Steuben County

Ryan Park Elementary School

Rhino News



Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 2: MSDSC District Science Fair @ Pleasant Lake
- **Feb. 4**: PTO Meeting 6:30pm
- Feb. 9: Father/Daughter
 Dance 5:30-7:30pm
- Feb. 20: 3rd Quarter
 Progress Reports Issued

Check it out!

Check out Page 4 of this issue celebrate our student's 2nd Quarter Accomplishments!



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The Principal's Desk

Amy Heavin

This is the beginning of an exciting time of year at Ryan Park. With 100 days down and 80 more to go, our students share what they know on a variety of assessments!

Assessments can sometimes be scary, and we all know the added pressure placed on our students, teachers, and school. However, I view all of these assessments as an opportunity to show all the great learning that has happened this school year. Our encouragement will go a long way in helping our students feel more comfortable during these high-stakes assessments. I know our students will do their very

best!

In the upcoming weeks and months, teachers will be helping students review and get ready for the ILEARN and IREAD tests. I am thrilled to walk around the school and see all the learning going on.

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

Look at upcoming events and RP news on Twitter.

@RyanParkRhinos

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

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

School Delays

It's that time of year!



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.

2019-2020 Kindergarten Registration

March 20 & 21, 2019

Parents of children eligible for 2019-20 kindergarten should take advantage of this registration opportunity. A child must be 5 years of age by August 1, 2019 to qualify. The MSD of Steuben County Central Office will be hosting the registration on March 20, 2019 from 8:00AM-7:00PM and on March 21, 2019 from 8:00AM-3:00PM. Children do not need to attend this registration.

Parents must bring the child's legal birth certificate, proof of residence in MSD of Steuben County (utility bill), and immunization record.

Please call our school office if you have any questions!



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!

Counselor's Corner

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Jennifer Holden and I joined the Ryan Park family as the Elementary School Counselor on January 21st. I graduated from Purdue University and began teaching in 2000. Since then, I have had different educational roles at Prairie Heights, Dekalb, and

Hamilton. I have always been a part of the Angola community. Growing up near Orland, I attended Prairie Heights, where I was very involved with sports and other activities. I am married to Dustin Holden and we have two children. Darci is a sophomore at Angola and our son Oakley is 2 years old and keeps us on our toes!

I am so happy to be here

and be a part of such a wonderful school! I have spent the past couple of days meeting all of the students here and they are truly incredible kids. I look forward to offering support to the students, staff, families, and community. Feel free to contact me via email, phone, or through my Google Voice number:260-527-0074.

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!

Father/Daughter Dance

When: Saturday, February 9th 5:30-7:30

Where: Ryan Park Gym

Semiformal or Dress-up Attire Encouraged, but not required.

Cost: \$10 per family

2nd Semester Student Council Members

<u>3rd Grade</u>: Piper McGregor, Mikaela Kolar, Riley Alexander

4th Grade: Ethan Biernat, Jaspin Brown, Emily Skinner

<u>5th Grade</u>: Karina Smith, Alex Thomas, Haven Stockamp

Congratulations!

Spelling Bee Winner
Laylah Ali
Spelling Bee Runner-Up
Luke Faramelli

Our annual 5th Grade Spelling Bee was held on January 4, 2019. The winning word was "fiddle-faddle". Way to go!



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 17th at 7:00pm**.

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

Winter Gear

With winter weather still 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.

Progress Reports



3rd Quarter Progress Reports will be issued to students on Wednesday, February 20th. If you have questions or concerns regarding grades, please call or email your

your child's grades, please call or email your child's teacher.

2018-2019

PTO Officers

President - Laurie Kuster

V. Pres. - Abbie Mathiak

Secretary - Tiffanie Heingartner

Treasurer - Melissa Zeeb

Events Coord. - Shannon Thomas



Contact Information:

Please make sure the office has the most up-to-date contact names and numbers for each child registered at the school. We rely on this information to make contact home in a variety of situations, including sending important messages home.

Thank you!



Attendance

Ryan Park follows the MSD of Steuben County

Attendance Policy for absences and tardies. Please call the office by 9:00am to report an absence. Tardies are recorded if a child is late to school less than 1 hour in the morning, or signed out of school less than 1 hour before the end of the day. Excused absences & tardies are those in which the office has notification and/or doctor's notes for absences/ tardies.

If you have any questions regarding your child's attendance, please call our office.



Ryan Park is now using Remind, a one-way text messaging system, to send reminders, delays, & closings.

To receive messages via text, text @ryanpa to (260) 918-6006. You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying "unsubscribe @ryanpa"

To receive messages via email, send an email to **ryanpa@mail.remind.com**. To unsubscribe, reply with "unsubscribe" in the subject line.

Reminders:

Student Absences: Call the office @ <u>260-668-8873</u> 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 up-

dates and other information. http://rpe.msdsteuben.k12.in.us/ or Ryan Park Principal's Page https://sites.google.com/a/msdsc.us/ ryan-park-principal-s-page/

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





Don't

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, 2019 to be eligible.

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

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!

Pop Tabs

Keep collecting and sending in pop tabs! We are trying once again to collect 1,000,000! Once Ryan Park collects 1,000,000 tabs, we will become a part of the pop tab "Collect-A-Million" Club and be presented a plaque with a visit from Ronald McDonald himself!

Tobacco-Free Campus

Ryan Park & ALL MSD of Steuben County Schools are Tobacco-Free Campuses. No tobacco is allowed on ANY school premise, including parking lots.

Thank you.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE - SECOND GRADING PERIOD

2018-2019

Kindergarten: Zachery Clark, Kylie David, Claire Enyeart, Ally Fisher, Moriah Greenwood, Emagene Harrington, Ryan McHenry, Madison Shepherd

First Grade: Telissa Bater, Isaiah Christen, Skyler Dale, Karter Kimpel, McKayla Kimpel, Evan Kolar, Tobi Krohn, Liam McGregor, Leina McHenry, Jack Norris, Alexa Ruckman, Patrick Schaeffer, Aiden Smith

Second Grade: Davin Adams, Ramee Ali, Leah Buell, Jaxson Chambless, Greyce Gleason, Reyse Hammond, Lucy Knox, Brynn Konrad, Ryan Manahan, Jordan Mohamedali, Aaron Pugh, Lucy Smith, Thomas Traster, Austin Boshers,

Third Grade: Addison Eyster, Nicholas Hersel, Collin Kuster, Piper McGregor, Caidence Middleton, Fife Robertson, Khloe Stanner, Stella Stockamp, Kaylee Voigt, Cru Weber, Kenna Whitmire, Jillian Witherspoon, Kylie Zeeb, Maggie Zeeb

Fourth Grade: Abrielle Adams, Jaspin Brown, Clara Bussema, Mia Foulk, Jacob Fraley, Zachary Gilliam, Eva Gray, Hayley Hardy, Zoie Helmsing, Myles Lang, Lillian Lewis, Alex McCarthy, Evelyn Rinard, Scottie Roberts, Lilliana Smith, Calvin Woodlee, Liam Young

ALL A HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

3rd Grade: Korbyn Haifley, Kaelyn Hagaman, Mikaela Kolar, Collin Kuster, Kellen Lewis, Piper McGregor, Violet Stavitzke, Stella Stockamp, Cru Weber

4th Grade: Kenzie Barron, Natalee Essinger, Eva Gray, Chloe Macknick, Joey Mohamedali, Lilliana Smith, Mason Smith, Drew Snyder, Camila Urbina, Aiden Willis

5th Grade: Laylah Ali, Tommy Caswell, Brooke Christman, Dallas Davidson, Kayla Davis, Caden Enyeart, Luke Faramelli, Cora Fletcher, Daniel Koch, Landon Leach, Brayden Perkins, Zoe Shepherd, Sara Smith, Haven Stockamp, Ryan Stuckey, Alex Thomas, Max Tynan, Kenton Wilkinson

A&B HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

3rd Grade: Riley Alexander, Laithan Anderson, Lilly Blackburn, Pierce Bunge, Layne Christen, Cambelle Enyeart, Addison Eyster, Maleigha Fee, Nicholas Hersel, Kendall Holman, Niles Knox, Ryker Knox, Autumn McGuirk, Bentli Noll, Kaylee Voigt, Kenna Whitmire, Jillian Witherspoon, Maggie Zeeb

4th Grade: Abrielle Adams, Ethan Biernat, Braden Blue, Jaspin Brown, Milagros Enriquez, Liam Ferrell, Anna Foltz, Ethyn Grimes, Cameron Guile, Hayley Hardy, Gus Heavin, Zoie Helmsing, Ella Herbert, Shaylynn Hines, Bryton Householder, Gabe Houser, Kiley Johnson, Delainey Krontz, Myles Lang, Reed Lantz, Alex McCarthy, Brady Mohamedali, Lux Nycum, Jack Pelliccia, Warrick Price, Evelyn Rinard, Chase Roberts, Clara Shamp, Emily Skinner, Hannah Smith, Jackson Steury, Kylie Stonecipher, Landin Stultz, Calvin Woodlee, Liam Young

5th Grade: Elijah Antos, Alexander Barry, Aiden Buchanan, Ava Butz, Olivia Childress, Dakota Davenport, Trevor Dunafin, Kyle Flanigan, Adriauna George, Drake Green, Layla Hagerty, Bailey Lanoue, Regann Martin, Wyatt Miller, Jon Robbins, Bryan Roberts, Isabell Robertson, Tori Rodgers, Isaac Sanders, Sydney Sarrazin, Sadie Schneider, Karina Smith, Olivia Straw, Kendall Stultz, Gage Trine, Bailey VanGompel, Isaiah Walters, Kaylen Woodlee