

# The Rocket Report

## RISE Learning Center Bids a Fond Farewell to Mrs. Dreibelbis

As the 2020-2021 school year comes to a close, Mrs. Linda Dreibelbis will say goodbye to RLC and teaching. Mrs. Dreibelbis will officially retire May 28, 2021. She earned her Bachelors and Masters degrees from Ball State University. Mrs. Dreibelbis has been teaching for 38 years, with 36 of those years teaching Secondary Lifeskills at RISE. She has also held the title of Lifeskills Department Chair since it's creation in 2010. During her time at RISE, she participated on several committees to bring many activities and programs for the students and staff at RISE. She also helped lead the PTA for many years. Mrs. Dreibelbis was voted Teacher of the Year for 2016.



Mrs. Dreibelbis met her husband, Bill, here at RISE when they both worked here. They have three children, who graduated from Southport High School. She is a survivor of breast cancer and is actively involved in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life.

Mrs. Dreibelbis plans to travel, play golf, support her parents as they age, relax more, and enjoy everyday life during her retirement. Her hobbies include traveling, playing cards, watching movies, participating in Relay For Life, and gardening.

"I am ready to retire," says Mrs. Dreibelbis. "I wanted to end my career while I could still make an effective contribution to my students' education. I feared staying too long and not being able to meet the needs of my students. I will miss RISE Learning Center staff and students. This has been my second family. These are my people."

We will miss you, Mrs. Dreibelbis!!! Enjoy retirement!!

*\*See accomplishments and quotes from RISE family about Mrs. Dreibelbis on last page.*

One of Mrs. Dreibelbis's favorite quotes:

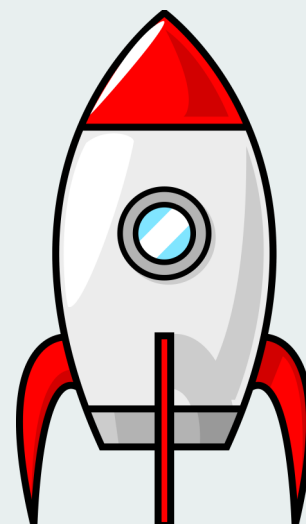
"Every student can LEARN, just not on the same day or the same way." ~George Evans



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Last Day of  
school is  
May 27th!



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

Ms. Renee Posey was voted as Educator of the Year and Mr. Brian Anderson was voted Support Staff of the Year. Congratulations Ms. Posey and Mr. Anderson!!! 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*



- **Reminder—No Prom this year.**
- **CHECK IT OUT!**  
Special Needs Living Southside Magazine  
<https://issuu.com/specialneedslivingindy>  
To Get Special Needs Living Southside Monthly Magazine  
Text SNL to 55433
- TAG - The Akers Group, will be distributing Pantry this summer. Stay tuned for details!
- IAM and ILearn testing window still open until May 14 for Grades 3-8, 10
- ***Last call for dog treats!***  
*Cost: 3 for \$1 or 18 for \$5*  
*Flavors: PB & Honey or PB & Pumpkin or mixed*  
*If you are interested in ordering, please email Ms. Monica at [mmay@riselearningcenter.org](mailto:mmay@riselearningcenter.org).*



**Next school  
year begins  
July 26th.**



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



## Meet the RISE 2021 Graduates



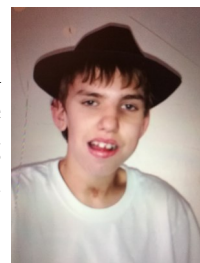
### **Christina Eca**



Christina is a Perry Township student and a Rise Learning Center Graduate. She has had Mrs. Avila-Gentry, Mrs. Nation, and Ms. Posey while attending RLC. She participates in the Life Skills Transition class. She has participated in vocational jobs (pre-Covid) at Goodwill Retail Store off campus. On campus, she has done school pantry, clothing closet, café duty, custodial, school laundry, and other various cleaning duties. Christina is a good worker and enjoys being helpful. Christina is a very social lady who enjoys visiting with peers and staff in other classrooms and throughout the building. She loves pop music and dancing. She loves wearing jewelry, shoes, and fashion. She is a trendsetter. Christina loves being outside and walking. Christina is a very opinionated young lady who has greatly improved on her receptive and expressive language skills since joining us at RLC. Christina will definitely be missed. Her post graduate plans are to participate in a day program or a part time job.

### **Christian Hinton**

Christian has attended Rise Learning Center for majority of his academic career. He is an avid plane watcher and enjoys being outdoors with his family. Christian has done an excellent job completing vocational skills to be able to join the work force after high school. After high school, Christian would like to be a doctor with a pilot's license. Good luck Christian!



### **Derrick Miller**



Derrick is a Perry Township student and a Rise Learning Center Graduate. He has been in Ms. Posey's class since coming to RLC. He participates in the Life Skills Transition class. He has participated in vocational jobs (pre-Covid) at Goodwill retail store. On campus, he has done school pantry, snack shack sales, clothing closet, café duty, custodial, recycling program, and various other cleaning duties. Derrick is a very social young man who enjoys visiting with peers and staff in other classrooms and throughout the building. He enjoys playing sports, especially basketball with his friends. He loves music, collecting Match box cars, technology, and riding his bike. His favorite things about school are PE class and hanging out with Mr. Hersh. Derrick plans to live at home with his family and explore more independent living options. He wants a part time job at Kroger to continue his stocking skills he has learned by working in the school pantry and snack shack.



***RISE Learning Center Graduation Drive-In Ceremony***

***Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:00 PM***

***RISE Learning Center (In front of school)***

***5391 S. Shelby St., Indianapolis 46227***

***Or Facebook Live on RISE Learning Center's page***





# School Nurse Newsletter



As the school year ends, I would like to remind parents/guardians of some important issues that need to be addressed.

## Medications

**All** medication must be picked-up by a parent/guardian at the end of the school year. Medication not picked up will be destroyed. Medication **will not** be sent home with students.

## Immunizations

Indiana School Immunization requirements **have not** changed due to COVID-19. If your student's immunizations are not current, be sure to send or fax any updates Attention: School Nurse.

## Hearing & Vision Referrals

If your student had a vision or hearing referral during the 2020-2021 school year, please send all completed paperwork to the school nurse once your student has seen the appropriate doctor for their hearing or vision screening. We are all Working Together for Student Success.

## [riselearningcenter.org](http://riselearningcenter.org)

Our **website** now has a "School Clinic" drop down box allowing access to forms such as 2-Way Release of Information, Seizure Action Plan, Asthma Management Plan, and soon to be added Food Allergy Action Plan. Please print these forms to allow your student's doctor to complete and have ready for the start of the 2021-2022 School Year.

## Just a few reminders and healthful hints from your school nurse!

Healthy students learn better. Please keep in mind the basics of healthy living as you teach your student good lifelong health habits and boost your child's immune system:

- Be sure they get plenty of rest each night.
- Encourage healthy foods: Offer lots of fruits and vegetables and whole-grains; limit junk foods such as sweets and chips; have regular mealtimes; encourage water for thirst instead of soda pop or juice.
- Be sure your children get DAILY exercise out in the fresh air whenever possible.
- Avoid exposing your child to second-hand smoking, either in the house or in the car.
- Teach your children to keep their bodies and hair clean (daily showers/shampoo), use deodorant as needed, brush their teeth twice a day, and wash their hands often.

*Thank you for such a great school year!!! ~Tina Bessenbach, RN, School Nurse*

## 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.  
Our children are safer,  
because of you.  
Thank You School Nurse.  
For all that you do. ©2021

## National School Nurse Day

### May 12, 2021



## Thank you for taking care of RISE, Ms. Tina!



# Bridging the Gap Summer Program

BtG is a full-day program that is divided into three (3) two-week block sessions. Students may attend one, two, or all three sessions. Different themes will be integrated into each of the blocks.

More Information contact Chris Akers 317-643-1791 or email [Chris.Akers@theakersgroup.com](mailto:Chris.Akers@theakersgroup.com)



**Special Olympics Track and Field Team** - We get down at track and field practice! Shout out to MaCayla for working hard on her squats to help strengthen her legs!

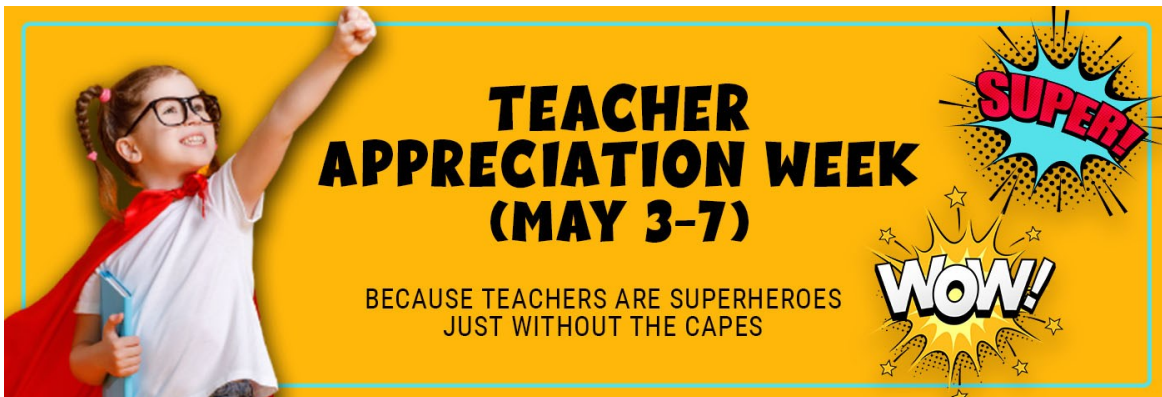
If your child is interested in staying active, please reach out to Coach Monica ([mmay@riselearningcenter.org](mailto:mmay@riselearningcenter.org)) or Coach Leslie ([lnation@riselearningcenter.org](mailto:lnation@riselearningcenter.org))



**In Spirit Club last week**, we talked about “rise above together” and working together to save the earth. Jaz favorite animals are a penguin, monkey, and elephant so we looked up some things we can do to help save those animals. We picked up trash, talked about turning off the water and making sure the lights are off when we leave a room. We made earth out of heart paper. Together we can save the earth and it’s precious life.



This first week of May, we talked about gratitude and made things for our lunch ladies.



## RISE Learning Center Bids a Fond Farewell to Mrs. Dreibelbis continues.....

A wise man once said that our society will be measured by how well we take care of those with great needs. Mrs. Dreibelbis has done this important work daily for 34+ years. Thank you! ~Monica

*Linda's room is a well-oiled machine ... it normally runs smooth! Thank you for always being a sure thing!*  
- Teresa

It was great to get to work with Mrs. Dreibelbis for the second part of the school year. She is a great teacher and has taught me a lot about being in the classroom. She has been a great leader.  
~Rachelle

Mrs. Linda has always been a light! She is welcoming, helpful, funny, and the first to tell me I'm not alone in my mistakes. When I was on maternity leave, she treated my staff as if they were her own. The love and appreciation she showed them, they still talk about to this day. Thank you Mrs. Linda for getting me through my first years of teaching. I hope you'll never forget how much I, and my staff, have appreciated you. Enjoy your retirement and visit us soon, k? ~Love the B's!

### Spotlight on just some of Mrs. Dreibelbis's Accomplishments:

- \* Department Chair
- \* SSSEA Secretary/Treasurer
- \* Member of SSSMC/RLC Teacher of the Year/Employee of the Year Committee
- \* Calendar Committee Member
- \* Teacher of the Year for Perry Township Schools
- \* Teacher of the Year for SSSMC/RLC
- \* Wrote grant for our garden in the south recreation area

"Linda is the essential Teacher at RLC in regard to educating over a span of 4 decades, while watching the world change, and change within Education itself."  
--John May

I want to start off by saying Congratulations on a job well done for 38 years! Thanks for our years we've worked together. I've enjoyed each year watching you care deeply about our students' progress. Enjoy yourself and may you and Bill travel the world. I'll truly miss you, Mrs. D. ~Brian A.

Thank you, Ms. Linda, for welcoming me from day one! Thank you for always willing to help or lend a hand when needed. You are a blessing to RLC and me! Congratulations!! You will be deeply missed, but so excited for you!! ~Andrea

I would like to thank Linda Dreibelbis for her many years of teaching at RISE Learning Center. Her dedication to the students in our school and her level of care for their well-being both in and out of school was apparent. She held many rolls during her tenure here and will be remembered for her many responsibilities she shouldered. Linda's students were held to high standards and were expected to succeed while in her room. She would offer help when help was needed, but she always guided each student to be more independent throughout the year. Linda might be the last teacher to remember the school's fight song and would sing it for you whenever you asked. She was proud to be a Rocket and we are better people to have known her. You will be missed! Thanks for all of your love and support throughout the years. -Krebs