

Ryan Park Elementary School

Rhino News



Upcoming Events:

- **April 4:** PTO Meeting 7:00pm
- **April 4:** PTO Flower Sales Due
- **April 6:** Spring Pictures
- **April 7:** 3rd Quarter Report Cards Issued to Students
- **April 10-13:** Scholastic Book Fair
- **April 13:** Family Bingo Night 5:30-7:00pm
- **April 13:** 5th Grade Visit to AMS
- **April 14:** No School—Good Friday
- **April 18, 19, 20, 21, & 25:** ISTEP Part 2
- **April 25:** PTO Flower Pick-Up 5:00-7:00pm
- **April 28:** 5th Grade Visit to Trine

The Principal's Desk

Amy Heavin

Spring is definitely in the air! It is unbelievable to think the school year is 3/4 over, with only 2 months left to go! So much learning and growth has taken place.

We are so excited to showcase our Learning Lab Makerspace with you! Our students are truly enjoying the art of making, designing, creating, and collaborating in this space. Thank you for all of the generous donations. And a special thanks to all of our staff for making this a possibility for our students!

Our students have also shown tremendous poise and determination through ISTEP testing.

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.*

We know it can be arduous, but they have each done their personal best, showing what they know and have learned. We are so proud of them!

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

Ryan Park would like to thank Mrs. Laurie Brandon and Mrs. Barbara Blaschak for organizing RP Chess Club again this year!

Thank you!

Look at upcoming events and RP news on Twitter.

@RyanParkRhinos

Spring Pictures!!



April 6th

Last Student Day



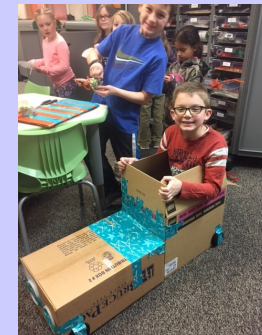
Tuesday, June 6th!!

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Makerspace Showcase!

Check out these awesome snapshots from our Learning Lab Makerspace!



Great learning & making happening daily at Ryan Park!

Donations of Makerspace materials are still needed! Thank you!

Teacher Preference Forms

Forms are available in the office for parents to pick up on **Monday, April 10th**. Forms will not be sent home with students.

Forms need to be returned by **May 19, 2017**.

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.

Counselor's Corner

Counselor In the Classroom

Ryan Park Rhinos K-5 have been working on the concept of self evaluation and our impact on the world we live in today and tomorrow.

The kindergarten and first grade students have completed booklets that investigate jobs I'd like to do when I grow up. The students have enjoyed sharing their ideas with each other and coloring the activity booklets.

2nd and 3rd grade students been working on "Who Am I?" inventories. They are discovering their own strengths and weaknesses and how this may impact them when they make important decisions later in life.

Our 4th and 5th grade students have begun work on their self evaluation booklets as well. Rhinos have a wide array of ideas about what our world is going to look like when they grow up and I am very excited about seeing it take shape

with them as our leaders.

Please encourage your student to share with you the activities that we are working on in their classroom when Mr. Curtis comes in to talk with them. I truly enjoy seeing and hearing all their very creative and innovative ideas of what our world will look like in just a few short years when they are guiding us!



ISTEP Dates

Practice Test: April 11 & 12
 Math: April 18 & 19
 English/Lang Arts: April 20 & 21
 Science/Social Studies: April 25

Spring Book Fair

When: April 10-13
 Where: RP Gym
 Monday-Wednesday: 7:45-3:30
 Thursday: 7:45-3:00
 Family Bingo Night Thurs.: 5:30-7:00pm

Great Job to All

Who Represented Ryan Park at the Regional Science Fair!

Special Congratulations to:

Mikaela Kolar
 1st Place

Ava Budak
 5th Place

Daniel Koch
 5th Place

Oliver Koch
 American Chemical Society Award

All of you made Ryan Park proud!



**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. Testing is done by appointment only. 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.