

Ryan Park Elementary School

Rhino News



Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 4: No School: Labor Day
- Sept. 5: PTO Meeting 6:30pm
- Sept. 8: Picture Day!
- Sept. 11-15: Ryan Park Spirit Week
- Sept. 28: Grades 1-3 Walk into My Future Event @ Trine
- Sept. 29: No School: Staff PD Day

Monthly School Newsletters

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

Newsletters are also posted on our school website.

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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

The school year has begun well for our students, with routines and learning in place! Our learning will escalate in September, with assessments gauging our starting points in our skills. We are excited to kick off Rocky's Math Blast, while also getting various units of study started. The Maker-space will open as well! Great learning to come!

While the year started well, we are also deeply saddened by the loss of our colleague and teacher, Mrs. Terri Moor. She brought many smiles to our school, and everyone will remember her devotion to our school and

students. Mrs. Moor will be missed.

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.*

Smile!

Picture Day is Coming!



Friday, September 8th

Reminder:

No School
Monday, Sept. 4th
&
Friday, Sept. 29th

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Look at upcoming events and RP news on Twitter.

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@RyanParkRhinos

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. Unexcused absences are those not covered in our board policy and absences where no verification was made by the parents.

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.

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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!

Counselor's Corner

Meet Mrs. Brandt



Many of us know each other. I have taught kindergarten at Ryan Park for 9 years. Before that, I was a Functional Skills teacher for 3 years. I am excited to continue my career as the assistant principal/guidance counselor at Ryan Park. My new position gives me the opportunity to be in every classroom for guidance lessons. We have a lot to look for-

ward to this year, Red Ribbon Week, College Go week, Student Council activities, and much more. I am looking forward to another great year at Ryan Park with our staff, parents and students. Please don't hesitate to contact me at 668-8873 ext. 7203. Check out the Counselor's Corner in upcoming newsletters for guidance information and upcoming activities.

A Walk into My Future Event

When: Thursday, September 28th

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!



Textbook Rental

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

Kindergarten - \$93.26

First - \$102.76

Second - \$92.44

Third - \$103.09

Fourth - \$99.45

Fifth - \$95.19

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.msdstauben.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