



February 28, 2025

Our Mission:

Lead with Strength.

Live with Integrity.

Learn with Perseverance.

Leave with Confidence.

NAPPANEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Bulldog Banner

Dear Parents:

As we turn the calendar to the month of March next week, we are entering our third and final trimester of the school year! We hope you've had a chance to review your child's report card, which is accessible through Skyward. If you haven't yet, please take some time to look it over and celebrate your child's progress. Should you have any questions about the report card or want to discuss how we can partner together to provide additional support at home, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher.

We are also approaching the state's testing windows for IREAD and ILEARN. Next week, we will be administering the IREAD assessment to our 2nd and 3rd grade students. Third graders will take the test on Tuesday, March 4, and Wednesday, March 5, while 2nd graders will take the assessment on Thursday, March 6, and Friday, March 7. Families of these students should have received an email last week with important IREAD information and state requirements—if you did not receive that email, please contact the school office. For our students in grades 3-5, ILEARN testing will take place between April 14 and May 9, with our plan to begin testing on Monday, April 21. A more detailed schedule for ILEARN will be shared in the March newsletter.

We hope to see many of our families at the "Raise Your Paws" auction on Saturday, March 29! This exciting event is a wonderful opportunity to support our school community, and more details will be sent home in the coming weeks. If you're interested in donating items for the auction, please notify the office as soon as possible so we can connect you with the PTO. A huge thank you to our PTO officers and volunteers for all their hard work in making this event a success.

Have a great weekend,

Randy S. Cripe

Mr. Cripe, Principal

Dates to Remember

Gr. 3 IREAD Testing	March 4-5
Gr. 2 IREAD Testing	March 6-7
Spring Pictures	March 6
Kindergarten Round Up	March 13
All Pro Dads	March 18
Gr. 4/5 Choir Concert	March 25
Raise Your Paws Auction	March 29
NED Program	April 3
Spring Break	April 7-11
Good Friday (No School)	April 18

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Nappanee Elementary News & Notes

All Pro Dads: Please join us on Tuesday, March 18 for our last All Pro Dad event of the year. Our Dad coach for this session will be Chris Knight. Please see the attached registration form for more details. Registration forms are due back on Friday, March 14, to ensure that we have enough food and supervision.



Spring Pictures: Spring pictures will take place on Thursday, March 6. Every student will have their picture taken unless you send in a note or email asking them to be exempt from picture day. Parents can pay directly on [Lifetouch's website](https://lifetouch.com) by using Picture ID: **EVTDWJBKW** or fill out an order form and send in payment before picture day. Checks should be made payable to Lifetouch. Order forms were sent home with students this week. A few weeks after picture day, Lifetouch will send home picture proof sheets and order forms to those that did not pre-order pictures. This will give you another opportunity to order spring pictures if you did not order them before picture day. Ordering spring pictures is completely optional, but our school does receive a percentage of all sales which goes into our Student Activities account. These funds are used to help pay for incentives and other programs / activities for our students.

Yearbooks for Sale: The 2024-2025 Nappanee Elementary School Yearbooks are now on sale. The cost is \$12. You can order online at ybpay.lifetouch.com. Our yearbook ID code is: **14062025**. If you prefer to pay by cash or check, payment envelopes were sent home earlier this month. Please fill out your order on the envelope and enclose cash or a check made payable to **NES**. We pre-sell the yearbooks. To guarantee that you receive one, please make sure that your money is turned in by Friday, April 4. Yearbooks will be sent home in May.

School Nurse News **Nurse Nuggets:** Did you know that February is American Heart Month and National Children's Dental Health Month?



Tips for Heart Healthy Kids:

- o Your heart is a muscle and in order to keep it strong it is important to exercise. Encourage your child/children to be active by jumping rope, dancing, or playing basketball for at least 30 min a day.
- o Eat a variety of healthy foods and avoid foods high in saturated and trans fats.
- o Eat at least 5 servings of fruits and vegetables each day.
- o Avoid sugary soft drinks and fruit drinks.
- o First and secondhand smoking can damage your heart and blood vessels.

KidsHealth.org

Tips for Having a Healthy Smile:

- o Did you know that cavities are one of the most common chronic diseases for kids ages 6 - 19 years? It's important to start healthy mouth habits now.
- o Encourage you child/children to brush their teeth twice a day, for 2 min each time.
- o Use Fluoride toothpaste and drink tap water that contains fluoride.
- o Visit the dentist twice a year.

Ø Contact Heart City Health Dental for dental assistance:

• Address: 2100 Superior Street Elkhart, IN 46516

• Phone: 574-970-1939

IN.gov

****Special Note:** Please have your students check the lost and found before Wednesday, April 2. Any items left will be donated.



Kindergarten Round-Up: Kindergarten registration for Wa-Nee elementary students will begin on Monday, March 3. 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.

Kindergarten Round-Up will be on Thursday, March 13. Two sessions will be available for parents to choose from. The first session will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the 2nd session will begin at 5:30 p.m. Students are not expected to attend this event as this will be an informational meeting for parents to hear about Kindergarten expectations and ask questions. Parents can also complete the enrollment process if they have not done so beforehand. Once the enrollment process has been completed, families can schedule their child's Kindergarten assessment. **We recommend doing this as soon as possible as dates / times for assessments are limited.** Teachers will be administering the assessment for our incoming kindergarten students in the spring. These assessments will be administered in a 1-on-1 setting.

The following items will be necessary for completing your child's enrollment process. These items can be emailed or dropped off at the school:

- *Legal birth certificate from the County Health Department (hospital birth certificates are not permitted)
- *Immunization (shot) records
- *Proof of residency (a current bill with your name and address on it)

***The kindergarten physical form and immunizations must be completed and turned in to the school by Thursday, August 14th, 2025. Children not in compliance will not be permitted to start school.**

Please pass along this information to others who do not have children currently attending NES but are planning to start Kindergarten this fall.

CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS: 2025-2026

HOW ARE NEXT YEAR'S CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS FORMED?

In the Spring, teachers meet with the Principal to create classroom assignments. In making classroom assignments, factors such as achievement, social adjustments, maturity, and boy-girl ratio are considered before decisions are made. Teacher recommendations from the previous year, social issues, academic abilities, and the number of pupils in a given class are also taken into account when making class lists.

CAN I REQUEST A TEACHER FOR MY SON OR DAUGHTER?

Because of our commitment to equitable instructional groups for all children, parent requests for a specific teacher are discouraged and can never be guaranteed. However, we realize that at times there may be **valid educational reasons for such requests**. With this in mind, requests must be made using the official Wa-Nee Community School Corporation Request for Classroom Assignment Form. The form must be picked up from the school office and must be submitted to the school office on or before **April 4, 2025**. The educational rationale for this request must be listed on the form. Because teachers have a responsibility to create equitable classes, parent requests cannot always be kept confidential.

CAN I CHANGE CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS AFTER THE SCHOOL YEAR HAS BEGUN?

No. Once students have begun the school year in a particular class they need to complete the year in that class. Only under rare and abnormal circumstances would such a request be considered.

CAN I HAVE MY CHILD BRING HOME A "REQUEST FOR CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENT" FORM?

No. These request forms will be kept in the school office and may only be obtained by a parent upon request. Requests written on a sheet of paper, card, faxed, or emailed will not be accepted. They must be returned by the due date without exception.



5th grade Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our
Winner: Griffin Leeper
and
Runner-Up: Eliana Maller!

We would also like to thank all of the 5th graders who participated in the Spelling Bee this year.

Back Row: Macguire London, Ben Hutchens, Riley Cunningham, Bennett Cowan, Zachary Garcia, Griffin Leeper, Paxton Santistevan, Rayna Smith, and Kensley Williams.

Front Row: Beau Greco, Elijah Beer, Calvin Lavassaur, Karis Schlipf, Della Beer, and Eliana Maller.



World Read Aloud Day:

Thank you to all of our guest readers that stopped by on World Read Aloud Day to read to each of our classrooms.



This month's All Stars are:

Elleria Hoiem, Teigen Bennett, Joel Bate, Timothy Johnson, Evie Beer, and Paisleigh Haney. Great job Bulldogs!



Fairy Tale Ball:

Kindergarteners got to celebrate Valentine's Day as their favorite Fairy Tale characters and go to the Fairy Tale Ball!



NWHS DG/Band Visit

We would like to thank Dawning Generation as well as the Pep Band for coming and showing our students exciting options they have as they get older and for a great performance!

