

# Rosa Parks Kindergarten Academy

September 12, 2025

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RPKA Families,

It was so exciting to see so many of our families here Thursday evening for our Literacy Night. We had so much fun celebrating community helpers. Our hope is that the children learned more about the valuable role community helpers play and that our families enjoyed learning new and engaging ways to build oral vocabulary which is a foundational skill for reading and writing. Be sure to check out the pictures from this event.

Beginning with dismissal on Monday, September 15th, your elementary student will be issued a Bus Tag which they will use to scan on and off of the bus. We ask that your student wear their bus tag and lanyard when boarding the bus in the morning and again in the afternoon as they board the bus at dismissal. The bus tag will allow us to ensure the safety of our students by logging the time, location and which bus the student entered or exited. Also printed on the bus tag is their Child Nutrition bar scan which they will use in the school cafeteria each day for breakfast and lunch. If your child's bus tag is lost, contact our school office. We will wait three days before submitting a request to print a new bus tag. There will be a \$2 fee for the replacement bus tag.

Parent / Teacher conferences are starting soon. Please be on the lookout for information from your child's teacher to sign up for a time that works for you. We value our partnership with our families and look forward to meeting with each of you to work together to grow all our students academically, socially, and behaviorally.

**We have a change in our SAVE THE DATE document. Please note that our HOLIDAY program will be held on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18. Plan now to join us for this special evening.**

Be sure to read all the way through this newsletter each Friday for important information and pictures from the week.

Respectfully,  
Angela Swails  
Principal  
Rosa Parks Kindergarten Academy

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## AUGUST SHINING STARS!



Congratulations to our August Shining Stars! These students stood out for living out our motto of "Treat People Right and Do the Right Thing!" We are so proud of our Shining Stars!

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Our school is participating in a fundraiser with Art to Remember. This program benefits our student activities fund and you will have the opportunity to purchase keepsake items customized with your child's artwork. The products make great gifts for friends and family members!



Order forms will be coming home at the end of September.

## TITLE 1 Information

Please read the following information regarding Title 1.



[Parents-Rights-to-Know-2024-25.pdf](#)

[drive.google.com](https://drive.google.com)

<https://www.perryschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/District-Parent-Involvement.pdf>

[perryschools.org](https://www.perryschools.org)



Updated 25-26 RPKA Title 1 Parent Compact - Google Docs.p  
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# Dyslexia Testing

## ENGLISH

Indiana Code 20-35.5 requires all Indiana schools to administer a universal screener for learning characteristics related to dyslexia. Dyslexia is a learning disorder that involves difficulty reading due to problems identifying speech sounds and learning how they relate to letters and words (decoding). All students in kindergarten, grade one, and grade two will be given 1-2 screeners in the months of August/September. Please contact our school with any questions or concerns regarding the universal dyslexia screener.

## CHIN

Indiana Code 20-35.5 upadi ningin Indiana chung sianginn dihlak nih cawnnak lei chambaunak (dyslexia) a ngeirni si le si lo theih khawhnak ding hi tuah ding ti a si. Dyslexia cu cawnnak lei chambaunak he ai pehtaimi thil a si i cafang le biafang ai pehtalh ning le a aw chuah ning tehna theithiam khawh lo phun a si. Taang cheu, taang khat, le taang hnih sianggakchia poh cu hi cheknak (screener) tuah dingmi hi August/September thla ah tuahter an si lai. Hi universal dyslexia screener kong he pehtiai in nan fian lomi asiloah biahal nan duhmi a um ahcun nan fian kahnak sianginn rak chawn te hna uh.

## SPANISH

El Código 20-35.5 de Indiana requiere que todas las escuelas del estado administren una evaluación universal para identificar las características de aprendizaje relacionadas con la dislexia. La dislexia es una discapacidad de aprendizaje que involucra la dificultad para leer debido a problemas con la identificación de sonidos y con el aprendizaje de cómo se relacionan las letras y las palabras (decodificar). A todos los estudiantes del kinder, del primer grado y del segundo grado se les hará la evaluación en el mes de agosto/septiembre. Por favor contacte a la escuela con cualquier pregunta o preocupación que tenga con respecto a la evaluación universal de la dislexia.

## SWAHILI

Msimbo wa Indiana (Indiana Code) 20-35.5 inahitaji shule zote za Indiana kudhibiti uchunguzi wa jumla wa matatizo yatokanayo na Dyslexia. Dyslexia ni ugonjwa wa kujifunza unaohusisha ugumu wa kusoma kutokana na matatizo ya kutambua sauti na kujifunza jinsi zinavyohusiana na herufi na maneno (decoding). Wanafunzi wote katika shule ya chekechea (kindergarten), darasa la kwanza na la pili wataonyeshwa skrini katika mwezi wa Agosti/Septemba. Tafadhali wasiliana na shule yetu ukwa na maswali au wasiwasi wowote kuhusu uchunguzi unahitajika dhidi ya dyslexia.

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## Second Step Curriculum Goals

## Goals of the Second Step Program:

- Growth Mindset & Goal Setting
  - Learn strategies to pay attention and manage distractions
  - Develop an "I CAN" attitude
  - Set and work toward goals
- Emotional Management
  - Identify & label emotions
  - Learn & use strategies to calm big emotions
- Empathy & Kindness
  - Recognize kindness & act kindly
  - See things from someone else's perspective
  - Build friendships
- Problem-Solving
  - Identify and solve problems

## Problem-Solving Steps

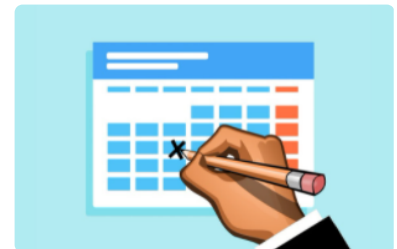


## Upcoming Events

Sept. 23- Dine & Donate Night at Fiesta Ranchera proceeds support our RPKA staff

## Save the Date!

Please be sure to open the SAVE THE DATE document to see the activities and events we have planned for this exciting school year. This link includes English, Chin and Spanish translations. **The SAVE THE DATE document has been updated to reflect that our Holiday program will be held on Thursday, December 18.**



## PARENT SQUARE

Please open the link above to create your PARENT SQUARE account. PARENT SQUARE is how we communicate information with you.

## Get Involved!

### Wrestling Club

The Perry Meridian Wrestling Club is ready for you to join! You can sign up in person at the Perry Meridian Home Football game on September 19 or the Family Fun Night on October 27. You can also use the link below.

<https://www.perrymeridianwrestlingclub.com/teams/club>



### TINKERFEST

**Sept. 20 | 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**

Included with admission, \$5/\*Access Pass members, \$5/Indiana college students with ID, 50% off admission for Scouting America, Girl Scouts, 4-H and their families. Includes \$4 parking validation.

Tinkerfest is a daylong celebration of curiosity and creativity! Explore more than 30 hands-on, interactive activities hosted by innovative community exhibitors designed to engage and inspire the inner builders, coders, artists, makers and tinkerers of all ages. Each activity invites children and families to tinker, make, invent, create, play and imagine!

\*Access Pass members need to purchase tickets in person OR call 317.232.1637 to receive discounted prices.

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# FALL BREAK CAMPS

(K-GRADE 6)

**Member registration: July 11-13**  
**Nonmember registration: July 14**

**Camps meet 8 a.m.-5 p.m.**

\$65/camper per day; 10% discount for members;  
\$5 sibling discount; \$10/scholarships

**Free time for campers offered**

**8-9 a.m. and 3:30-5 p.m.**

Registration deadline: 5 p.m. the day before camp



## CREEPY CRAWLERS

Oct. 13

Become an insect investigator and study the science of the creepy crawly creatures that live all around us!

## MINI MUSEUM

Oct. 14

Create your own mini museum filled with your favorite things as we draw inspiration from the Museum Marvels exhibit.

## SMALL SCIENCE

Oct. 15

Examine the itty-bitty details of nano-level science with experiments and hands-on activities.

## INDIANA ART

Oct. 16

Drawings, paintings and sketches, oh my! Draw inspiration from contemporary Hoosier artists as you create your own traditional and abstract artworks.

## INVENTOR'S WORKSHOP

Oct. 17

Calling all aspiring inventors! Dive into the world of innovation and explore famous inventors and their game-changing creations. Use collaboration, creativity and problem-solving to design, build and test your own invention.

## TWIST, TURN, LIFT

Oct. 20

Discover the fun of connecting the dots as you dream up the most wild, intricate Rube Goldberg machine you can!

## ART EXPLORATION

Oct. 21

Use various types of art media to express your creative side and learn about the styles of well-known artists through hands-on projects.

## DIY MAZES

Oct. 22

Can you find your way out of the maze? Explore with different types of mazes, then design and build your own maze to challenge your fellow campers.

## WEIRD SCIENCE

Oct. 23

Time to investigate odd, weird and downright bizarre scientific phenomena! See what happens when we mix chemistry with Halloween fun!

## UP IN THE TREES

Oct. 24

Look up, there's lots to explore in the sky! Learn all about the creatures that explore, find food and make their homes up in the trees.

Register at [IndianaMuseum.org](http://IndianaMuseum.org)

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# FALCON YOUTH SPORTS





## Fall 2025

Dear Parents,







Below you will find opportunities for your child to participate in various athletic activities being offered throughout Perry and in the community. Please reach out if you have any questions!

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Keira Bush  
knbush@perryschools.org

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| <b>Running</b>  | <b>Perry Township Night of Running</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Any K-5 Perry Township student</li><li>3 race options!</li><li>Run after the Perry vs Southport Meet</li></ul> <a href="#">Registration Link</a><br><i>Questions? Contact <a href="mailto:knbush@perryschools.org">knbush@perryschools.org</a></i>     |   |
| <b>Soccer</b>   | <b>Boys and Girls Youth Rec League</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>St. Francis Soccer Club (SFSC Falcons)</li><li>Ages 4-12</li><li>Practice begins August 25</li></ul> <a href="#">Website Link</a>  |   |
| <b>Swimming</b> | <b>Southside Indy Aquatics Swimming Lessons</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ages 5-18</li><li>Evaluations Aug 25, 6-7 @ Southport</li></ul> <a href="#">Information and Registration Link</a><br><i>Questions? Contact <a href="mailto:lcox@southsideindyaquatics.com">lcox@southsideindyaquatics.com</a></i>             |   |
| <b>Girls</b>    | <b>Girls Travel Team</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Grades 3-8; practice 2X per week</li><li>Games start in October</li><li>Open try out September 7 @ 1:00 at PMHS</li></ul> <a href="#">Information Link</a><br><i>Questions? Contact <a href="mailto:kdstafford@perryschools.org">kdstafford@perryschools.org</a></i> |  |



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| <b>Basketball</b>      | <b>Girls Skill and Development League</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grades 3-8</li> <li>• Focus on skills development</li> <li>• October 20-December 10</li> <li>• Practices and games</li> </ul> <a href="#">Information Link</a>   |  |
| <b>Boys Basketball</b> | <b>Boys Travel Team</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grades 1-6</li> <li>• Practice 2X per week</li> <li>• Games on Saturday and Sunday</li> <li>• Try-outs on September 14</li> </ul> <a href="#">Information Sheet</a><br><i>Questions? Contact mmcfarland@perryschools.org</i>   |  |
|                        | <b>Co-ed Recreational League</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the Baxter YMCA</li> <li>• Ages 4-12</li> <li>• Starts October 25</li> </ul> <a href="#">Information and Registration Link</a><br><i>Questions? Contact YMCA: 317-881-9347</i>   |  |
|                        | <b>Boys and Girls Recreational League</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At Mt. Pleasant</li> <li>• Grades K-12</li> <li>• Starts October 20</li> </ul> <a href="#">Information and Registration Link</a>   |  |
| <b>Hockey</b>          | <b>House Hockey League</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developmental League</li> <li>• 2 "ice touches" a week at Perry Park</li> <li>• Ages 3-16</li> <li>• Season starts in October</li> </ul> <a href="#">Website Link</a>   |  |
| <b>Wrestling</b>       | <b>Perry Meridian Wrestling Club</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grades K-6</li> <li>• Club begins October 27</li> <li>• In-person registration Sep 5 &amp; 19 at PMHS football games</li> <li>• Family Fun Night &amp; registration Oct 27</li> </ul> <a href="#">Registration Link</a><br><a href="#">Information Sheet</a><br><i>Questions? Contact cdpayton@perryschools.org</i> |  |



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| <b>Volleyball</b>   | <b>PTVI Resumes in February!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration will open January 1</li> <li>• Grades 2-6</li> </ul> Click the link below for more volleyball opportunities happening right now!<br><a href="#">Information Sheet</a>                      |   |
| <b>Lacrosse</b>   | <b>FREE Try it out clinics!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6-8 grade boys and girls</li> <li>• First one is 9/4 and then every Mon and Tues until 10/9</li> <li>• PMHS softball field at 6:30</li> <li>• All equipment provided!</li> </ul> <a href="#">Website</a> |  |
| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <p><b>Join Falcon Youth Sports</b></p> <p><b>Mailing List</b><br/> Receive emails directly to your inbox about the latest youth sports opportunities in Perry Township. Scan the QR or email <a href="mailto:ssimmonds@perryschools.org">ssimmonds@perryschools.org</a></p> <p><b>Facebook Page</b><br/> Follow us on Facebook to see youth sports opportunities and updates! Scan the QR or search for Falcon Youth Sports</p> </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: center;"> <br/><br/>  </div> </div> |   |   |



# Falcon Youth Sports

*Be part of something*



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# PERRY TOWNSHIP NIGHT OF RUNNING

## EVENT DETAILS

Monday, September 29th

Southport Middle School

Grades K-5 students

Run a .25K, .5K, or 1K race



or scan the  
QR code



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?  
[bdanner@perryschools.org](mailto:bdanner@perryschools.org) or [knbush@perryschools.org](mailto:knbush@perryschools.org)



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## News from our NUTRITION DEPARTMENT

Perry Township Schools Nutrition Department, Cafe Express, offers options for special dietary needs.

Under the National School Lunch Program and USDA guidelines, Perry Township Schools are required to provide reasonable meal modifications to accommodate students who are unable to eat the school meal as is, at no additional charge, due to a disability, impairment and/or medical necessity (i.e. food allergy) that restricts their diet.

To request special meal accommodations, parents/guardians must complete the "Special Dietary Needs" form located on the district website under the "Child Nutrition Department" Special Dietary Needs section. Completed forms will be sent to and reviewed by the Assistant Child Nutrition Director.

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## Lunch Menu

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## Breakfast Menu

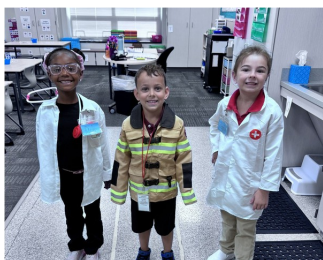
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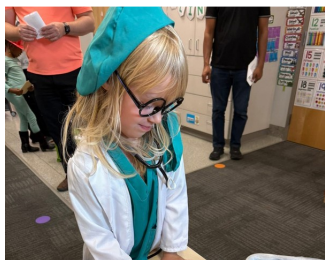
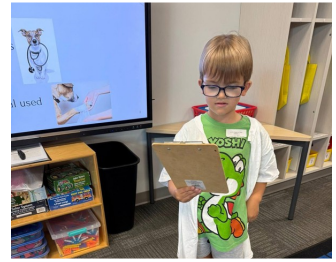
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## Check out our STARS!

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