

# Ryan Park Elementary School

## Rhino News



### Upcoming Events:

- **Jan. 4:** 5th Grade Spelling Bee 8:30am
- **Jan. 7:** PTO Meeting 6:30pm
- **Jan. 17:** End of 2nd Grading Period
- **Jan. 18:** No School—Staff Professional Day
- **Jan. 21:** 3rd Quarter Begins
- **Jan. 25:** 4th Grade Shrine Circus Trip
- **Jan. 25:** Report Cards Issued
- **Jan. 30:** 2nd/3rd Grade Music Program 1:30pm

### No School

**Friday, January 18th**

**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.

## The Principal's Desk

Amy Heavin

I'm happy to see everyone back from winter break! 2019 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!

Winter weather always poses a challenge during this month. Student devices will continue to go home every night with students in case of inclement weather. Please be sure to sign up for the Ryan Park Parent Remind texts to receive text messages for school delays and closings. School closings will more than likely become virtual learning days. Teach-

ers will continue to be available to help all students on these days. Thank you for being involved in your child's work, as they show you all the amazing work they can do!

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.

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

### 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.**

### 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!

**2018-2019****PTO Officers**

President - Laurie Kuster  
 V. Pres. - Abbie Mathiak  
 Secretary - Tiffanie Heingartner  
 Treasurer - Melissa Zeeb  
 Events Coord. - Shannon Thomas

**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!

**State Testing Dates**

The 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders will be taking the new ILEARN test this year. The test window is **April 22- May 17**.

**IREAD-3 will be March 11-15.**

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**

Happy New Year to all Ryan Park families! December seemed to fly by. During our Student Council Candy Cane sale, students brought in over \$440!! A big thank you to all of those who helped support and purchased candy canes. In January, all grades will continue covering the remaining lessons in our Safe @ Last program to fulfill our requirement of Child Abuse Prevention Education. If you have

any further questions regarding the law, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or by phone. I am hoping to also cover Community Helpers with Kindergarten during the month of January. Also, we will soon be rewarding students with Perfect Attendance and Honor Roll for Quarter 1 and Quarter 2. I look forward to seeing how well each and every student has performed over the last

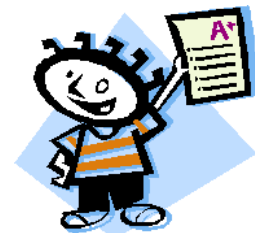
18 weeks here at Ryan Park.

Have a safe January!!

Respectfully,  
 Jackie Wilkinson, School Counselor

**Report Cards**

2nd Quarter Report Cards will be issued to students on Friday, January 25th. 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 **Friday, May 17, 2019 at 7:00pm**

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