



December 15, 2023

Our Mission:

Lead with Strength.

Live with Integrity.

Learn with Perseverance.

Leave with Confidence.

NAPPANEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# Bulldog Banner

Dear Parents,

The Christmas season is always an exciting time at Nappanee Elementary. While we still work hard to accomplish our learning objectives in the classroom, we do like to take time to enjoy the holiday season and celebrate with parents, grandparents, and many other guests. Thank you so much for your involvement in your child's education.

On the next page you will see a note about the upcoming All Pro Dad events at NES. This will be an exciting time for the men (dad, step-dad, grandfather, uncle, etc.) who play such an integral role in the lives of our students to spend some quality time together. In the past, we have had a great turnout for these events. We hope you will plan to join us for our first event on Tuesday, January 16. Please be sure to read the details on the next page and on the attached registration form.

On behalf of the staff at NES, I would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have an enjoyable time together during our upcoming break. We love the opportunity we have to work with your children each day and we look forward to making the 2024 calendar year a great one here at NES.

Merry Christmas...

Randy S. Cripe

Mr. Cripe, Principal

## Dates to Remember

Classes Resume	January 8
PTO Meeting (3:30)	January 11
Midterms Sent Home	January 12
MLK, Jr. Day (no school- unless needed as a weather make-up day)	January 15
All Pro Dad Night	January 16
Mobile Dentist	January 16
Hunter's Giveback Day	February 6
End of Grading Period	February 16

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# Nappanee Elementary News & Notes

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**Christmas Break:** Christmas Break is Monday, Dec. 25 - Friday, Jan. 5. Nappanee Elementary will be closed during that time. We hope that everyone has a wonderful and relaxing holiday season. Classes will resume on Monday, Jan. 8.



**Mobile Dentist:** December 20 is the last day to turn in Mobile Dentist forms to the nurse. The mobile dentist will be here on Tuesday, January 16. Please call or email [Mrs. Shields](#) if you have any questions.

**All Pro Dad:** We are excited to continue our affiliation with the All Pro Dad organization for a 5th year. We recognize that being a dad is hard! That's why Nappanee Elementary is excited to be an [All Pro Dad](#) school. Our goal is to provide opportunities for NES students (boys and girls) to spend some quality time with men who play a significant role in their life. This could be a dad, step-dad, grandfather, uncle, family friend, etc. Please see the attached registration form for more information about our January 16 event. To ensure that we have enough food for everyone, registration forms are due on Friday, January 12.



**Device Insurance:** Now that devices are going home with students each day, we want to remind you that it's not too late to purchase device insurance. While device insurance is optional, we strongly encourage families to purchase device insurance for each student, if they have not done so already. The cost is only \$15 for the entire school year and can be paid through [Skyward](#) (if you request that the charge be added to your account) or you can send cash/check to the office in an envelope marked Device Insurance. A simple drop of a device can result in a \$200+ fee if your device is not insured. We had several families last year and this year regret not taking advantage of this affordable device insurance.

**Devices over Break:** Please note, student devices will not be sent home over Christmas break. We will use that time to take care of some required updates on the devices and have them ready when students return on January 8.

**News From the NES PTO:** The NES PTO has two fundraising events planned for after the holidays. Please be sure to put both dates on your calendars! On Tuesday, February 6, 2024 we will be having a Hunter's Hideaway Giveback Fundraiser. Hunter's will donate 20% of food and gift card sales to our PTO if you present one of our coupons. Coupons and an order form for gift cards will be sent home in January.

**NEW THIS YEAR!!** We will not be selling World's Finest Chocolate bars as a fundraiser this year. Instead, will be hosting an all-school community auction called "Raise Your Paws" on Saturday, March 16, 2024. We will have a silent auction, live auction, food available for purchase, and our very own students will be singing throughout the evening. More surprises to come! We need your help to make "Raise Your Paws" a success! WE NEED NEW (no used items please) DONATIONS TO SELL AT OUR AUCTION – large items, small items, gift cards, monetary donations to purchase items to sell, etc. If you are interested in donating or have any questions, please email [nappaneeelementaryPTO@gmail.com](mailto:nappaneeelementaryPTO@gmail.com) or contact us on our Facebook page: [Nappanee Elementary PTO](#).

Participation in these fundraisers is completely optional. Our NES families are so incredible and generous when supporting our school and our PTO, and we thank you so much for your continual support! We couldn't do it without you!

**Nurse Nuggets:** Unfortunately, flu season is here. Important everyday preventive actions are as follows:

1. Please keep your child home when they are ill. If in doubt, keep your child home to monitor their symptoms.  
\*Remember your child must be vomit/diarrhea free and fever free, without any fever reducers, for 24 hours before returning to school.
2. Avoid close contact with others who are sick.
3. Show your child how to cover their cough and/or sneeze with their elbow or with a Kleenex.
4. Encourage your child to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
5. Help us educate your child about how germs spread. It is important to avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
6. Regularly disinfect objects and surfaces that are frequently touched.

School Nurse News



**STAY HEALTHY!!**

BULLDOG BANNER





### Gr. 3 Turkey Winners

What fun it was to see all of the creative turkeys that were brought in for the 3rd grade turkey contest!



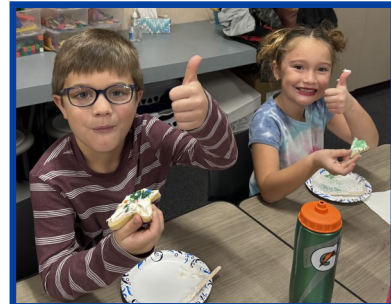
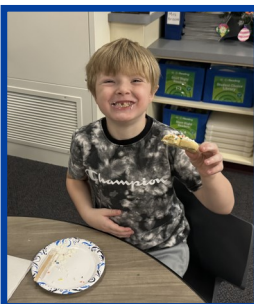
### Bulldog Robotics:

Congratulations to our Robotics teams for performing well at the Plymouth competition. Out of 34 teams, they finished 1st & 2nd in the finals. Bulldogs Blue qualified for the State Championship in May due to their first place win!



### Gr. 1 Christmas Craft Day:

Our 1st graders had a blast working on Christmas crafts and decorating sugar cookies!



### Gr. Kiwanis KiD Luncheon

"A Kiwanis KiD is kind, thoughtful, respectful, responsible, persistent, hard working; to name a few things. This is a kid that you would want to represent your school in public. He or she is someone that the other kids could learn a thing or two from in your classroom and is an ambassador for your schools credo, mission statement, and honor code." Congratulations to Karis Schlipf for being our fall recipient of the 4th grade Kiwanis KiD award.



### Gr. 4 Flag Education Winners:

Congratulations to Riley Cunningham and Karis Schlipf for getting the best scores on the American Flag test and being our 4th grade representatives for the American Legion.



### Gr. 5 Service Project

Our 5th graders recently visited LoveWay, a therapeutic horse farm that helps children with disabilities. While there, they cleaned the barns, scrubbed saddles, washed brushes, and raked the arena.





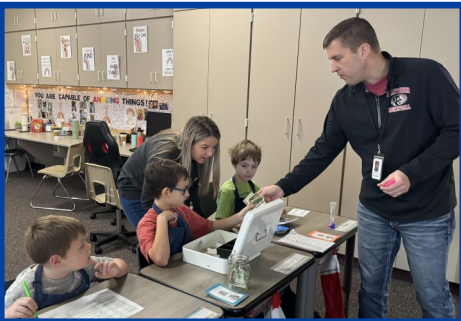
### Gr. 4/5 Christmas Concert

Our 4th / 5th grade students did an amazing job presenting Jingle Bell Jukebox! Special thanks to Miss Saucedo for directing this outstanding performance.



### Lifeskills' Bulldog Brew Crew

Our Lifeskills' class offered a pop-up coffee cart to staff members this month. They took orders, collected money, made change, completed orders and even delivered orders around the building.



### Gr. 5 Service Project at The Center

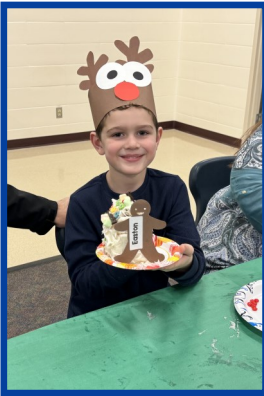
5th grade students donated wrapping paper and tape for The Center's Christmas Jubilee. Jon Andrews gave a tour of the facilities and explained all the great things that The Center does to help families in our community.





### Grandparents' Day:

Kindergarten had the opportunity to invite their grandparents / family members to school to help them make gingerbread houses.



### This month's All Stars are:

Kevin Schwartz, Sebastian Fuentes, Ashton Hochstetler, Bennett Slone, Max Ottinger, and Ryder Hirsch