

# Ryan Park Elementary School

## Rhino News



### The Principal's Desk

Amy Heavin

ISTEP is here and our students are excited to show what they know! All year, we have prepared for this test, our students are demonstrating fantastic growth, and we are ready! Our K-2 classrooms have buddied with our 3-5 students, preparing some motivational cheers and treats! It is a school-wide effort, and our students are geared up to do their very best!

Our 3rd grade students are also making great preparations for the IREAD test, which will be taken on March 14th. We wish them luck and know they will all do well.

Remember a few tips to help during test time to help allevi-

**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.*


ate 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!

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

**Spring Break!**  
  
**March 27-31**

**Time Change!**  
Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour on Sunday, March 12th!



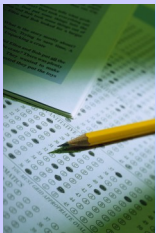
**Monthly School Newsletters** will be sent home/emailed in the first week of every month. Newsletters are also posted on our school website.

- Upcoming Events:**
- **Feb 28-March 2:** ISTEP Part 1 Testing Grades 3-5
  - **March 2:** Read Across America Day Activities
  - **March 7:** PTO Meeting 7:00pm
  - **March 10:** Rocky's Math Blast Level 5 Celebration
  - **March 10:** Mother/Son Movie Night 6:30pm
  - **March 14:** IREAD-3 Test
  - **March 22:** 1st Grade Music Program 1:30pm
  - **March 24:** End of 3rd Quarter
  - **March 27-31** Spring Break!

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**ISTEP & IREAD Testing Dates**



The 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders will be taking Part 1 of the ISTEP test **February 28-March 2**, and Part 2 April 17-May 5. 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 14th**. 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!

### 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.

### Lost & Found

We have acquired quite a few clothing items in our "Lost and Found". Please feel free to stop by and check out the items for any that may belong to your son or daughter.

You are strongly encouraged to put your child's name on sweatshirts, jackets, sweaters, backpacks, and lunch boxes as many of these items look alike.

### Congratulations Regional Science Fair Participants!

The following Ryan Park Scientists will be advancing to the Trine Regional Science Fair on March 4th!

- Mikaela Kolar**
- Daniel Koch**
- Ava Budak**
- Macy Oberlin**
- Oliver Koch**

*Great job to all who participated!*



### **Counselor's Corner**

#### **Ryan Park Student Council**

The month of February was a great opportunity for our first semester and second semester members to mentor each other through a successful Valentine's Heart Sucker Sale. We are very proud of the members for all their hard work on the posters that were created and the time devoted to the sale.

Members will be announcing their community service project

in March, so stay tuned in and please thank your members for all their outstanding leadership!

#### **Counselor In the Classroom**

Ryan Park Rhinos 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students have been discussing a topic that is an essential skill for success in life, respect. The classes have had some serious discussions about what respect looks like and how it impacts us all in our lives. Students then took part in a Ka-

hoot.it activity that allows them to demonstrate their knowledge as well as expected practices regarding respect. All Rhinos understand that getting respect, begins by giving respect. Please encourage your students to share with you the discussions on this very important topic!



### **Rhino Talent!**



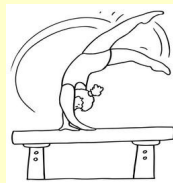
*We want to showcase the amazing talent of our Rhino students!*

We know our students are involved in numerous activities outside of school. We would like to display those talents during the month of March and April for all to see!

If you would like to share your child's awesome talent, please send in a picture with your child's name, grade, and teacher on the back of the photo. Pictures will be displayed on our Rhino News board.

At the end of April, we will send all pictures home with your child.

If you have any questions, please ask the office!



### MSD of Steuben County 2017-2018 Kindergarten Registration

You may still register your child for 2017-2018 kindergarten. Your child must be 5 years of age by August 1, 2017 to qualify. Kindergarten testing will be held in June. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

### Report Cards



3rd Quarter Report Cards will be issued to students on **Friday, April 7th**. If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's grades, please call or email your child's teacher.

**2016-2017**

**PTO Officers**

President - Abby Mathiak  
V. President - Melissa Zeeb  
Secretary - Laurie Kuster  
Treasurer - Ashley Brown  
Events Coordinators -  
Teresa Stuckey & Katrina  
Buchanan



**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 2 hours in the morning, or signed out of school less than 2 hours 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 @ 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/> 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.



**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, 2017 to be eligible.

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

**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!

**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!

**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.