



Rosa Parks Kindergarten Academy

November 21, 2025

We do have school on Monday and Tuesday next week!

RPKA Families,

It's hard to believe that we only have two more school days until Thanksgiving break. Students will attend school on Monday and Tuesday only of next week. School will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday November 26, 27, and 28. School will resume on Dec. 1.

Each year the Indiana Department of Education requires all schools to provide age appropriate instruction on body safety and child abuse prevention to students in Kindergarten through grade 12. According to state law, all students, K-12, must receive this education by December 15th each year. In accordance with this legislation on Monday, November 24 our SEL team will present the Unsafe/Safe Touch Program to our students at RPKA. There will be a series of age-appropriate videos shown during this presentation. This Body Safety program is an important part of your child's educational experience.

Here is the link to the videos that will be shown, if you would like to review them and continue the conversation at home about body safety. [Fight Child Abuse Video Series](#)

We appreciate the support of caregivers at home. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the school social worker, Mrs. Patino, at 317-789-2922.

We want to make your child a STAR on our announcements! Don't forget to send Mrs. Motley a picture of your child practicing routines at home. The students love seeing their pictures shared on our morning announcements! Pictures can be emailed to dmotley@perryschools.org or you may send them to Mrs. Motley through ParentSquare.

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

Have a wonderful weekend!

Respectfully,
Angela Swails
Principal
Rosa Parks Kindergarten Academy

NOVEMBER SHINING STARS!



Congratulations to our November 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!



YEARBOOKS ON SALE! ORDER NOW!



Your order code is: 0259ZW

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 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. We can't wait to share them on our announcements!

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

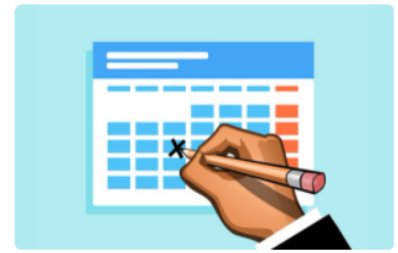


Upcoming Events

- Nov. 24- Body Safety Program
- Nov. 26, 27, 28- Thanksgiving Holiday- no school
- Dec. 1- School Resumes
- Dec. 18- Holiday Program at Emmanuel Church: Hallway A at 6pm and Hallway B at 7pm
- Dec. 19- Winter Classroom Parties
- Dec. 22-Jan. 2- Winter Break
- Jan. 5- School Resumes

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.**



Get Involved!



Help Us Understand How Families Make PreK Decisions in Indiana

IRB-FY2025-139



Did you make PreK decisions for your child in the past few years?

We're inviting parents and guardians to participate in an interview about how Indiana families decide **whether**—and **where**—to enroll their child in PreK.

You May Qualify If You

- Are a parent or guardian of a child currently in kindergarten during the 2024–2025 or 2025–2026 school year.
- Had a child either who attended PreK or who did not attend PreK.
- Were either **eligible** or **not eligible** for Indiana's PreK vouchers (e.g., On My Way Pre-K).

Your Privacy Matters

- Interviews will be **audio recorded** for research purposes and transcribed.
- All recordings will be **permanently deleted** after transcription.
- All data will be anonymized and stored securely. **No personal identifiers will be included** in publications or shared beyond the research team.
- You may choose to have your camera on or off during the interview.

Participation Involves

- **A 1-hour virtual interview** via Zoom or phone.
- **Location:** Zoom or phone call
- Participants will **receive a \$20 gift card** as a thank-you for their time and contribution after the completion of the interview.

Potential Benefits

While there are no direct benefits to you, your input can help researchers better understand PreK access, decision-making, and voucher policies—and help improve programs for families across Indiana.

Interested in Participating?

- Scan the QR code to express your interest
- **Prefer email?**
Contact me at:
Jiyeon.lee@bsu.edu



IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS,

Please contact an Assistant Professor/Principal Investigator, Jiyeon Lee at 765-285-3706, email Jiyeon.lee@bsu.edu.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to share your family's experiences. Your participation will contribute to meaningful changes in PreK access related policies and PreK programs in Indiana.

Department of Early Childhood, Youth, and Family Studies, Teachers College, Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana 47306

PERRY TOWNSHIP YOUTH DANCE CLINIC

LOVE TO DANCE? COME JOIN US IN PREPARING
THE HALF-TIME SHOW FOR THE PMHS VS. SHS
VARSITY BOY'S BASKETBALL GAME ON TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 25, 2025!

- ✓ 3 Clinic Days for Participants to learn routine
- ✓ T-shirt, bow/hat included
- ✓ COST: \$40 per dancer
- ✓ proceeds support **BOTH** PMHS and SHS Dance Programs



Date	Time	Location
Wednesday Nov. 19	6 - 7:30 PM	SOUTHPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL
Thursday Nov. 20	6 - 7:30 PM	PERRY 6 TH GRADE ACADEMY
Monday Nov. 24	6 - 7:30 PM	PERRY 6 TH GRADE ACADEMY



USE THE QR CODE TO REGISTER TODAY!

SHS CONTACT

JESSI WALPOLE

jwalpole@perryschools.org

PMHS CONTACT

CASSIE BENNETT

cbennett@perryschools.org

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScgrVMFyssm6qdYzfr-ynDt5b7byiZ2pHAMIj4_ICamZYHoWA/viewform





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!

Scott Simmonds
ssimmonds@perryschools.org

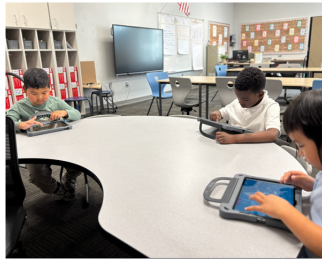
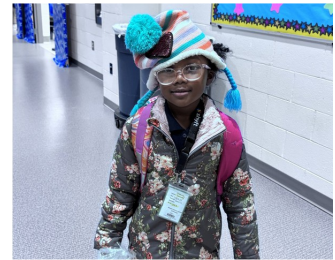
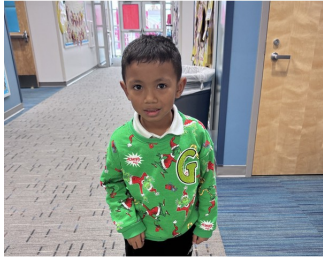
Keira Bush
knbush@perryschools.org

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



Menus





Rosa Parks Kindergarten Academy

Email: aswails@perryschools.org

Website: <http://perryschools.org/rk/>

Location: [7525 Wellingshire Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN, USA](#)

Phone: [317-782-2280](tel:317-782-2280)

Facebook: facebook.com/RPKAStars



ANGELA SWAILS

ANGELA is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

