

# Rosa Parks Kindergarten Academy

September 26, 2025

RPKA Families,

Wednesday, Oct. 1, is an E-Learning Day. Our students will learn from home on this day. A learning packet will be sent home in your child's backpack on Tuesday, Sept. 30. Please complete the packet at home on Wednesday and return it in your child's backpack on Thursday.

Our students have earned their 2nd Fuzzy Reward. Students may wear a hat with their uniform next Friday, Oct. 3. Be sure to ask your child how we earn Fuzzy Rewards at RPKA.

It has been **great** seeing so many families in the building for parent / teacher conferences. If you have not signed up for a conference, please reach out to your child's teacher to set a day and time to meet. 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.

On Thursday, October 2, our Social Emotional Learning Team will be sharing information with your students about bullying. We will talk about what bullying is, provide examples, and share what to do if you are bullied or if you see another person being bullied.

Fall break is almost here! Students will enjoy two weeks of fall break beginning on Monday, October 6. School will resume on October 20.

A BIG thank you to everyone who enjoyed Dine to Donate at Fiesta Ranchera! We appreciate your support of our fabulous RPKA staff.

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

### Kindergarten Routine Hacks: Simple Tips for Smoother Days

Scan the QR code to watch a short video.



Share your pictures with us through emailing [dmotley@perryschools.org](mailto:dmotley@perryschools.org) or ParentSquare. Demi Motley, Behavior Support Specialist, RPKA

Look in your child's take home kit they received at the beginning of the year for more activities. QR codes with short videos are in the kit to help you support your child at home. Thank you for all of your support at home to help your child grow this year.

### Smoother Days with Mrs. Motley

If you haven't had a chance, please scan the QR code and listen to Mrs. Motley's SIMPLE TIPS FOR SMOOTHER DAYS! Mrs. Motley shares some routine hacks to help your student be ready to have fun and learn each day at school. Be sure to share a picture of your child practicing routines. Send pictures to [dmotley@perryschools.org](mailto:dmotley@perryschools.org). We can't wait to share them on our announcements!



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# GET MORE OUT OF SCHOOL!

## YMCA E-LEARNING CAMP

When school is out, the Y is in! While our day is full of fun and activities, we also provide a quiet and supportive environment for your child to complete any assignments or tasks. Please bring any technology needed for the day!

**WHEN** WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1  
**TIME** 6:30am - 6:00pm  
**LOCATION** BAXTER YMCA PAVILION  
7900 Shelby Street  
(317) 605-8871  
**RATES** Daily: \$50/Y Members, \$60/All Others  
Weekly: \$165/Y Members, \$215/All Others



Visit [INDYMCA.org/YouthDevelopment](http://INDYMCA.org/YouthDevelopment) to enroll today!

## ART TO REMEMBER



Our School is participating in a creative fundraiser with Art to Remember that allows you to purchase products customised with your child's art. Your child will be bringing home a personalized order form.

### Here is what to expect:

Over 50 keepsake products featuring your child's artwork

Many of the products are less than \$20

A percentage of every order goes right back to our School

Safe and secure online ordering at Art to Remember



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## I READ KINDERGARTEN PREP

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Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to the beginning of your child's K-12 educational journey. As we prepare for an exciting year at Rosa Parks Kindergarten Academy, 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 30 minutes each day. Reading together at home, visiting the library, and encouraging a love for books can make a significant difference.

**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 called mCLASS. Results will be shared with our 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:** 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 the science of reading, which research shows is the most effective way to help a child learn to read.

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 or the student's Individualized Education Program specifies that retention is not appropriate, and the student's case conference committee has determined that promotion to another grade is appropriate;
- A student who is an identified English learner (EL) who has received services for fewer than two years and has an Individual Learn 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 the 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,

*Angela Swails*

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**ENGLISH**

Dear Parents/Guardian,

If you are unable to understand the following information because of the language, please contact the teacher/tutor at your school for clarification.

The office of English Language is also available to assist you in understanding important information being sent home.

Parent Liaison, Jeannette Cosio-Ermel  
Parent Liaison, Kjack William  
EL Secretary, Maria Montiero

Phone number: 789-3784  
Phone number: 789-3715  
Phone number: 789-3720

**ARABIC**

عزيزي ولي امر الطالب,  
اذا كنت لا تستطيع فهم المعلومات التالية بسبب اللغة الرجاء الاتصال بالمعلم للتفاصيل.  
مكتب اللغة الانكليزية ايضا موجود لمساعدتكم في فهم اي معلومات مهمة تم ارسالها الى البيت.

اتصل للحصول على أي مساعدة على الرقم التالي  
317-789-3720 Phone Number

**BURMESE**

ချစ်ခင်ရပါသော မိဘ/အုပ်စုဝင်များ:

အခု ပို့လိုက်တဲ့ စာကို ဘာသာစကား အက်အဲစ်ကြောင့် နားမလည်ဘူးဆိုရင် ကျေးဇူးပြုပြီး  
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နားလည်နိုင်ဖို့အတွက် English Language ( EL ) ရုံးက အတတ်နိုင်ဆုံး  
အကူအညီပေးနေပါတယ်

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Kjack William

ဖုန်းနံပါတ် 317-789-3715

### **CHIN**

Dear Nulepa/Zohkhenhtu,

Holh nan thiam lo ruang ah atu i ca an in kuatmi hna hi nan fian lo ahcun nan fale kainak sianginn i cachimtu sayate/holh thiammi rak chawn te hna uh.

A biapimi ca dang sianginn lei nih an in kuatmi hna nan fian lomi a um tik zong ah English Language (EL) Office ahhin chawnh khawh le hal khawh a si lai.

Mirang holh le Lai holh a thiammi chawnh khawhnak ding:

Chin Bilingual Parent Liaison, Kjack William  
Duh Tial, EL Clerical

Phone number: 789-3715  
Phone number: 789-3716

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### **SPANISH**

Estimados Padres y/o Tutores de Familia,

Si usted no puede entender la siguiente información debido al lenguaje y/o idioma, por favor comuníquese con la/él maestra(o) y/o tutor de su escuela para que le aclare cualquier duda que tenga.

La oficina de Inglés como un Segundo Idioma también se encuentra disponible para asistirle con cualquier duda que usted tenga acerca de la información que usted recibe por parte de las escuelas.

Si usted necesita ayuda en Español, favor de comunicarse con:

Jeannette Cosio-Ermel  
María Montiero

Teléfono 789-3784  
Teléfono 789-3720

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### **SWAHILI**

YAH: wazazi

Kama haufahamu au hauelewi ujumbe ifuatayo kwa sababu/ajli ya lugha ya kingereza, tafadhali ujulishe mwalimu katika shuleni akufahamishe.

Afisi ya kingereza kama lugha iko tayari kusaidia kwa kufahamisha ujumbe au maagizo muhimu inayo tumwa nyumbani kwa wazazi.

Patrick Mulwale, District Swahili Interpreter

Phone number: 789-3731

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## Second Step Curriculum Goals

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## Upcoming Events

Sept. 22 - Oct. 3 Parent/Teacher Conferences

Oct. 1 E-Learning Day- Students will be completing a packet from home on this day

Oct. 6-17 Fall Break

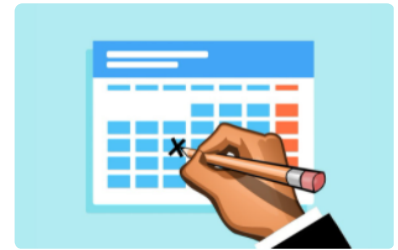
Oct. 20- School Resumes!

Oct. 22 50's Day

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## 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.**



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## 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>



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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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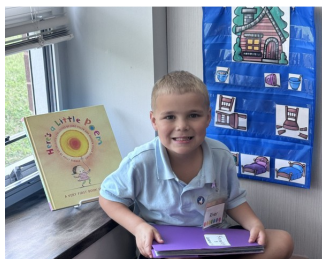
## Breakfast Menu

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## Check out our STARS!

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Facebook: [facebook.com/RPKAStars](https://facebook.com/RPKAStars)



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