



Rosa Parks Kindergarten Academy

December 5, 2025

RPKA Families,

It's been another exciting week full of learning and fun for our STARS. Students have been enjoying indoor recess games this week too. Hopefully next week we will be able to play outside more. Be sure to send your child in a warm coat, hat, and gloves each day.

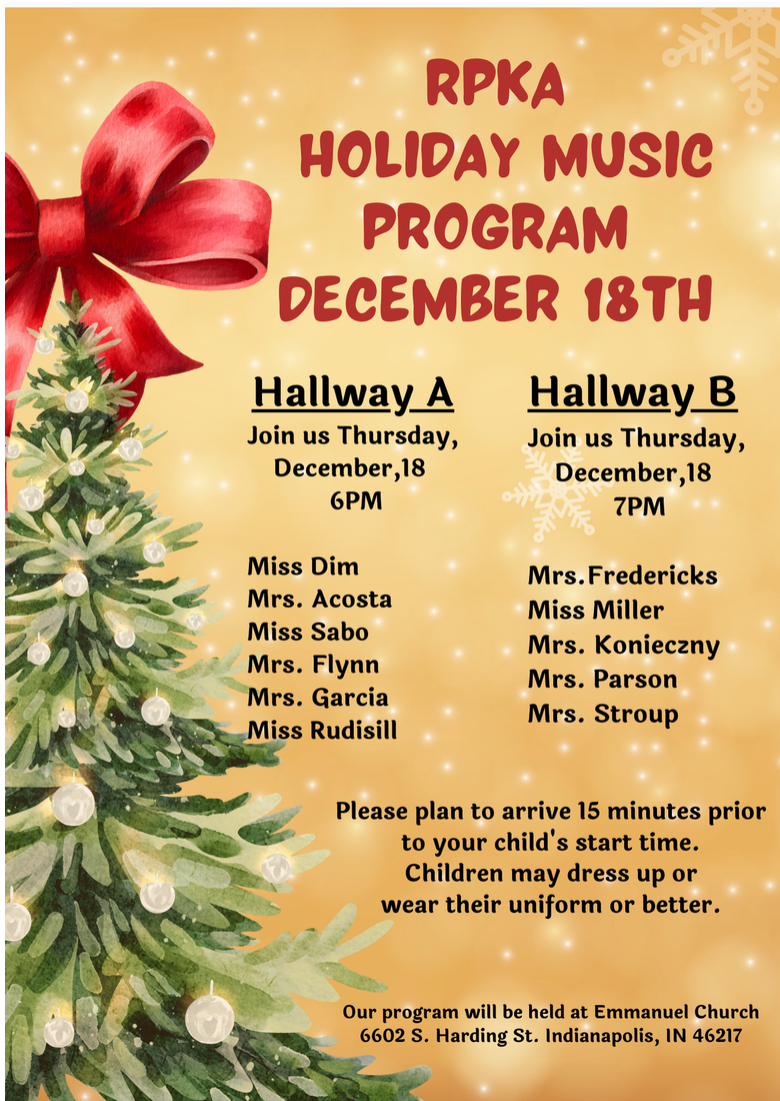
Mark your calendars! On the evening of December 18, we will hold our annual Holiday program at Emmanuel Church. Please see below for details on this very special event. Ask your child to sing for you the songs they are practicing for this exciting night!

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



RPKA HOLIDAY MUSIC PROGRAM DECEMBER 18TH

<p><u>Hallway A</u> Join us Thursday, December, 18 6PM</p> <p>Miss Dim Mrs. Acosta Miss Sabo Mrs. Flynn Mrs. Garcia Miss Rudisill</p>	<p><u>Hallway B</u> Join us Thursday, December, 18 7PM</p> <p>Mrs. Fredericks Miss Miller Mrs. Konieczny Mrs. Parson Mrs. Stroup</p>
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Please plan to arrive 15 minutes prior to your child's start time.
Children may dress up or wear their uniform or better.

Our program will be held at Emmanuel Church
6602 S. Harding St. Indianapolis, IN 46217

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

Girl Scout Experience

Winter Fun with Girl Scouts!

Join us for an AMAZING Girl Scout Experience!

Build courage, confidence, and character!

Location: Rosa Parks Elementary (Cafeteria)
7525 Wellingshire Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46217

Date: 12/15/2025

Time: 6:00pm

Not able to make the meeting? Scan the QR code to register today!
Questions? Contact Kelly Grube at kgrube@girlscoutsindiana.org

Enjoy sunshine & exercise!

Sunshine might be hard to come by during winter in Indiana, but getting a little bit of fresh air and spending time outdoors can really be good for you. You can find lots of great outdoor opportunities on our events calendar at girlscoutsindiana.org.

Destress as a family!

Spend an evening exploring Christmas at the Zoo. Visit Santa's Village, wander over to the jolly animal encounters, or stop and get a memorable photo! Use the link below to access a special year-round discount to the zoo, available exclusively through Girl Scouts of Central Indiana.
<https://bit.ly/SaveOnZooXmas25>

Get plenty of sleep!

Most experts recommend 10-12 hours of sleep for elementary-aged kids. Not getting enough sleep can impact school performance, your immune system, and mental health. This tip is related to the Resilient. Ready. Strong. patch program.

Wash your hands!

Hand washing helps keep germs from spreading around at home and at school. Check out the Healthy Living badges for your age level.



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¡Diversión invernal con Girl Scouts!

¡Únete a nosotras para una experiencia increíble de Girl Scouts!

¡Desarrolla valentía, confianza y carácter!
Lugar: Escuela Primaria Bosa Parks (Cafetería)
7525 Wellingshire Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46207
Fecha: 15/12/2025

Hora: 18:00

¿No puedes asistir a la reunión? ¡Escanea el código QR para registrarte hoy!

¡Disfruta el sol y haz ejercicio!

Es difícil encontrar el sol durante invierno en Indiana, pero conseguir un poco de sol, y pasar el tiempo al aire libre, puede realmente ser bien por su salud. Pueden encontrar muchos actividades al aire libre en nuestro calendario de eventos; girlscoutsindiana.org.

¡Duerme lo suficiente!

La mayoría de los expertos recomiendan 10-12 horas de sueño para niñas/niños en la primaria. Dormir lo suficiente puede impactar la escuela, sistema inmunológico y salud mental. Estos consejos están relacionado con el parche de salud mental.

¡Desestrésate en familia!

Pasa el día explorando la Navidad en el zoológico. Visita el Pueblo de Papá Noel, pasea a los alegres encuentros con animales, o tómense una foto memorable! Utilice el siguiente enlace para acceder a un descuento especial durante todo el año para el zoológico, disponible exclusivamente a través de Girl Scouts of Central Indiana. <https://bit.ly/SaveOnZooXmas25>

¡Lávense las manos!

Lavándose las manos ayuda mantener los gérmenes fuera de la casa y escuela. Miren las insignias de vida saludable.

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Guidelines for School Closings



GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL CLOSINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS – ParentSquare an electronic messaging system, will be used for notification of school delays or closings. Telephone calls will start being placed at 5:15 a.m. to all employees and families. Television and radio stations will also have the information on a closing or delay regarding Perry Township Schools.

TWO-HOUR DELAY -- In past school years there have been instances when school has been closed only to find that a short delay in the start could have changed circumstances dramatically. In some circumstances, the school starting time will be delayed by two (2) hours. This will give school officials additional time to evaluate weather and road conditions. The media would be notified of a two-hour delay by 5:15 a.m. on the morning of the delay. The two-hour delay announcement could result in the following:

1. A second announcement by 7:30 a.m. closing school completely
2. An actual delay of school opening by two hours, or an E-Learning Day

In the event of a two-hour delay, **school buses would operate on their same route, except it would be two hours later than normal.** The dismissal time at the end of the day would be normal unless weather conditions dictate differently.

Any early **dismissal** of students due to inclement weather will be announced through ParentSquare. The most likely scenario would be a ½ hour release of secondary students and the dismissal for elementary students on their regular time schedules.

During inclement weather, reasonable effort will be made to keep school in session. As always, the school district's first concern is for the safety of students and employees. Parents are urged to develop alternate plans in advance to deal with inclement weather and the school scheduling revisions that accompany inclement weather situations.

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

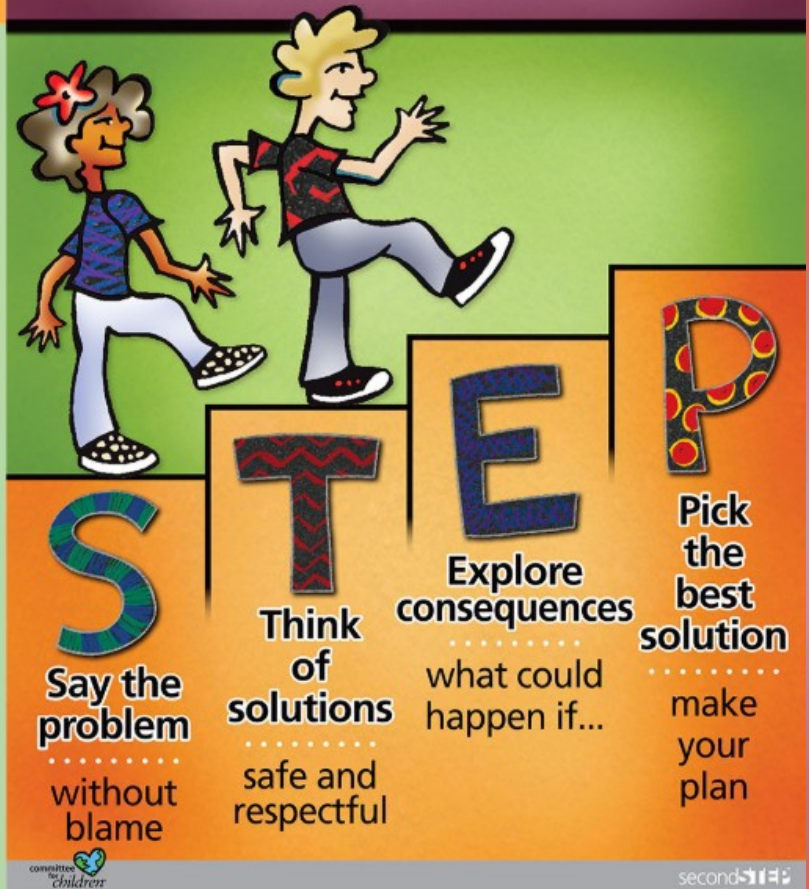
If you haven't had a chance, please scan the QR code and listen to Mrs. Motley's SIMPLE TIPS FOR SMOOTHER DAYS! Mrs. Motley shares some routine hacks to help your student be ready to have fun and learn each day at school. Be sure to share a picture of your child practicing routines. Send pictures to 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

Dec. 18- Holiday Program at Emmanuel Church: Hallway A at 6pm and Hallway B at 7pm

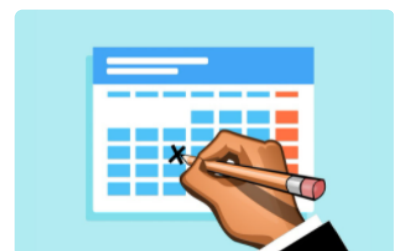
Dec. 19- Winter Classroom Parties

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!



BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

Help Us Understand How Families Make PreK Decisions in Indiana

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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

Menus



KINDERGARTEN ACADEMY BREAKFAST MENU 2025-2026 1st SEMESTER

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	WG Sweet Bread ▶ (Banana, Pumpkin, Blueberry, or Zucchini)	Breakfast Pizza Bagel ★ P	WG Donut Holes in a Cup ▶	Otis Spunkmeyer WG Muffin ▶ (2 oz)	Pillsbury Mini Cinni ▶ (Caramel or Cinnamon)
Week 2	WG Pop Tart ▶ (1-ct)	WG Breakfast Bar ▶ (Dunkin' Sticks)	Yogurt Smoothie ▶	UBR Bar ▶	Pillsbury Muffin ▶
WG = whole grain ▶ = vegetarian (no meat)		Fruit, Juice, & Low Fat/Skim Milk offered daily		Students must take 3 of the 4 food components (one must be a fruit or juice) to be considered a reimbursable meal	
★ = vegetarian version/alternative available (see detailed menu)		P = contains pork			

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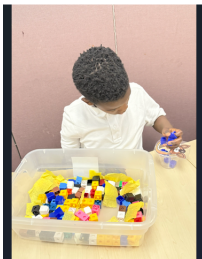
KINDERGARTEN ACADEMY LUNCH MENU 2025-2026 1st SEMESTER

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	Boneless Chicken Wings with WG Dinner Roll ★ <i>Mashed Potatoes</i>	Cheese Quesadilla ▶ <i>Corn or Refried Beans</i>	Mozzarella Sticks with Marinara Sauce ▶ <i>Green Beans P</i>	Hamburger or Cheeseburger on WG Bun ★ <i>Potato Emojis</i>	Cheese ▶ or Pepperoni 4x6" Pizza <i>Broccoli or Baby Carrots with Dip</i>
	Chicken Tenders with WG Dinner Roll ★ <i>Mashed Potatoes</i>	Bosco Sticks with Marinara Sauce ▶ <i>Green Beans P</i>	Hot Dog on WG Bun ★ <i>Baked Beans</i>	French Toast Sticks with Eggstravaganza P ★ <i>Seasoned Potatoes</i>	Cheese ▶ or Pepperoni Pizza Slice <i>Broccoli or Baby Carrots with Dip</i>
Week 2	Chicken Patty on WG Bun ★ <i>Baked Beans</i>	Beef Soft Taco ★ <i>Corn</i>	Yogurt with Cheese Stick and Muffin ▶ <i>Baby Carrots with Dip</i>	Chicken Nuggets with WG Dinner Roll ★ <i>Green Beans P</i>	Tony's Personal Pan Cheese ▶ or Peppperoni Pizza <i>Broccoli or Baby Carrots with Dip</i>
	Second entrée options: M/W/F PBJ Uncrustable (2.6 oz) with Cheese Stick and Cheez-Its or Cheddar Goldfish ▶ T/TH PBJ Uncrustable (2.6 oz) with Cheese Stick and Grahams ▶				
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