



January 26, 2024

Our Mission:

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

NAPPANEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# Bulldog Banner

Dear Parents:

Our students and staff have been working very hard as we push forward through the month of January. Soon, we will be celebrating the 100th day of school and are looking forward to finishing this school year strong.

**State Assessments:** We are quickly approaching the beginning of the state assessments. Students in 3rd grade will take the IREAD assessment the week of March 4-8. This test will be administered over two days. A more detailed schedule will be sent home in our February newsletter. Like last year, our 2nd graders will have an opportunity to take the IREAD-3 assessment to give us readiness data we can use to best prepare them for next year. The 2nd grade classes will take the IREAD assessment the week of March 11-15. The ILEARN assessment window for grades 3-5 will be open from April 15-May 10. This schedule will be sent to families at the end of March so that you can plan ahead for those testing dates. Students in our upper grades have been working hard to learn grade level standards so they can be fully prepared for the upcoming assessments.

**Scheduled E-Learning Day (Monday, April 8):** Indiana will experience a total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8. The timing of the event (3:00-3:20 p.m.) creates a number of safety concerns for our students since many of our schools would in the middle of dismissal while others will already be on the bus. For the safety of our students, the school board has passed a motion to make that day a scheduled E-Learning Day. Students will attend E-Learning on April 8 and will return to in-session classes on Tuesday, April 9.

Have a great weekend,

*Randy S. Cripe*

Mr. Cripe, Principal

## Dates to Remember

Hunter's Giveback Day	February 6
End of Grading Period	February 16
Presidents' Day (school <u>will</u> be in session due to closing on January 16)	February 19
Kindness Week	February 19-23
All Pro Dad Night (6-7)	February 20
Report Cards Posted	February 23
Gr. 3 IREAD Testing	March 5-6
Gr. 2 IREAD Testing	March 11-12

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# Nappanee Elementary News & Notes

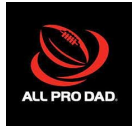
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**Welcome Mrs. Stutzman:** We are excited to welcome Rachel Stutzman to our office staff as our new Principal's Secretary. Please be sure to email her at [rkstutzman@wanee.org](mailto:rkstutzman@wanee.org) instead of emailing Mrs. Eggers.

**Presidents' Day (Monday, Feb. 19):** School will now be in session on Monday, February 19 due to school closing on Tuesday, January 16.

**Kindness Week:** Please see the attached schedule for Kindness Week. This year's theme is "Be a TEAM Player!"

**All Pro Dads:** Please join us on Tuesday, February 20 for our first All Pro Dad event of the year. Our Dad Coach for this session will be Mark Mikel. Please see the attached registration form for more details. Registration forms are due on Friday, February 16, to ensure that we have enough food and supervision.



**Yearbooks for Sale:** The 2023-2024 Nappanee Elementary School Yearbooks are now on sale. The cost is \$13. You can order online at [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com). Our yearbook ID code is: **14062024**. 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 Wednesday, March 13. Yearbooks will be sent home in late April / early May.

School Nurse News



**Nurse Nuggets:** It's the time of year to expect cold and flu symptoms in addition to other viruses. Some of these are unavoidable, but there are several things you can do at home to help prevent illness and keep everyone feeling healthy. Here are some tips to remember:

- **WASH, WASH, WASH YOUR HANDS!** This is still the best defense against illness. Encourage your children to wash, especially before meals, using soap and warm water. To ensure they are taking enough time to adequately kill germs, have them sing the ABC song while scrubbing.
- Get plenty of rest. School age children should get 9-11 hours of sleep each night.
- Drink lots of fluids and eat a balanced diet. Don't skip breakfast!
- Dress appropriately for cold weather. Please help your child choose warm, comfortable clothing for school each day. Make sure they are wearing a coat, hat, and gloves. Please contact us if you need clothing assistance.

Please call or email me at [jrshields@wanee.org](mailto:jrshields@wanee.org) if you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's illness. It is important to keep your child home until they have been fever free for 24 hours without fever reducers and vomit/diarrhea free for 24 hours. If you have a change in address or phone number, remember to update that in Skyward or contact the school office. It is very important to be able to reach you in the event your child becomes ill at school. Have a safe and HEALTHY winter!

**PTO News:** The NES PTO has two fundraising events coming up. 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 were sent home this week. Gift card orders WITH money are due Monday, February 5.

**NEW THIS YEAR!** We will not be selling World's Finest Chocolate bars as a fundraiser this year. Instead, on Saturday, March 16, 2024, we will host an all-school community auction called "Raise Your Paws." 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 to our school and our PTO, and we thank you so much for your continual support! We couldn't do it without you!

# KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

**Kindergarten Round-Up:** Kindergarten registration for Wa-Nee elementary students will begin on Friday, March 1. 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 14. 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:

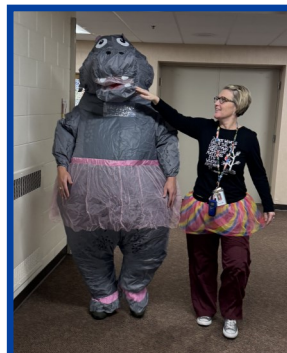
- \*Legal birth certificate from the County Health Department (hospital birth certificates are not permitted)
- \*Immunization (shot) records
- \*Proof of residency (a current bill with your name and address on it)

**\*The kindergarten physical form and immunizations must be completed and turned in to the school by Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. 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.

## Christmas Caroling Fun:

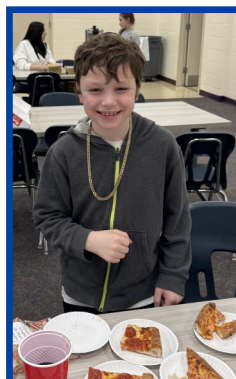
One of our favorite days of the year is our all school sing-a-long right before Christmas Break.





### Gr. 5 Market Day:

Our 5th graders hosted their second Market Day of the school year. They earned Bulldog Bucks for selling their wares to students and staff.



### Thank You, Martin's Super Market!:

Martin's Super Market awarded our school \$1000 through their One School at a Time grant. This grant will be used towards therapy training for Mrs. Mattern's dog, Polly. Polly lost her leg in a car accident earlier this school year and despite that hardship, she is just as affectionate and empathetic to humans, as ever. We are excited that Polly is working towards being our therapy dog at NES!



### NES Robotics:

Congratulations to our Robotics teams as they have both qualified to compete at the State Championship at Lucas Oil in March! Well done, Bulldogs Blue and Bulldogs Black!



### This month's All Stars are:

Cooper Andrews, Bennett Cowan, Amirah Pride, Leona Boehner, Lucy Reed and Zoey Graber

