

Ryan Park Elementary School

Rhino News



The Principal's Desk

Amy Heavin

It has been one crazy winter, that is for sure! If you are like me, I am wanting spring to come early so we can get back into the regular routines for learning! Thank you for all your communication with teachers and staff during the virtual learning days, helping your child continue to keep their skills fresh!

Our 3rd grade students are also making great preparations for the IREAD test, which will be taken on March 12th & 13th. We wish them luck and know they will all do well.

Remember a few tips to help during test time to help alleviate 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!

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 25-29

Time Change!
Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour on Sunday, March 10th!

Monthly School Newsletters
will be sent home in the first week of every month.
Newsletters are also posted on our school website.

- Upcoming Events:**
- **March 1:** Read Across America Day Activities
 - **March 4:** PTO Meeting 6:30pm
 - **March 8:** PTO Family Movie Night 6:30-8:30pm
 - **March 12 & 13:** IREAD-3 Test
 - **March 20 & 21:** Kindergarten Registration @ Central Office
 - **March 21:** Rocky's Math Blast Level 5 Celebration
 - **March 22:** End of 3rd Quarter
 - **March 25-29:** Spring Break!

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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.

IREAD & ILEARN Testing Dates

The 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders will be taking the new ILEARN test April 22-May 10. 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 12th & 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.

I can't believe we only have a few short months left of school. The weather has been brutal, but spring is hopefully around the corner.

During the first week of March, I will be leading guidance lessons using Dr. Seuss books with grades 1-5 to celebrate Theodor Seuss Geisel's birthday. He was an American children's author, political cartoonist,

and animator. Then we will begin reviewing test-taking skills and ways to relieve stress as we prepare for our spring assessments. For Kindergarten, I will continue teaching about I-Care Cat and how to be respectful and care for others while incorporating the RHINOS Way.

The RHINOS Way is a new program that we have introduced at Ryan Park in

February that instills the values of Respect, Heart, Integrity, being Neat & Prepared, Outstanding, and Safe while at school and in the community. Ask your child what they have learned about the RHINOS Way! Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child.

Congratulations Regional Science Fair Participants!

The following Ryan Park Scientists will be advancing to the Trine Regional Science Fair!

- Evan Kolar
- Liam McGregor
- Piper McGregor
- Isabella Robertson
- 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 20th & 21st**. 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 5th**. 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 **Friday, May 17th, 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



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