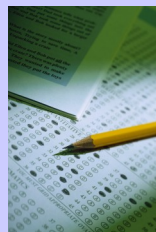
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Student Absence Forms

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.

ISTEP & IREAD Testing Dates



The 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders will be taking Part 1 of the ISTEP test **February 27-March 5**, and Part 2 April 16-May 4. Please **DO NOT** plan vacations or appointments during school hours on those days.

Thank you in advance!

3rd grade students will be taking the IREAD test **March 13th**. This is a state mandated test that 3rd graders must take before entering 4th grade. If this session is missed, they will be required to take it in June.

Good luck students!

Counselor's Corner

Angola Kid's League



Softball and Baseball Registration Forms are available in our office. Return forms to Angola Sports Center or mail to Angola Kid's League by the dates on the form.

Thank you for returning the magazine order booklets. We gave out 145 Webkinz. We appreciate you taking the time to complete the booklets and for placing orders to support our student council.

During Random Act of Kindness week, It was nice to see the positive messages posted around Ryan Park. The notes that students wrote were awesome! We collected 70 items for the Steuben County Humane Shelter. Mrs. Gentry's class won the ice cream party. Once again, thank you for your gen-

erous donations!

Guidance lessons have been great however, the delays and cancellations have really made our schedule challenging and now we will be starting testing which also makes guidance lessons difficult! I will be running 2- 5th grade lunch bunch groups. One group will focus on everyday things students deal with: changes, friendships, challenges and other areas. The other group will focus on the importance of being a good peers, friends, and role models.

As we begin ISTEP

and IREAD, remember to get a good night's sleep, eat a high protein breakfast and drink plenty of water. Positive talk helps increase confidence. **YOU CAN DO IT!!**

March will bring warmer weather, spring and a change in the guidance office at Ryan Park. I am excited to welcome Jackie Wilkinson as she will be taking my place until the end of the year. I will be going to Carlin Park to cover the principal's maternity leave during that time. Please don't hesitate to contact her. She will do a great job!

Congratulations Regional Science Fair Participants!

The following Ryan Park Scientists will be advancing to the Trine Regional Science Fair on March 17th!

Mikaela Kolar
Piper McGregor
Daniel Koch



Great job to all who participated!

MSD of Steuben County 2018-2019 Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for the 2018-2019 school year will be taking place at MSD of Steuben County Central Office on **March 21st & 22nd**. If you need more information about registration, please contact our office.

Report Cards

3rd Quarter Report Cards will be issued to students on **Friday, April 6th**. If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's grades, please call or email your child's teacher.



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.msdsteuben.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



Fremont Community Schools / Head Start

Fremont Head Start, serving Steuben & LaGrange counties, is accepting applications for fall enrollment for children ages 3 through 5. Children must be 3 years old by August 1, 2018 to be eligible.

For an application, please call 260-495-4775 or 1-800-551-9819