



January 31, 2025

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. We recently passed the 100th day of school!

**State Assessments:** We are quickly approaching the beginning of the state assessments. Students in 2nd and 3rd grade will take the IREAD assessment the week of March 3-7. This test will be administered over two days. Our plan will be to assess 3rd grade students on March 4 and 5. Students in 2nd grade will take the assessment on March 6 and 7. The ILEARN assessment window for grades 3-5 will open in April. We will begin administering the ILEARN test the week of April 21. This test is a bit longer and will be administered over a 2-week period. A more detailed schedule will be shown in the February newsletter 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.

**School in Session Monday, February 17:** As a reminder, due to the recent school cancellation, we will now be in session on Monday, February 17. That day was our final scheduled make-up day. If we happen to have additional snow days, we will plan to use up to (3) of them as E-Learning Days. If we would happen to exceed (3) snow days, all additional days would be added on at the end of the year.

Have a great weekend,

*Randy S. Cripe*

Mr. Cripe, Principal

## Dates to Remember

Hunter's Giveback Day	February 4
End of Grading Period	February 14
Presidents' Day (school <u>will</u> be in session due to closing on January 21)	February 17
Kindness Week	February 17-21
All Star Mom (6-7)	February 18
Report Cards Posted	February 21
PTO Meeting (3:30)	February 27
Gr. 3 IREAD Testing	March 4-5
Gr. 2 IREAD Testing	March 6-7

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# Nappanee Elementary News & Notes

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**Presidents' Day (Monday, Feb. 17):** School will now be in session on Monday, February 17 due to school closing on Tuesday, January 21st.

**Kindness Week:** Please see the attached schedule for Kindness Week. This year's theme is "Kindness is like a Seed."

**All Star Moms:** Please join us on Tuesday, February 18 for our first All Star Mom event of the year. Please see the attached registration form for more details. Registration forms are due on Friday, February 14, to ensure that we have enough food and supervision.

**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](http://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 4th. 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@wancee.org](mailto:jrshields@wancee.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 a couple of fundraising events planned for the next few months. Please be sure to put these 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. The **Hunter's gift card order form is due NEXT Monday, February 3rd!**

**Valentine's Day Candy & Carnation Sale (NEW!):** This Valentine's Day, give your child the chance to spread the love! The PTO is excited to announce our first annual Valentine's 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. Be on the lookout - fliers and blank Valentine Grams will be coming home next week.

**2nd Annual "Raise Your Paws" Auction:** 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](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!

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## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

**Kindergarten Round-Up:** Kindergarten registration for Wa-Nee elementary students will begin on Friday, 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### Christmas Caroling Fun:

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



### Christmas Fun with Mrs. Claus!

We had a wonderful visit from Mrs. Claus. She visited all over the school reading stories to all the classes!



### NES Robotics:

We would like to send a congratulations to both our Robotics teams: Bulldog Black and Bulldog Blue! After their competition this weekend, both teams have officially punched their tickets to the State Finals!



### This month's All Stars are:

Kynzlee Cable, Nova Yost, Cairo Collier, Abel De Leon, Xander Garcia, and Madelyn Miller