



December 20, 2024

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 21. Please be sure to read the details on the next page and on the attached registration form. Stay tuned, Moms! We will be hosting an All-Star Moms event in February. More details will be shared next month.

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 2025 calendar year a great one here at NES.

Merry Christmas...

Randy S. Cripe

Mr. Cripe, Principal

Dates to Remember

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| Classes Resume | January 6 |
| Midterms Sent Home | January 10 |
| Mobile Dentist | January 16 |
| MLK, Jr. Day (no school- unless needed as a weather make-up day) | January 20 |
| All Pro Dad Night | January 21 |
| Hunter's Giveback Day | February 4 |
| End of Grading Period | February 14 |

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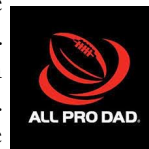
Nappanee Elementary News & Notes

Christmas Break: Christmas Break is Monday, Dec. 23-Friday, January 3. 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.6.



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 6th 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 21 event. To ensure that we have enough food for everyone, registration forms are due on Friday, January 10.



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 6.

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 4, 2025 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.

First Annual Valentine's Candy & Carnation Sale hosted by the PTO. This Valentine's Day, give your child the chance to spread the love! The PTO is excited to announce our first annual Valentines Candy and Carnation sale, where students can participate by sending sweet treats and flowers to their friends, teachers or even themselves. Encourage your child to join in the fun and make someone's Valentine's Day extra special. More details will be provided in the upcoming newsletter.

We will be hosting our 2nd annual all-school community auction called "Raise Your Paws" on Saturday, March 29, 2025. We will have a silent auction, live auction, food available for purchase, and our very own students will have a talent show 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 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



TBRI

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We're excited to introduce **TBRI® (Trust-Based Relational Intervention)**, a powerful parenting strategy designed to help strengthen relationships between parents and children. Developed by experts in child development, TBRI® focuses on building trust, meeting emotional needs, and responding to behavior with empathy and understanding.

Through three key principles—**Empowering, Connecting, and Correcting**—TBRI® offers practical tools to create a safe, supportive environment that fosters positive behaviors and emotional growth. Stay tuned for more resources and tips on how to incorporate TBRI® into your parenting journey!

We're here to support you every step of the way! We will have a new link in

https://youtu.be/FWScSJKjn1A?si=U6dqQMD-w-2_USk5

Gr.4 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 Noah Reed for being our fall recipient of the 4th grade Kiwanis KiD award.



Gr. 4 Flag Education Winners:

Congratulations to Hudson Yoder and Natalie Bontrager for getting the best scores on the American Flag test and being our 4th grade representatives for the American Legion.



This month's All Stars are:

Addalyn Kemp, Ridley Burch, Alex Kimbel, Nadia Clark, Sullivan Lechlitner, and Keyon Collier. Great job Bulldogs! Thank you for showing kindness and being helpful to other students and staff!



Grandparents' Day:

Kindergarten had the opportunity to invite their grandparents / family members to school to help them make gingerbread houses and sing songs for their guests.



Gr. 1 Craft Day

Our first graders got to participate in a Christmas craft day. They made crafts and got to decorate sugar cookies!



Grand Opening of the NES Bulldog Backyard

We are thrilled to announce the grand opening of the *Bulldog Backyard*, Nappanee Elementary's brand-new playground! After months of planning and anticipation, our students are finally able to enjoy this vibrant, state-of-the-art space designed for fun and exploration.

The Bulldog Backyard features a variety of exciting play areas, including swings, slides, a climbing structure, and plenty of open space for games and activities. Our students were full of energy and excitement as they eagerly lined up to be the first to play in this fantastic new area.

This new playground provides not only a space for physical activity but also an opportunity for social development, teamwork, and creativity. We are excited to see our students create lasting memories in the Bulldog Backyard for years to come.

A big thank you to all those who made this possible! We look forward to watching our students enjoy this wonderful new addition to our school.

Let the fun begin!

