

Ryan Park Elementary School

Rhino News-Summer Edition



Upcoming Events:

- **August 1:** Office Opens
- **August 14:** Open House 6-7pm
- **August 16:** First Day of School
- **Sept. 4:** No School – Labor Day
- **Sept. 8:** Picture Day!
- **Dismissal time 2:45pm, Monday-Friday**

The Principal's Desk

Amy Heavin

Welcome to a new school year! The summer months always go quickly, but we are all very excited for the 2017-2018 school year to begin.

Our staff is dedicated to ensuring all students maximize their potential and learning. Class lists will be posted at noon on Friday, August 4th. Lists have been carefully put together, making sure each child has what he/she needs to be successful.

Regular dismissal time is 2:45pm, Monday-Friday. Please call the office by 2:15 if your child needs to go

home a different way than planned.

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

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

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.*

Open House

Parents and students are encouraged to stop in for Open House on **Monday, August 14th** from **6-7pm.**

Students will meet their teacher, can bring school supplies, and stop by the office to pay book rental/lunch money.

We look forward to seeing you!

Monthly School Newsletters

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

Newsletters are also posted on our school website.

Follow RP on Twitter!

Look at upcoming events and RP news on Twitter.

Follow us:

@RyanParkRhinos

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Rhinos in the News!

This school year, we would like to continue to feature more of the great accomplishments of our Ryan Park Rhinos! Our students do AMAZING things, and we want to share those with everyone!

In our hallway near the main entrance lobby, a bulletin board will feature news articles, perfect attendance, honor roll, and other great accomplishments our students have made!

Each grading period, we will send out a short video featuring pictures and student work, showcasing all the great learning happening in the school! Our school website will also feature this fantastic learning, as well as on our Twitter feed.

If you have student accomplishments to share and you would like to see your child recognized for those at school, please send them to Mrs. Heavin, aheavin@msdsc.us. Thank you!



Steuben County Promise Program:

Steuben County is coming together to support all youth in the development of their college & career identity through discovery, readiness, & educational savings.

All K-3 parents & students are invited to enroll their child in a 529 College Savings plan during Open House. Check out the Promise table for more details!



Morning Drop-Off

For the safety of all students, if you drop off your child in the morning or pick them up in the afternoon, please use the main Ryan Park entrance, NOT the staff/bus parking lot.

Please make sure they are safely on the sidewalk before pulling away.

Your cooperation ensures all children are safely entering and exiting the school.

Thank you!

Getting Ready for School!

Getting a new school year off to a good start can influence children's attitude, confidence, and performance both socially and academically. The transition from summer to school can be difficult for both children and parents. Even children who are eager to return to class must adjust to the greater levels of activity, structure, and for some, pressures associated with school life. Here are a few suggestions to help ease this transition and promote a successful school experience.

- Review the material sent by the school as soon as it arrives.
- Make a note of important dates.
- Buy school supplies early.
- Plan to re-establish the bedtime and mealtime routines at least 1 week before school starts.
- Encourage your child to play quiet games, do puzzles, flash cards, color, or read as early morning activities instead of watching TV.
- Designate and clear a

place to do homework and select a spot to keep backpacks and lunch boxes once again.



- And freeze a few easy dinners to make it easier on you during that busy first week of school!

Welcome back to school!



Ryan Park is using Remind, a one-way text messaging system, to send reminders, delays, & closings.

Text:

To receive messages via text, text @ryanpa to (260) 918-6006. You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying "unsubscribe @ryanpa"

Email:

To receive messages via email, send an email to ryanpa@mail.remind.com. To unsubscribe, reply with "unsubscribe" in the subject line.

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!

Lunch

Breakfast: \$1.45

Lunch: \$2.20

Payable to MSD Food Service

Applications for Meal Assistance are available in the office or may be picked up at Central Office. These can be submitted at anytime if you experience a change of income.

www.SendMoneytoSchool.com

Parents can set up an account to monitor student lunch accounts or deposit lunch money. There is no fee to monitor your child's account and you can receive low balance notifications. You will need your child's student ID number.



Dismissal

Students will be dismissed Monday-Friday at 2:45pm.

Please call the office prior to 2:15pm if there is a change in how your child will go home!

Thank you!



"Peanut Restricted"

We have several students attending Ryan Park this year with severe allergies to all nuts and peanut butter. Ryan Park Food Service is "peanut restricted". Food service will not be offering Un crustables.

"Sunwise", a sunbutter and jelly sandwich (made from sunflower seeds). We are striving to provide a safe and agreeable eating environment for all our students. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Our current offering is

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.

Return the forms to the school office so we do not call you. Thank you.



Join our P.T.O!

The Ryan Park PTO is a wonderful organization that supports our teachers and students every year. Information on how you can help or become a part of our PTO will be available during our Open House. Meetings are held monthly as well.

Join this great organization!



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.**

Volunteers: All parent volunteers must complete a criminal background check before they help in the classroom or go on a field trip. **These forms MUST be completed EVERY school year!**



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!

2017-2018

PTO Officers

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

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!