

RISE Learning Center

September 2025

The Rocket Report

Welcome back...better late than never!

Welcome back to RISE for the 2025-2026 school year! We are glad to see all the students and staff once again! We have many new faces this year, students and staff. We have had a great fresh start of the year!

If you have not already done so, please fill out and send in the student packet and free/reduced lunch form which were sent home at the beginning of the school year. We need to be able to keep our records up-to-date each year. If you have not signed up for Parent Square, please do that, as well.

Inside this newsletter, you will find Teacher Contact Info...please contact your teacher directly for attendance and classroom concerns.

We keep things updated on our website and Facebook page. Please continue to check those out.

Website: www.riselearningcenter.org Facebook: RISE Learning Center

Let's all have a great school year!!



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Fall Picture Day Is Here!

PICTURE DAY IS:
El día de fotos es el:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025
viernes, 12 de septiembre, 2025

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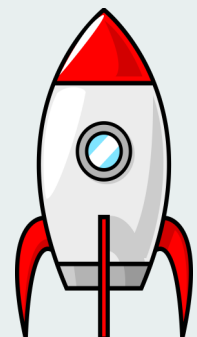
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Community Resources/Events

ACC Trivia Night is a great night of fun playing trivia with friends, having a delicious meal, vying for special raffle baskets, and raising money to support those affected by autism in the community! Trivia Night will have special games throughout the night, like Heads and Tails, Wine Grab & Go, and more.

Saturday, September 13, 2025

Doors open at 6:00pm

Moose Lodge #2079

813 W. Smith Valley Rd., Greenwood, IN 46142

All reservations include dinner and dessert. A table for 8 guests is \$400. Individual guest tickets are \$50. **All guests must be over 18 years old to attend.** We need to know who the Team Captain is and the Team Name. If you do not know your Team Name when registering, that is fine. We will ask you later.

Trivia Night Sponsorships will allow your business or organization the opportunity to bring more awareness and support to families affected by autism.

<https://revenue-usa.keela.co/acc-trivia-night-2025>

"Be somebody who makes everybody feel like a somebody."

~ Kid President



- ⇒ Picture Day ~
Sept 12
- ⇒ E-Learning Day
~ Oct 1
- ⇒ End of Grading
Period ~ Sept 26
- ⇒ Fall Break ~
Oct 6-17
- ⇒ Mobile Dentist ~
Oct 30
- ⇒ Thanksgiving
Break ~ Nov 26-28
- ⇒ End of Grading
Period/Semester ~
Dec 19
- ⇒ Winter Break ~
Dec 22—Jan 2

Drop off/Pick-up Procedures:

If you are dropping off or picking up a student outside normal drop-off/pick-up times, you will need to:

1. Park at

~ Door #3 (Behavior Education Classrooms) *OR*

~ Door #9 (MOVE and Lifeskills Classrooms) *OR*

~ Door #1 of RISE Secondary Building

and

2. Call the front office at 317/789-1621 announcing your arrival. **Stay in your car** and a staff member will escort your student.

****We do not release students during the last 30 minutes of school for safety reasons as busses are arriving. If you need to pick up early, please be sure it is before 2:00 (1:30 on Wednesdays) and follow the above procedure.**





RISE LEARNING CENTER

2025-2026 School Calendar

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July

4 Independence Day

28-29 Professional Meeting Days

28 **Back-to-School Night**

30 **Student First Day**

August

September

1 Labor Day Holiday

26 End of Grading Period (42 days)

October

1 E-Learning Day

6-17 Fall Break

20 **School Reconvenes**

November

26-28 Thanksgiving Holiday

December

19 Last student day before break

End of Grading period (47 days)

End of 1st Semester (89 days)

22-31 Winter Break

January

1-2 Winter Break

5 **School Reconvenes**

19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

19 Snow Make-Up Day to be determined by January 12

February

16 Presidents' Day Holiday

16 Snow Make-Up Day to be determined by February 9

March

6 End of Grading Period (43 days)

16-27 Spring Break

30 **School reconvenes**

April

May

25 Memorial Day

28 Last Student Day

End of Grading Period (48 days)

End of 2nd Semester (91 days)

29 Teacher Record Day -full day

Snow Make-Up Day, if needed

June

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Green - E-Learning

Blue = No School/Holiday

Yellow = Staff Only Day/No Students

Updated 2.26.25

Notes from Nurse Angela



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As a reminder, please complete and sign the **2025-2026 MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM** for your student. This form shares vital information about your student's health and gives us permission to administer over-the-counter medication such as Acetaminophen (Tylenol), Ibuprofen (Motrin), and Diphenhydramine (Benadryl). This form also allows us to provide First Aid. It is this important collaboration with you that we are able to help keep your student healthy and safe. This form was sent home in the student packet. You can also access to this form on the RISE Learning Center website or ask for one to be sent home with your student.

As a lot of sickness has already hit our school. Please be mindful to NOT send your student to school if he/she is ill. Thank you!

Community Resources/Events

TOUCH-A-TRUCK EVENT AT CALVARY

Saturday, September 06, 2025, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Calvary Lutheran Church & School, LCMS, 6111 Shelby Street, Indianapolis, IN US 46227

Website: <http://clcs.org>

2ND ANNUAL TOUCH-A-TRUCK EVENT AT CALVARY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Calvary is planning our second annual Touch-A-Truck event, a community outreach opportunity where attendees can get in the driver's seat or have an up-close experience. We plan to have vehicles/equipment such as a police car, firetruck, ambulance, school bus, dump truck, farm equipment, construction/service vehicles, etc., and career awareness demos.

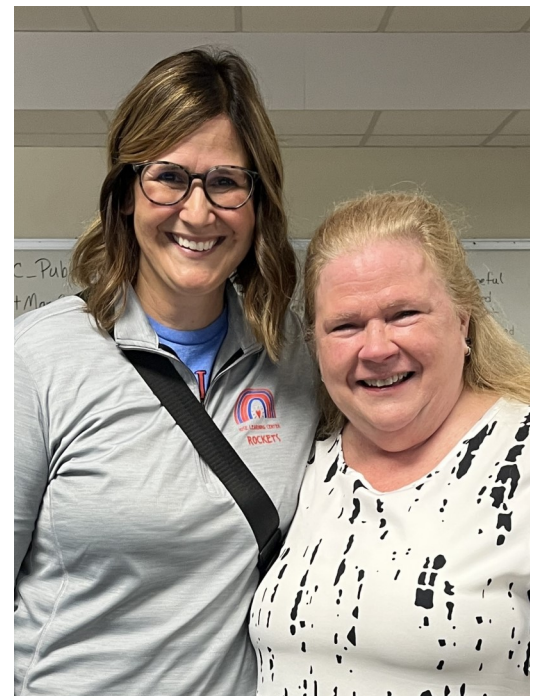


Ms. Stacey Hiller received the Changing Lives Award at our first Board Meeting of the school year. Ms. Hiller is one of our dedicated speech therapists at RISE. Since joining our team, she has brought a wealth of experience that allows her to support students across a range of programs. Stacey's strengths are evident in the way she builds meaningful connections with students, staff, and families. She communicates with clarity and compassion, meeting parents where they are during meetings and sharing information in a way that is both respectful and supportive.

This school year, our team has faced the challenge of staff shortages. In response, Stacey has consistently stepped up in thoughtful and practical ways. She has taken on additional responsibilities beyond her role—volunteering to lesson plan, create art materials, and provide student prompts—ensuring that activities remain engaging and that staff can maintain consistent routines.

When one classroom was particularly impacted by staffing gaps, Stacey reorganized her entire schedule to provide support for the full day. She created visual supports, collaborated with staff, and offered her help in any way that was needed—always starting with a simple, “How can I help?” and following through without hesitation.

Stacey is someone who notices challenges, considers solutions, and takes action. Her initiative, flexibility, and steady presence have made a meaningful difference to both students and staff this year.





Tyler Asher from Asher Conveying and his Autism decorated dump truck.

Miss Fox, a naturalist from Fort Benjamin Harrison



THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY HELPERS WHO VISITED RLC!!

Mr. Banks from SEALS Ambulance



Ladder 34 and crew

Miss Karli's sister Kelli, a NICU Nurse at Riley Hospital



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Thank you!

Please contact your teacher directly with attendance and any classroom concerns.

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