

Ryan Park Elementary School

Rhino News



Upcoming Events:

- **May 2:** PTO Meeting 7:00pm
- **May 3:** Progress Reports Issued to Students
- **May 9:** 1st Grade Field Trip
- **May 10:** 2nd Grade Field Trip
- **May 11:** Stevens Puppets K-2 Program
- **May 13:** TinCaps Reading Program Game 7:00pm
- **May 17-19:** Camp Rhino
- **May 19:** 4th Grade Field Trip
- **May 24:** 4th/5th Grade Music Program 1:30pm
- **May 25:** 3rd Grade Field Trip
- **May 25:** Kindergarten Picnic 5:00pm
- **May 29:** No School—Memorial Day
- **May 30:** Kindergarten Field Trip
- **June 6:** Last Day of School! Report Cards Issued
- **June 6:** 5th Grade Awards & Celebration 9:00am

The Principal's Desk

Amy Heavin

It is the last monthly newsletter of the year, bitter sweet to say the least. It has been such a fantastic school year, and I am proud of every student, the hard work and enthusiasm each has shown for learning and being the best he/she can be. It is a wonderful time to be a Rhino!

We still have a lot of instruction to cover in these final days. May is a very busy time at Ryan Park. Many grade levels will be showing off their talents and their learning, as well as attending many field trips. Please watch the class newsletters for dates and activities.

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.*

Congratulations to our 5th grade for a fabulous Rhino career! We wish them best of luck at Angola Middle School next year!

I am excited for the end of the year events, but also very excited to look ahead at the next school year. Our school will continue its tradition of excellence in the 2017-2018 school year!

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

Last Student Day



Tuesday, June 6th

Background Checks!

A current background check is required for anyone chaperoning during a field trip.

Please make sure yours is on file in our office. Background checks will not be completed on the day of the field trip. Thank you!

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Summer School



Who:

Students in Grades K-4 who would like additional reading instruction.



When:

June 12-23
8:00-11:30am

Contact your child's teacher if interested or you would like more information. Transportation will be provided through various pick-up locations in the community.

Counselor's Corner

Teacher Preference Forms

Forms are available in the office for parents to pick up . Forms will not be sent home with students.

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

It is astounding how quickly this year is drawing to a close. We have a wonderful group of 5th grade students who are gearing themselves up to head off to Middle School and change their identity from Rhinos to Yellow Jackets. As they begin this transition, we started taking a look at some career options and what would be required in achieving the needed skills to obtain their goals in life. It has been a pleasure working with all these creative and

innovative students and it is exciting to think about what the future has in store for them.

Throughout all grade here at Ryan Park this year, we have been maintaining a focus on respect and patience with our friends and peers. The ability to be compassionate and collaborate with others is an essential life skill. Too, it is one that at times is not always easy, but in order for us to be successful and find common ground with

others sharing our world we must be able to communicate and show compassion for others.

Keep up all the great work in your efforts to become better communicators and collaborators!

Great tomorrows are dependent upon improving this day!



Summer Activities

Information about Summer Activities available in the office.

Spring Pictures

Students received Spring picture packets in April. Please take this time to review your picture decision. Please include payment in the attached envelope, inside the picture envelope.
Thank you!
Lifetouch

ATTENTION: PARENTS OF 5TH GRADERS

Your child's final days at Ryan Park Elementary are almost here! We are planning a party to celebrate the occasion on Tuesday, June 6th. At 8:00am, there will be breakfast for the 5th grade students in the 5th grade pod area. This breakfast is for students only. This will be followed by a special awards program for 5th grade in the school gym at 9:00am. All family members are invited to attend the program, which will last approximately one hour. The PTO is sponsoring food and fun activities after the program.

If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact the Ryan Park PTO, ryanpark-PTO@gmail.com .

Programs & Field Trips Galore!

May is a busy month for programs featuring our talented & amazing students!!! We also have many field trip in May as well!

4th/5th Grade Music Program
Wednesday, May 24th 1:30pm

Kindergarten Picnic
Thursday, May 25th 5:00pm



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 on June 19, 20, & 21. Testing is done by appointment only. Information has been mailed to those registered to set up your appointment. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

End of the Year Reminders

Because there are so many important reminders at the end of the school year, there will be a short newsletter sent home in the middle of May. Please feel free to call the school office any time you have a question.

Thank you!

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:

Sometimes our contact information changes, particularly during the summer months. If it does, please contact the school office to update your information.

Thank you!

Lost & Found



Our Lost & Found is overflowing! Please stop by and check it out if you feel your child has lost an item at school. All items not picked up by the end of the school year are donated to local organizations.

Thank you!



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

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!

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!

Medication

If your child has any prescription medication, over the counter medication, cough drops, etc., they will need to be picked up by a parent **before the last student day of school, June 3rd.** Anything that is left will be disposed of.

Thank you!