



Ryan's Advocate



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From the Principal's Pen

Testing week is very quickly approaching. Our faculty and the students have been working hard to prepare for high stakes testing week. For some students, testing week will determine whether or not they will go on to the next grade. Testing in all grades will help the school to achieve a high performance score. Testing week is important to all of us.

You, as the parent, play an unbelievably important role in testing week. How can you help prepare your child for high stakes testing? In numerous ways!

Attendance is absolutely crucial. During testing our goal is zero absences, zero tardies, for both our staff and our students.

Make sure that your child goes to bed at a reasonable time each night, and ensure that he/she actually goes to sleep by turning off the television, DS, cell phone, etc.

Eating nutritious meals, both for dinner and breakfast, will help your child to do his or her best. Also, NOT eating lots of junk food will help.

If you have children in the lower grades, please remind them that testing week is very important for their older brothers and sisters. They can help by being on their best behavior.

The most important thing that you as the parent can do to help ensure your child's success is to be positive and encouraging. Urge your children to do their best work. Assure them of your love and pride in them. Build them up so they will be prepared to meet the challenges that face them during testing week.

Sometimes it is difficult to stress the importance of testing, without stressing out the child. While we want you to encourage your

child to do his absolute best, we do not want to make the children feel anxious or apprehensive.

Ryan Elementary and the EBRPSS have a vision that all students will graduate with the knowledge, skills and values necessary to compete in the global marketplace.

Our goal here at Ryan is that EVERY child will succeed. Together we can ensure that each child has the best chance at success.



Buzzy Bee says:
"Bee" Respectful
"Bee" Responsible
"Bee" Safe



The Drama Club has been practicing every week preparing for their next production, and Ms. Louring has been working with the choir, who will be singing during the performance. Since testing is right around the corner, the club sponsors felt that it would be better to wait until after testing to schedule the performance. The date will be announced in the near future.

Calendar of Events

- ☉ March 18-Fitness Meet
- ☉ March 25-Early Dismissal
- ☉ March 27- Early Dismissal
- ☉ March 31 -Spring Pictures
- ☉ April 1-7-ILEAP/Leap

Please look for your child's work packet to come home every other Tuesday.

Fitness Meet

East Baton Rouge Parish Elementary Fitness Meet was held on March 18, 2009 at Woodlawn High School. Coach Downing took 4 students and competed against 34 elementary schools in a number of events like 50 yard dash, 600 yard run, shuttle run, curl ups, pull ups, and standing long jump.

Shawnbonae Watson, Brianna Jordan, Tarik Porter, and Clinton Shropshire represented Ryan at the fitness meet. The students are anxiously awaiting their scores, but they did an excellent job, and we are so proud of them.



Principal's List 4.0 Honor Roll

The following students have done an outstanding job during the 3rd Nine Weeks. Congratulations to: **Jamira Hunter, Dynasty Gibson, Raelyn Henderson, Ja'lynn Talbert, Jataiveus Jackson, Natiqua Johnson, Destini Bethley, Jeremy Mozee, Ashton Rogers, Thomas King, and Imyri Lamotte.** These students are invited to the **Principal's Doughnut Breakfast!** We are very proud of you. **Keep up the good work.**



You Scream, I Scream, We All Scream For Ice Cream!!

The 4th Nine Weeks has started and we are kicking off our new Accelerated Reader promotion with ICE CREAM! 4th/5th grade students who achieve 10 points in the 4th nine weeks, and 2nd/3rd graders who achieve 5 points, will be rewarded with ice cream. Congratulations to Dynasty Gibson, Kedrika Turner, and Jahri Robinson, the very first students to earn ice cream. Also, congratulations are in order to the whole 4th grade class, who is leading the school with almost 400 points. The 4th graders who are participating in Accelerated Reader will be rewarded with a field trip in April. Great Job!



We owe a big thanks to members of the community volunteering at Ryan. We appreciate the time and effort given by:

- 1. Mr. James Jarvis, for providing us with much needed school supplies.*
- 2. Office Depot, for donating classroom supplies.*
- 3. Scotlandville High School ROTC, for reading aloud to lower grades.*

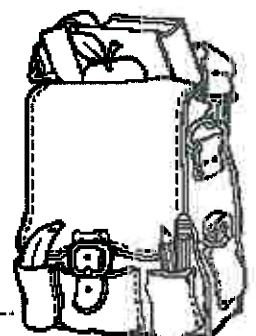
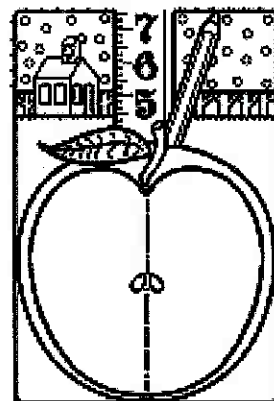
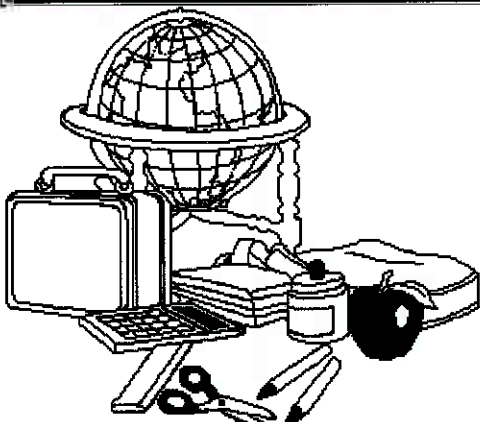
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Families + Activities = Healthier Communities

It all adds up-In general, school age children should get at least one hour of physical activity each day. Don't forget to exercise the mind while exercising the body. Here are some ways to put more exercise into your child's (and your) routine:

- Jump rope for 10 minutes. Chant addition or multiplication tables while jumping.
- Take a walk with your child. Notice the houses on the street. Are the house numbers even or odd? Urge your child to predict the next house number.
- Take your child grocery shopping. Park in the back of the parking lot so that you can walk further. Let him/her use a calculator to add up how much you are spending.

Remember, regular exercise will help make you, and your child, healthier.



Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 150-200 words.

One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find "filler" articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to

keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you're finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.



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Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 100-150 words.

The subject matter that appears in newsletters is virtually endless. You can include stories that focus on current technologies or innovations in your field.

You may also want to note business or economic trends, or make predictions for your customers or clients.

If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings

will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial. You can also profile new employees or top customers or vendors.

"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."

Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 75-125 words.

Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture supports or enhances the message you're trying to convey. Avoid selecting images that appear to be out of context.

Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you can choose and import into your newsletter. There are also several

tools you can use to draw shapes and symbols.

Once you have chosen an image, place it close to the article. Be sure to place the caption of the image near the image.



Caption describing picture or graphic.

Primary Business Address

Your Address Line 2

Your Address Line 3

Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555

Fax: 555-555-5555

E-mail: someone@example.com

Mailing Address Line 1

Mailing Address Line 2

Mailing Address Line 3

Mailing Address Line 4

Mailing Address Line 5

Your business tag line here.



Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've

created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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