



April 25, 2025

Our Mission:

Lead with Strength.
Live with Integrity.
Learn with Perseverance.
Leave with Confidence.

NAPPANEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Bulldog Banner

Dear Parents:

May is quickly approaching and I know the students always look forward to our end of the school year activities. We do, however, still have a lot of work to accomplish in the weeks ahead.

ILEARN has been in full swing this past week, and we have another busy week of testing taking place next week. We appreciate your help in making sure students get a good night's rest and a healthy breakfast to start their day. ILEARN test results were released in May last year, so we are hopeful results can be sent to families before the end of the school year.

Each year we take time to recognize our outstanding staff for their commitment to NES and all of our students. I hope you will join me in thanking our NES staff for a job well done as we celebrate Staff Appreciation Week May 5– 9.

Finally, our Bulldog Bash will take place Friday, May 23. We cannot allow spectators to come and watch the events, but we could definitely use the support of registered volunteers to help with various stations. Please be sure to read the details on the next page to learn how you can be involved.

Have a great weekend,

Randy S. Cripe

Mr. Cripe, Principal

Dates to Remember

ILEARN (Gr. 3/4/5)	May 1-9
BOGO Book Fair	May 2-8
Staff Appreciation Week	May 5-9
PTO Meeting	May 15
Bulldog Bash	May 23
Memorial Day (No School)	May 26
Last Student Day	May 28
Report Cards Posted	May 28

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Nappanee Elementary News & Notes

Kindergarten Round-Up: Even though Kindergarten Round-Up has passed, it is not too late to sign your child up for kindergarten. Parents must visit the [Wa-Nee website](#) and complete an online registration form. That information will be distributed to the school your child should attend based on your home address. The school will send families an email confirmation with details on how to complete the enrollment process. Families with no internet access can contact the school to register by phone. **If you are in the process of enrolling your child for Kindergarten, please be sure to turn your paperwork in as soon as possible so that we can schedule your child's kindergarten assessment.**

Bulldog Bash: The PTO will be hosting our Bulldog Bash on Friday, May 23. A rain date has been set for Monday, May 27 in the event of inclement weather. For safety and security reasons, there will be NO spectators allowed during the day. However, if you would like to be involved, the PTO is looking for volunteers to help run events. Please be sure to fill out and send in the PTO volunteer form as soon as possible if you are interested in helping.

Nurse Nuggets: Springtime is here! April brings unpredictable weather. On one hand we are reminded that summer is quickly approaching, but on the other hand we need to prepare ourselves and children for variable weather. Here are some points to keep in mind:

- Coats & Hats – It might be in the 70's one day but then the next day we could see 30 degree weather. It is very important to send your child(ren) to school dressed appropriately, ready for outside recess.
- Sunscreen – Sunburns are uncomfortable and no fun! Keep in mind that our skin hasn't seen the sun in a while and initially our skin is more susceptible to burning. There might be days that are sunny but still chilly so sunscreen might not cross our minds. If you find yourselves outside on the weekends, remember to apply sunscreen to exposed skin.
- Allergies – Springtime is a season that may flareup allergies and/or asthma. If applicable, please remember to give your child(ren) their allergy medication regularly and if they are asthmatic, please inform the school nurse and be sure they have an inhaler at school.
- Sleep – With the nicer weather we find ourselves outside more which makes bedtime later. Please keep in mind that children still need 9-11 hours of sleep each night, especially on school nights.

School Nurse News



Yearbooks for Sale: If you missed ordering a yearbook during our pre-sale, we did order a few extra. The cost is \$12. Checks can be made payable to NES or you can send in cash. We have a very limited supply of extra yearbooks, so please send in your order as soon as possible. We also have yearbooks from prior years available for purchase for \$8 each. Please email rkstutzman@wanee.org to check on the availability of any previous yearbooks you may be interested in purchasing.

IS YOUR
EMAIL UP
TO DATE?

Important Information for Next Year: Parents, please make sure that we have your current email address on file. Online enrollment information for next year will be sent through email around July 14. If you need to update your email, you can do that through your [Skyward Family Access](#) or you can email [Mrs. Stutzman](mailto:Mrs.Stutzman) or [Mrs. Roa](mailto:Mrs.Roa).

Transportation Information for 2025-2026: Bus routes for next school year will be finalized long before your child comes back to school in August. Therefore, plan to submit your transportation request by the end of this school year. The final deadline to request transportation for the 2025-26 school year is July 1, 2025. Any change or request submitted after July 1



may not be accepted for the beginning of the school year. For safety and emergency purposes, K-5 students must maintain a consistent transportation schedule. You are allowed one location for the morning and one location for the afternoon - all five days of the week. You may submit your consistent schedule by filling out a [Transportation Request Form](#).

Want to know more about school bus transportation? Go to www.wanee.org and click on the District button to find the Transportation website.

Parks Department (Camps, Lessons, Special Events): The Nappanee Parks Dept. will be hosting many events this summer. Please see the attached flyer for more information about how you can register for camps, lessons or the other events scheduled to take place. Visit [Nappanee Parks](#) for more information, new opportunities and live links. You will find information about some of the camps / clubs attached. Be watching for more camps in the weeks ahead.



Panther Pals

We had our last Panther Pals visit this week. The students love when they get to spend time with NWHHS students and they took advantage of the awesome weather!



3rd grade Arbor Day Presentation:

Today we had a visit from the Nappanee Parks Department who presented a tree presentation. Every 3rd grader got to leave with their own tree!



1st Grade Spring Musical:

Miss Saucedo and our first graders presented their musical, "Pajama Party", to family and friends today in the gym.

