

RISE Learning Center

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The Rocket Report



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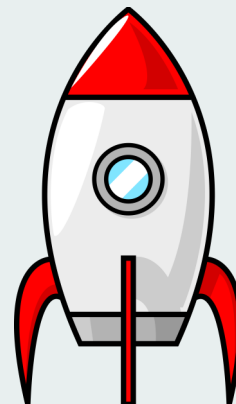
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🎓 Graduation ~May 16

Last Day of School ~
May 24

First day of School ~
July 26



VIVA LA FIESTA

05 MAY \$5 TICKET

DANCING • CAKE • MUSIC

6:30-8:30 PM
Rise Learning Center
5391 Shelby St.
Indianapolis, 46277

Please enter through door 3.

This site is fully accessible. Any person requiring further accommodations should contact the Administrative Assistant (317-789-1622) at the RISE Learning Center.

All past and present
RISE students ages 14
and older in good be-
havioral standing are
invited to attend our
Prom! Hope to see you
on Friday, May 5th!

Prom and Graduation

RISE Learning Center
invites you to celebrate
our graduates!!!



2023 Graduates:
Ethan Doss
Noble El
Hannah (Prayer) Gossett
Riley Horne
Bradley Keating

Date: Tuesday, May 16,
2023

Where: RISE Learning
Center

Time: 6:30 pm

Please bring a lawn chair
to enjoy our outdoor
ceremony!

Last Day of
school is
May 24th!



RISE Learning Center is often said to have the BEST of the BEST when it comes to staff.

Mrs. Shawn Basham was voted as Educator of the Year, and Mr. Cherard Boyd was voted Support Staff of the Year. Congratulations Mrs. Basham and Mr. Boyd!!! Well deserved!



“Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.” ~Carl Bard

UPCOMING EVENTS !

- ⇒ I AM Test Window ~ April 3—May 12
- ⇒ ILEARN Test Window ~ April 17—May 12
- ⇒ RLC Prom ~ May 5
- ⇒ Teacher Appreciation Week ~ May 8-12
- ⇒ Graduation ~ May 16
- ⇒ Field Days ~ May 22-23
- ⇒ Last Student Day of School ~ May 24
- ⇒ 2023-24 School Year Begins ~ July 26



The clothing closet is looking for Boys pants and shorts with elastic bands in sizes 6-16.

Any donations on kids, men's, women's underwear, and socks would be appreciated.

We are FULL on women's and men's sizes.

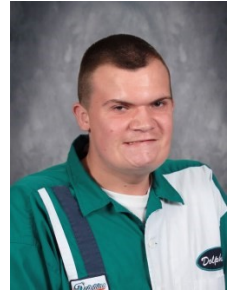
The Clothing Closet serves our students and community. We thank you for your donation. Please let Mrs. Padilla know if your family is in need of clothing.



Meet the RISE 2023 Graduates

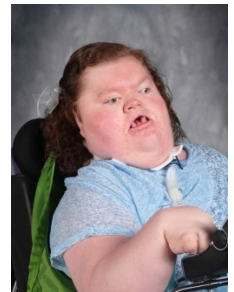


Ethan Doss is a very caring and helpful student. We are very proud of the young man Ethan has become. He is liked by all staff members and students. He enjoys helping with the MOVE students in Ms. Monica's class. The only down fall is that he is a Miami Dolphins fan. LOL. We wish Ethan the best in his future.



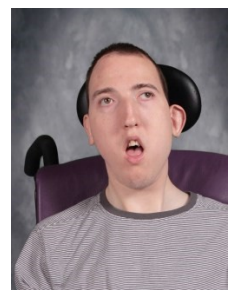
Noble El has been a student at RISE Learning Center since elementary school. He is an iPad wiz and has an ear for all genres of music. Mrs. Nation has enjoyed having Noble in her class for the past 5 years. We believe Noble will have a great next chapter as he enters adulthood with support from his family. We wish him the best! Hi yah!

Hannah (Prayer) Gossett has attended RLC since elementary school. She has been in Ms. Allison and Ms. Monica's classes. Hannah is very social and loves hanging out with her peers, especially her friends in Posey's class. After graduation, Prayer is interested in attending a local day program to hang out with friends and engage socially with others!



Riley Horne started RLC in 2006 when he was five years old. He came to RLC from First Steps at Bunker Hill Elem in Franklin Township. Riley has been in many classrooms during his time at RISE. He has spent the last ten years in Transition Life Skills at RLC. He has worked in many volunteer Employability positions...McDonald's, Penn Station, Gleaners, Perry Township Government Center, and Goodwill. Riley has many jobs on campus, as well... breaking down boxes in the school pantry, stocking, custodial, sweeping in the Café, working in the Snack Shack, and many other jobs assigned. Riley has had excellent attendance over the years. Riley hopes to attend an adult day center where he will continue his daily Life Skills. This will give him opportunities for Rec/Leisure and social time with his same age peers. Riley is a very happy, go with the flow type of guy, and will be greatly missed by everyone. Good luck in your future endeavors, and come visit us.

Bradley Keating has attended RLC for his entire school career. He has been in Ms. Cade, Ms. Allison, Ms. Emily, and Ms. Monica's classes. Bradley is the class jokester and loves to make his friends laugh. Bradley enjoys time with his peer buddies and enjoys making others laugh. After graduation, Bradley will attend a day program a few days a week to hang out with peers his age!





Thank you Ms. Leanne and Ms. Heather for taking care of RLC students and staff during breakfast and lunch! We appreciate you!!



Miss Anne is Headed to Japan!!

Our speech and language therapy assistant, Anne Anthony, just wrapped up her 8th year at RISE! We are so thankful for her ability to adapt activities to help students communicate, her calm demeanor, and her huge heart for our RLC students. Anne has helped collect data related to student's speech & language goals, created visuals and social stories for use in classrooms around the school, and modeled communication strategies for new staff.

Anne is headed off to Japan for her next adventure! She accepted a job as an assistant language teacher. She will lead classroom activities to help students in Japan learn English! We are so thrilled for Miss Anne, but will miss her SO much! We can't wait to get letters and videos from her new students and to send her updates about all the exciting things happening at RLC next school year!



Resources available

Music Therapy and Wellness for Early Childhood Music Classes

Sign and Sing Virtual Classes

7502 Madison Ave.,
Indianapolis, IN 46227
317-829-6654

The Hope Gallery (Ice Cream Shop and Gifts) items made by special needs adults

Just south of Greenwood on 135
74 N Main St.
Bargersville, IN 46106
Tuesday-Friday 12-3

IRCA Family Autism Support Webinar (Online)

May 15th 6:30-7:30

Parenting and Partnerships: How to Navigate Your Autistic Child's School Needs

Presented from a parents perspective

Kathryn Orvis

<https://iu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN-1mjA3ZliQimD1NP6E2dQOQ>



RLC Staff Transitioning into Retirement



Wishing each of you a Happy Retirement! May your new journey be filled with joy and contentment! Thank you for endless patience and motivation and we will miss you at RISE!



Cheryl Doty has worked at the RLC for 20 years. She began working in Ms. Posey's MOVE classroom in the fall of 2003, working with students with intense disabilities. After 10 years, she moved with Ms. Posey to the Transition Life Skills classroom and has been in that classroom for the last 10 years. Cheryl has helped with many RLC Proms, helping to prepare, decorate, chaperone, and dance the night away. She has helped decorate and prepare for many RLC Graduations over the years. She has been an integral part of the RLC Pantry and its daily operations. She has helped Ms. Posey tremendously with keeping daily data and lessening the burden of paperwork. She has been an outstanding employee. It is time to relax and enjoy your family and six grandchildren! We thank you for your many years of service to our students, staff, and school. We will miss you!


Kathy Click has 17 dedicated years to working with school aged students. She was a bus driver for 15 years, including transporting our own RLC students, and is in her 2nd year as an instructional assistant in the MOVE program. Kathy has 3 children and 5 grandchildren. In retirement, Kathy is looking forward to enjoying time at home and with her family.



Cathy Simon drove a bus for special needs students (including RLC Students) in Perry Township for 30 years. She retired from driving the bus and has worked as an instructional assistant at RISE for 3 years. This school year she has worked with Miss Hill in the intermediate behavior education classroom. Looking back, Cathy wishes she had spent all those years here at RISE because then she could be as old as Cathy Salyer! ☺ Cathy plans to enjoy her family and friends and spend her summer floating in the pool. She will be back to sub from July to October and then will spend her winter months in Florida with her husband. Cathy has loved her time at RISE and working with all of the staff and students.

Jennifer Slaughter has been teaching for 35 years (Triton Middle School, Waldron Jr/Sr High, Decatur Middle School, Glens Valley Elementary School, Mt. Pleasant Preschool, United Methodist Preschool, RISE). The last 11 years have been here at RISE. Her areas of teaching included High Ability, English Learners, Learning Disabilities, 4th grade, Middle School, High school, Life skills, and Behavior Ed. Ms. Jenn's retirement will include spending time with her family and enjoying her hobbies of beekeeping, woodworking, gardening, and reading. Don't be surprised if you see her in a public library sometime....one of her happy places!



**I CAME.
I TAUGHT. 
I MADE A
DIFFERENCE.
I RETIRED.
#proudretiredteacher**



Summer Newsletter

From Nurse Angela



Once again, another school year is coming to a close. Thank you so much for letting me be your child's school nurse! There are several important announcements and reminders that I would like to bring to your attention:

- **Please remember to pick up** all student medications from the nurse's office by **May 24, 2023 @ 3:00pm**. A parent or guardian must pick up medications by **3:00pm**. Any and all medications remaining in nurse's office will be disposed. Medications cannot be stored in the nurse's office over the summer and medications cannot be sent home on the bus.
- An updated authorization form must be completed and signed by your doctor and brought to school with the medication next school year in order for medication to be administered by the nurse. The 2023-2024 School Medication Authorization form will be in the school packet at the beginning of the new school year, but can also be picked up in the front office, if needed earlier.
- Please remember to update your child's immunizations and care plans over the summer break.

A few tips to have a safe, healthy, happy SUMMER...

- ♦ Apply sunscreen 30 minutes before going outside and reapply every hour.
- ♦ Stay hydrated! Drink lots and lots of water.
- ♦ NEVER swim without an adult present!
- ♦ Stay active! Run, walk, stretch, swim, PLAY!!



Indiana 2023-2024 Required and Recommended School Immunizations

| Grade | Required | | Recommended |
|---|--|--|---|
| Pre-K | 3 Hepatitis B 4 DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis) 3 Polio | 1 Varicella (Chickenpox) 1 MMR (Measles, Mumps & Rubella) 2 Hepatitis A | Annual influenza COVID-19 |
| K-5 th grade | 3 Hepatitis B 5 DTaP 4 Polio | 2 Varicella 2 MMR 2 Hepatitis A | Annual influenza COVID-19 |
| 6 th -11 th grade | 3 Hepatitis B 5 DTaP 4 Polio 2 Varicella | 2 MMR 2 Hepatitis A 1 MCV4 (Meningococcal) 1 Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis) | Annual influenza 2/3 HPV (Human papillomavirus) COVID-19 |
| 12 th grade | 3 Hepatitis B 5 DTaP 4 Polio 2 Varicella | 2 MMR 2 Hepatitis A 2 MCV4 1 Tdap | Annual influenza 2/3 HPV 2 MenB (Meningococcal) COVID-19 |

HepB: The minimum age for the 3rd dose of Hepatitis B is 24 weeks of age.

DTaP: 4 doses of DTaP/DTaP/DT are acceptable if 4th dose was administered on or after child's 4th birthday.

Polio: 3 doses of Polio are acceptable for all grade levels if the 3rd dose was given on or after the 4th birthday and at least 6 months after the previous dose.

***For students in grades K-12, the final dose must be administered on or after the 4th birthday and be administered at least 6 months after the previous dose.**

Varicella: Physician documentation of disease history, including month and year, is proof of immunity for children entering preschool through 12th grade. Parent report of disease history is not acceptable.

Tdap: There is no minimum interval from the last Td dose.

MCV4: Individuals who receive dose 1 on or after the 16th birthday only need 1 dose of MCV4.

Hepatitis A: The minimum interval between 1st and 2nd dose is 6 calendar months. 2 doses are required for all grades Pre-K through 12.

COVID-19: COVID-19 vaccine is recommended for all students five years of age and older per CDC and FDA's Emergency Use Authorization. Review required after FDA full approval.

School Nurse
 Putting on band aides. ❤️
 Stopping a bloody nose.
 Holding on to ice packs.
 Giving out change of clothes.
 Tirelessly healing
 all day long.
 Just to make sure,
 that nothing goes wrong. TM
 Our children are safer,
 because of you.
 Thank You School Nurse.
 For all that you do. ✨

July 2022

National School Nurse Day
May 10, 2023

Thank you for taking care of RISE, Nurse Angela!

Indiana Department of Health
 Immunization Division
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