



March 27, 2024

Our Mission:

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

NAPPANEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Bulldog Banner

Dear Parents:

The month of March has been busy at NES!

We recently wrapped up our All Pro Dad sessions last week with over 100 guests. Sandwiches, chips and ice cream were provided to families. A special thank you goes out to DJ Construction for sponsoring this event and to all of our families and volunteers for making each night memorable. We have enjoyed hosting these events and look forward to our first All Star Moms session in April. Our PTO also hosted their first ever Raise Your Paws Auction. This was a tremendous success thanks to the work of our PTO Officers and the wonderful donations from families and the community. We are so thankful for your participation! And last weekend, our robotics teams participated at Lucas Oil Stadium. Both teams performed very well and were great representatives of our school. Congratulations to Coach Protzman and our many volunteer coaches along with Bulldog Black Team for an outstanding season and to our Bulldog Blue Team who qualified for Worlds in Dallas, TX. We are proud of our Bulldogs!

E-Learning Reminder (April 8): Don't forget Monday, April 8 is a scheduled E-Learning Day due to the eclipse. Teachers will have things posted for students to work on prior to break. Keep in mind teachers will not be available over break and will be in meetings here at the school the morning of April 8. They will do their best to answer emails throughout the morning and will have more availability as the day goes on.

Have a great weekend,

Randy S. Cripe

Mr. Cripe, Principal

Dates to Remember

Spring Break (No School)	April 1-5
Scheduled E-Learning	April 8
Midterms Sent Home	April 12
Teacher Requests Due	April 12
ILEARN (Gr. 3/4/5)	April 15–May 10
Triple P Parenting Class	April 16
Gr. 1 Music Concert	April 19
All-Star Moms	April 23
Kindergarten Assessments	May 14/May 16

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Spring Pictures: Lifetouch sent 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. Our school receives 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.

Kindergarten Round-Up: Even though Kindergarten Round-Up has passed, it is not too late to sign your child up for kindergarten. 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. **If you are in the process of enrolling your child for Kindergarten, please be sure to turn your paperwork in as soon as possible so that we can schedule your child's kindergarten assessment.**

ILEARN Testing (April 15 - May 10): ILEARN testing will take place the weeks of April 15 - May 10. Please take note of the attached schedule for specific testing dates. We appreciate your support in scheduling student appointments and other activities around this testing schedule.

How to prepare for ILEARN Testing:

- Studies show students perform better on tests when they have a good night's sleep. Help students establish a consistent evening routine and bedtime to give their brain plenty of time to rest from a busy day at school.
- We also encourage students to start their day with a nutritious breakfast. This is something we will remind students during our testing window. If they have not been regularly attending breakfast, they can still plan to join us for breakfast on those testing days, if they choose. We appreciate your assistance in giving our students the tools needed to help them put forth their very best effort.

Yearbooks for Sale: If you missed ordering a yearbook from our pre-sale, we did order a few extra. We have order envelopes in the office or you can send it in a plain envelope with "yearbook" marked on the front. The cost is \$13. Checks can be made payable to NES or you can send in cash. We have a very limited supply of extra yearbooks, so please send in your order as soon as possible. We also have yearbooks from prior years available for purchase for \$8 each. Please email rkstutzman@wance.org to check on the availability of any previous yearbooks you may be interested in purchasing.

Transportation Information for 2024-2025: Bus routes for next school year will be finalized long before your child comes back to school in August. Therefore, plan to submit your transportation request by the end of this school year. The final deadline to request transportation for the 2024-25 school year is July 1, 2024. Any change or request submitted after July 1 may not be accepted for the beginning of the school year. For safety and emergency purposes, K-5 students must maintain a consistent transportation schedule. You are allowed one location for the morning and one location for the afternoon - all five days of the week. You may submit your consistent schedule by filling out a [Transportation Request Form](#).



Blue Pinwheels: April is Child Abuse Prevention month. Did you know in 2021 there were four child abuse and neglect fatalities in Elkhart County alone, and 60 total child abuse and neglect fatalities in the state of Indiana? In April, we will have pinwheels in front of Nappanee Elementary. Pinwheels are the national symbol for child abuse prevention. They symbolize a happy, healthy childhood. At Nappanee Elementary, our goal is to raise awareness and empower people to play a role in making great childhoods happen by impacting positive change.

Andrea Guerrero, MSW
Mental Health Counselor

Important Note: Indiana is a mandatory reporting state; anyone who suspects a child has been neglected or abused must by state law make a report.



Nurse Nuggets: Does your child get enough sleep? Getting the appropriate amount of sleep each night is crucial for everyone, regardless of age. However, this is especially true for elementary school students. Sleep is directly associated with your child's health, well-being, and their ability to learn. March is National Sleep Awareness Month, which gives us the perfect opportunity to go over some ways to improve the quality and quantity of our sleep.

- School aged children should strive for 9-11 hours of sleep each night.
- Negative effects of too little sleep include:
 - Mental health - outlook, mood, attention span, depression, and performance.
 - Physical health - weight gain, reduced immunity, and high blood pressure.
- Tips on getting enough sleep (quantity):
 - Go to bed at the same time each night to help set your body's sleep-wake cycle.
 - Pre-sleep routines can include reading, meditation, journaling, or warm baths.
 - Avoid electronics 1 hour before bedtime.
 - Exercising regularly increases our drive to sleep, reduces stress, and improves our moods.
- Tips on quality sleep:
 - Avoid caffeine and spicy or fried foods right before bed,
 - Keep your room dark, cool, and comfortable.
 - Consider using a sound machine to block out other noises.

CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS: 2024-2025

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?

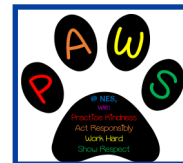
Because of our commitment to equitable instructional groups for all children, parent requests for a specific teacher are discouraged and can never be guaranteed. However, we realize that at times there may be **valid educational reasons for such requests**. With this in mind, requests must be made using 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 12, 2023**. 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.



Our PAWSitively GREAT Bulldogs Leading the Pack this month:

Peyton Hersha, Sam Stutzman, Issy Borsa, Jenna Schwartz,
Porter Andrews, and Ruby Beer.

Spelling Bee:

We had our annual Spelling Bee, with such great competitors we had to have an extra day to finish! Great job Bulldogs!



Back row: Turner Graverson, Israel Jenkins, Cooper Andrews, Hadlea Bragg, Angelica Mast, Heather Miller, Anakyn Holmes, Connor Gross.

Front Row: Kingston Coffman, Cohen Hochstetler, Karis Bate, Madeline Bontrager, and Aspen Owen.

Finalists:

Cooper Andrews was runner-up and Hadlea Bragg took 1st place in the Spelling Bee.



Robotics:

Congratulations to our 2 Robotics teams that competed at Lucas Oil in Indianapolis. Both teams worked hard and Bulldogs Blue and Bulldogs Black qualified to compete at the 2024 VEX Robotics World Championship in Dallas, Texas.

Author visit: T.P. Jagger

Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders had the privilege of listening and visiting the author, T.P. Jagger this month. The students really enjoyed spending time with Mr. Jagger and learning more about his books!



Raise Your Paws Auction:

The PTO put on our 1st Annual Raise Your Paws Auction. This fundraiser was a great time and very successful for our school. We want to thank our PTO for all the time and effort they put in to make this night a success!



Panther Pals:

Students got to enjoy some time with our Panther Pals who came to visit over lunch time.

