



March 28, 2025

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 125 guests. 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 next All Star Moms session in April. Last weekend, our robotics teams participated at the state competition. Both teams performed very well and were great representatives of our school. Congratulations to our wonderful coaches and team members for an outstanding season. We will be wrapping up this month in style as we host our 2nd annual Raise Your Paws Auction tomorrow (March 29) from 4:00-8:00. We hope you will plan to join us as we raise money to support our school. Please be sure to see the attached flyer to see all the wonderful items to be auctioned off in person or online in our silent auction. A special thank you goes out to our PTO Officers, other volunteers and to all of those who donated items for the auction. We are so thankful for your participation!

Spring Into the Art Showcase: Nappanee Elementary and Woodview Elementary teamed up with the Nappanee Chamber to introduce our 1st ever Spring Into the Art Showcase. Third grade students from both buildings recently created art projects in class, and the top winners from each school will have their artwork on display in area businesses. After spring break we will announce the winners. One piece of art will be on display at each of the businesses shown on the attached flyer. Students will also be bringing a flyer home today. Anyone who visits the businesses listed, and takes this flyer, will receive a raffle ticket. Raffle tickets can be submitted to the Chamber office for a grand prize drawing. More details will be released after the break. Stay tuned!

Have a great weekend,

Randy S. Cripe

Mr. Cripe, Principal

Dates to Remember

NED Program	April 3
PTO Meeting: 3:30	April 3
Teacher Requests Due	April 4
Spring Break	April 7-11
ILEARN (Gr. 3/4/5)	April 14–May 9
Good Friday: No School	April 18
All-Star Moms	April 22
Gr. 1 Music Concert	April 25
Kindergarten Assessments	May 13/May 15

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Nappanee Elementary News & Notes

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 14 - May 9): ILEARN testing will take place the weeks of April 14 - May 9. 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 \$12. 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 \$7 each. Please email rkstutzman@wanee.org to check on the availability of any previous yearbooks you may be interested in purchasing.

Transportation Information for 2025-2026:

August 1, 2025 - Final Day to Change Transportation Plans for First Day of School

Please make any corrections to your child's transportation plan as soon as you can once you receive the email in June. To be eligible for transportation on the first day of school, final changes must be submitted by August 1.

August 2 - August 13 - Changes May Not Take Effect Until August 20

Transportation requests or changes submitted between August 2 - August 13 will not take effect until Wednesday, August 20, unless there is little to no impact on route times and path.

Schedule Changes During the School Year

During the school year, at least one school days' notice to the transportation department, not the school, is required for all transportation plans to take effect. For safety and security reasons, requests must be made in writing by filling out the [online request form](#) or requesting a paper copy from the school.

Reminders: Students are only allowed to ride their assigned bus. Schedules must be consistent; you must choose one AM location and one PM location. All bus stop and bus riding safety rules must be followed to be eligible for transportation.

Visit <http://www.wanee.org/transportation.aspx> for more Wa-Nee transportation information.



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: 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?

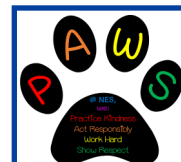
Because of our commitment to equitable instructional groups for all children, parent requests for a specific teacher are discouraged and can never be guaranteed. However, we realize that at times there may be **valid educational reasons for such requests**. With this in mind, requests must be made using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



Our PAWSitively GREAT Bulldogs Leading the Pack this month:

Izzy Borsa, Jasper Thompson, Fares Schmucker,
Jayden Flores-Avila, Xavier Ray, and Ellis Jones.

April is Child abuse prevention month! You might have noticed the 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

Don't Forget!

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

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Trust-Based Relational Intervention

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! Here is the latest link about Toxic Stress.

Toxic Stress: (March)

<https://youtu.be/LTcFTpGve4g?si=aN4u72ur2U1pp61A>