

# Ryan Park Elementary School

## Rhino News



### Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 2: No School: Labor Day
- Sept. 6: Picture Day!
- Sept. 10: PTO Meeting 6:30pm
- Sept. 19: Grades 1-3 Walk into My Future Event @ Trine
- Sept. 24: PTO Mum Pick-Up 5-7pm
- Sept. 27: No Students at School—Virtual Learning Day/ Staff PD Day

## The Principal's Desk

Amy Heavin

It has been a wonderful start to our school year! Great learning is already happening in every classroom, and it is great to walk around and see students excited about reading, writing, math, and other subjects as well.

In the upcoming weeks, we will have many exciting opportunities for our students to shine. We will begin our Tier 2 time, which will utilize 30 minutes every day for remediation and enrichment of skills. Rocky's Math Blast will soon begin, with new goals and new incentives. Our students demonstrated tremendous

growth last year, and we are thrilled to continue this success!

My door is open, and I welcome comments, concerns, and questions.

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.*

### Monthly School Newsletters

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

Newsletters are also posted on our school website & will be sent via Remind.

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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.

### Lunch Visits

Parents may sign-in to the office to have lunch with their child. However, recess is for **students only**. This is a social time for children and our staff is trained to keep them active & safe. Thank you!

### Smile!

### Picture Day is Coming!



Friday, September 6th

### Reminder:

No School  
Monday, Sept. 2nd

### Friday, September 27th

Planned Virtual Learning Day!

## Great Attendance: An Essential Skill



In order to learn and grow, students need to be at school. Good attendance in school is not only critical for skill development in students, but it is also establishing good work habits that can be seen throughout life. MSD of Steuben County Board Policy and Indiana Compulsory Attendance law (I.C. 20-33-2) require students to be in school, and when patterns of absenteeism are developed, action by the school is necessary. Please stress to your children the importance of being at school to establish these good habits!

All absences, with the exception of those exempt under the law, are recorded in your child's attendance record. Excused absences are those in which the school has been notified of the absence **before 9:00am or with a doctor's note**. Unexcused absences are those not covered in our policy and absences where no verification was made by the parents before 9:00am.

Children should also learn how important it is to arrive on time for school. Some of the most important directions of the day occur in the first few minutes. Children who are ready, sitting in their chairs, waiting for instructions, are learning more, day by day.

If you have any questions regarding MSD of Steuben County attendance policy or Indiana Compulsory Attendance Law, please feel free to contact the school.

### Counselor's Corner


**Follow RP on Twitter!**  
 Look at upcoming events and RP news on Twitter.  
 Follow us:  
**@RyanParkRhinos**

*1st Quarter Progress Reports will not be issued to students.*

*If you have questions regarding your child's grades & progress, please contact your child's teacher.*

**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!



**Background Checks**

Background checks are required every school year for parents who would like to volunteer in the school or chaperone a school field trip. Forms are available in the office, and a copy of your driver's license is needed as well. **All forms must be turned in at least 2 weeks prior to the field trip.** Only one form is necessary per family. If you have questions, please ask Mrs. Schaeffer.

Thank you!

Welcome back to another exciting year at Ryan Park! I love my job as the school counselor and I am here to help students acquire the necessary skills that will serve as the foundation of future success in school and in life. Counseling services that I provide are individual counseling, small group counseling, classroom guidance lessons, crisis intervention, consultation with parents

and teachers, and referrals for community services. Each month during my classroom guidance lessons, I will focus on different topics such as life skills, character education, bullying, decision making, goal setting, college and career, and drugs. If your child wants to meet with me, they can fill out a referral form

online or outside my office door. Parents can contact me at 260-668-8873 or email me at [jholden@msdsc.us](mailto:jholden@msdsc.us) with any questions or concerns. Let's have a great year!



### **A Walk into My Future Event**

**When:** Thursday, September 19th  
**Who:** All 1-3 Students!  
**Time:** 11:00-end of day  
**Where:** Trine University

This will be an exciting day for our students, touring a college campus and taking part in many activities! More information will be coming soon regarding the Steuben County Promise Program!



### **Textbook Rental**

Please contact/stop by the Ryan Park office to pay book rental. If you have any questions, please call.

- Kindergarten - \$103.18**
- First - \$114.55**
- Second - \$102.39**
- Third - \$110.29**
- Fourth - \$104.93**
- Fifth - \$105.91**

If paying by check, make payable to Ryan Park Elementary.

Thank you!

### **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 @ryanparkp to 81010