

Rosa Parks Kindergarten Academy

September 27, 2024

Hello RPKA Families,

Today we had our second assembly. Our STARS watched STEVENS PUPPETS perform Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children enjoyed the show and learned about marionette puppets too. Be sure to ask your child about Baby Bear's outfit!

Parent / Teacher conferences are underway. It has been wonderful to see the high level of parent engagement we have this year. You are your child's first teacher and we value your partnership. Working together is the best way to help your child thrive in school and in life!

It is hard to believe fall break is almost here. Students will attend school all next week and fall break begins on Monday, October 7.

Be sure to read all the way through this newsletter each Friday for important information and pictures from the week. As always be sure to check out pictures from the week too!

Thank you for all you do at home to prepare your child for learning. We couldn't do it without you!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Respectfully,
Angela Swails
Principal
Rosa Parks Kindergarten Academy

Helping Your Child Learn to Read

Dear Parents and Families,

As we are at the beginning of your child's K-12 educational journey, we want to take this opportunity to reiterate the importance of reading by the end of third grade and share information regarding the supports that will be available to your child to help them learn to read by this important milestone.

The ability to read by the end of third grade is very important in order for your child to access all future learning. We know that in order to maximize student learning, it is essential that our parents/families and educators work together to support our young learners. In addition to the school-based supports described below, we encourage families to read to their child for 10-30 minutes each day. Reading together at home, visiting the library, and encouraging a love for books can make a significant difference.

Below please read about School-Based Support To Help Your Child Learn To Read:

1. Universal Screener:

In order to provide the best support for your child, it is important to understand the skills that they are succeeding in and the skills that they need additional support to help master. Students in kindergarten through second grade will participate in a universal screener, and results will be shared with parents/families. This allows schools and families to work together to provide personalized support as early as possible.

2. Multiple Opportunities To Demonstrate Reading Proficiency:

Looking ahead, students will proactively participate in the IREAD assessment in second grade, with the option to also participate in a summer retest opportunity. Offering multiple opportunities for students to participate in IREAD prior to third grade provides another early indicator of whether a student is on-track to read by the end of third grade. This information will inform continued collaboration between our educators and families to provide necessary reading support.

Students who demonstrate reading proficiency in second grade will not be required to test again. Students who are still working to master foundational reading skills will receive additional support and will have another opportunity to participate in IREAD in third grade, both in the spring and during the summer.

All IREAD results will be shared with parents/families.

3. Free Summer Learning Opportunities:

Students who need additional reading support after participating in the spring administration of IREAD in both second and third grade will have an opportunity to participate in a summer reading course provided by Perry Township Schools at no cost to families. This course will be taught using instructional practices aligned to science of reading, which research shows is the most effective way to help a child learn to read.

4. Additional Supports:

Your child's teacher gathers data both formally and informally. This data is used to adjust instruction based on your child's needs. This data may be used to determine if additional supports are needed through the school MTSS team. If a student is still struggling to read at the end of third grade, after receiving significant learning support, state law requires students to be retained in third grade (as a last resort), with some exceptions.

The following students are eligible to receive a Good Cause Exemption (GCE) and are thus exempt from this requirement. Students eligible for a GCE include:

- A student who has previously been retained in third grade;

- A student with an intellectual disability, whose Individualized Education Program (IEP) or case conference committee specifies that promotion to the next grade level is appropriate;
- A student who is an identified English learner (EL) who has received services for fewer than two years and has an Individual Learning Plan (ILP) committee that determines promotion to the next grade level is appropriate;
- A student who achieved a performance level of "Proficient" or "Above Proficient" on the third grade ILEARN Mathematics assessment; or
- A student who has received two or more years of intensive intervention in reading aligned to science of reading and was retained more than once during kindergarten, first grade, or second grade.

To ensure students continue to receive the maximum support for their unique learning needs, all students who have not passed IREAD, whether they are retained in third grade for an additional year or are promoted to fourth grade, will continue to receive reading support and will retake IREAD until they pass or upon completion of sixth grade.

Thank you for your attention to this letter and for allowing us to be a partner in your child's future success! We encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher at any time with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

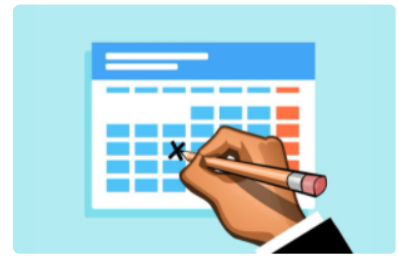
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Upcoming Dates:

- Sept. 26-Oct. 4- Parent / Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 7-18- Fall Break
- Oct. 21- School Resumes
- Oct. 28-Nov. 1 Scholastic Bookfair
 - Grandparents Day will be during our Scholastic Bookfair. Look for details in next week's newsletter about your child's assigned day.

SAVE THE DATE!

Please be sure to open the SAVE DATE DOCUMENT to see the activities and events we have planned for this **exciting school year**.



Save the Date 2024-2025.pdf

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Opportunities for your child to try something new!

PERRY TOWNSHIP NIGHT OF RUNNING



EVENT DETAILS

Monday, September 30th

Southport Middle School

Grades K-5th students

Run either a 1/2 mile or 1 mile run



Free Running Club offered!

*The event will take place after the conclusion of the Perry vs. Southport Middle School cross country meet.
All participants will need to register and more info will be emailed with details prior to the event.

Questions contact Ben Danner bdanner@perryschools.org

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South Indy Youth Hockey Association

We promote sportsmanship and valuable life lessons through hockey. We are committed to growing the sport of hockey in Indianapolis and surrounding areas.

Location

Perry Park Ice Rink
451 E Stop 11 Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46227

Highlights

Boys and Girls Ages 4 - 14
6U - 14U House League
10U - 14U Travel League

2 Ice Touches per week
Season from October - March
Registration Now Open
at SIYHA.org

Where are we from?

We have players from Indianapolis, Greenwood, Center Grove, Mooresville, Franklin, Plainfield, Shelbyville, Brownsburg, and other Central Indiana communities





TINKERFEST

Sept. 21 | 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Included with admission, \$2/Access Pass members, \$5/college student with ID; \$7/Scouts BSA, Girl Scouts and their families

Calling all builders, makers, artists, tinkers, inventors and coders — it's time to get creative at Tinkerfest! Engage in 25+ hands-on activities across the museum and outside at this annual day-long celebration of curiosity and creativity.

See a list of exhibitors and find additional information.



indianamuseum.org

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Indianapolis, IN 46204 | 317.232.1637

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12th Annual Hound Hustle
In Partnership with Coach Hathaway's Running South
University of Indianapolis
Saturday, September 28, 2024
Check-in: 8:00 a.m.
Start Time: 9:00 a.m.

UIndy/Perry Township student fee: \$15

UIndy Alumni & Families fee: \$25

UIndy/Perry Township employee fee: \$20

Community Member fee: \$30

Register for the 2024 Hound Hustle now

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hound-hustle-5k-runwak-tickets-1010416953307>

Advanced registration fee includes your race bib and t-shirt. Same-day registration includes your bib and t-shirt (as supplies last).

Note: The registration fee is non-refundable; the event will occur rain or shine.

Anyone is welcome to participate; you do not have to be affiliated with UIndy.

One-hour course limit (18 minute/mile pace) | No dogs allowed

About the Event

The race takes participants on a tour of the beautiful UIndy campus and the University Heights neighborhood. The non-certified course is fast, flat and scenic and highlights our buildings and athletic facilities, including the Athletics & Recreation Center, Roberts Hall, and the UIndy Health Pavilion. The event begins and ends at the Schwitzer Student Center on the UIndy campus. Post-race refreshments will be served outside (weather permitting) or inside the Schwitzer Student Center atrium.

School Lunch Pirates Sept 30 - Oct 4, 2024

SCHOOL LUNCH PIRATES

MONDAY

Smacker Scallywag Feast
Chicken Smackers with WG Dinner Roll
Mashed Potatoes

TUESDAY

Buccaneer's Beef Nachos
Beef Nachos with Tortilla Chips
Corn or Refried Beans

WEDNESDAY

Mozzarella Pirate Planks
Mozzarella Sticks with Marinara Sauce
Green Beans

THURSDAY

Cheddar Chest Burger
Hamburger/Cheeseburger on WG Bun
Potato Enchila

FRIDAY

Pull-Apart Pirate Pizzas
Pizza Pull-Aparts
Broccoli or Baby Carrots with Dip

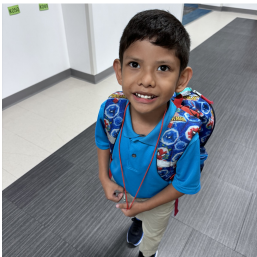
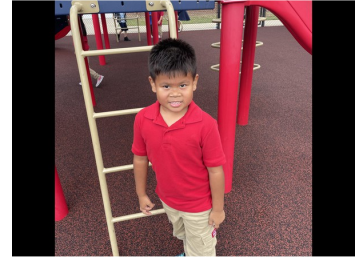
FIND YOUR TREASURE!

* Second entrée option of PPU Unavailable (2 & ea) with Cheese Stick and Grahams offered daily

Breakfast is Manager's Choice this week!

Check out our STARS!





Thank you to AIRE SERV for providing our car rider tags! Please remember AIRE SERV for you heating and air conditioning needs!



Thank you to Emmanuel Church volunteers for all of the on site support and donations!



Thank you to PTEF for our Family Impact Series Grant!



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