



November 17, 2023

Our Mission:

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

NAPPANEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Bulldog Banner

Dear Parents:

It was great to see so many families in the building this past week for Parent-Teacher Conferences. We appreciate your partnership in your child's education and thank you for carving out some time to discuss their progress.

Student Devices Coming Home: As we approach the winter months, we need to make sure we are fully prepared for school cancellations and potential E-Learning days. After Thanksgiving break, the device and charger will be sent home together each night and both should return the next day. Remind your child to charge the device prior to bed so it is fully charged for school.

E-Learning Reminders: We have two built-in make-up days (Jan. 15 and Feb. 19). If we have any weather cancellations prior to these dates, school will be in session on Jan. 15 and/or Feb. 19. If we have more than (2) cancellations or they occur after Feb. 19, the state allows us to have up to (3) E-Learning days. Any additional days would be added to the end of the calendar year. We will keep you posted if/when weather forces us to close for the day.

Speech Services for Preschool-Aged Children: The Elkhart County Special Education Cooperative (ECSEC) has asked us to reach out to families in our community to help spread the word about services provided for pre-school aged children who need speech services. Please see the attached information to learn more about who you can contact to get the process started.

We trust each of you will enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with your family.

Have a great week!

Randy S. Cripe

Principal

Dates to Remember

Thanksgiving Break	November 22-24
Gr. 4/5 Christmas Concert	November 30
Christmas Break	Dec. 25 - Jan. 5
Classes Resume	January 8
PTO Meeting (3:30)	January 11
Midterms Sent Home	January 12
MLK, Jr. Day (No School- unless needed as a weather make-up day)	January 15
All Pro Dad Night (6 p.m.)	January 16
Mobile Dentist	January 16

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Nappanee Elementary News & Notes




Cultivate Food Rescue: Thank you to those that participated in Pajama Day to help raise money for Cultivate Food Rescue. We raised \$289.64! Our 5th graders will deliver the money when they go to Cultivate to complete a service project. Great job, Bulldog team! Way to work together to make a difference in our community!

Christmas Musical: Our fourth and fifth grade classes have been preparing a Christmas musical: "Jingle Bell Jukebox". This concert is free and will be presented on Thursday, November 30 at NorthWood High School. Students should arrive in the cafeteria at 6:30 p.m., which is also when the doors open to the public. The concert begins at 7 p.m. and is sure to entertain all who attend. Plan to enjoy some classic Christmas songs that we all know and love as well as a few new ones! We hope to see you there!



Christmas Jubilee: The Center - Family Christian Development is inviting parents who need assistance in providing Christmas gifts for their children, ages birth to 18, to sign up for Christmas Jubilee. This event will be held on December 9 from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is available at The Center, 107 E. Marion St. in Nappanee or at all Wa-Nee school offices from now until December 1. Child's birth certificate and photo ID of a parent listed on the birth certificate is required for registration.

Donations: If you are interested in donating gifts for Christmas Jubilee, we have a Toys  for Tots bin in the front airlock. The Center will pick them up prior to Christmas Jubilee.

School Nurse News



Nurse Nuggets: It's never too soon to start teaching your children good eating habits. Kids need good nutrition to thrive physically and mentally. Here are some things to consider at home:

1. Encourage a healthy breakfast to start your child/children's day off right. This can lead to having a more positive, even-keeled mood.
2. Make water a priority in your child/children's diet. Adequate hydration indicates alertness and other cognitive abilities are positively affected, which makes it easier to learn.
3. Choose snacks that are high in protein and fiber. Increased intake of protein and fiber helps stabilize blood-sugars, which boosts energy and moods.
4. Avoid excess sugar and artificial dyes. Research shows that these are known factors that affect our moods in a negative way, making it harder to focus and thrive in school.

Christmas Break: Christmas Break is Monday, December 25 - Friday, January 5. Nappanee Elementary will be closed during that time. We hope that everyone has a wonderful and relaxing holiday season. Classes will resume on Monday, January 8.

All Pro Dad: We are excited to continue our affiliation with the All Pro Dad organization for a 4th year. We recognize that being a dad is hard! That's why Nappanee Elementary is excited to be an [All Pro Dad](#) school. Our goal is to provide opportunities for NES students (boys and girls) to spend some quality time with men who play a significant role in their life. This could be a dad, step-dad, grandfather, uncle, family friend, etc. Please mark these dates on your calendar (Tuesday, January 16 / Tuesday, February 20 / Tuesday, March 19) and be watching for more information in next month's newsletter.





Gr. 1 Pumpkin Parade:
1st Grade students decorated pumpkins resembling their favorite storybook character. They had a blast showing them off to family and friends!

B100 Visits Nappanee Elementary:
Mrs. Andrews' class won a visit from B100. The B100 Morning Show Book Club came to read to the class. Their sponsor, First State Bank, presented each student with the book that was read and a piggy bank.



This month's All Stars are:
Andi Kugler, Phillip Schmucker, Scott Schwartz, Aubrie Morawski, Dominick Velasquez, and Skylar Trueblood

Gr. 2 Poison Safety:
The Elkhart County Health Dept. presented a poison safety program to our 2nd grade students.





First Snowfall of the Year:

Kindergarteners were super excited to see the first snowflakes of the season!



Gr. 2 Character Parade:

Our 2nd graders dressed up as storybook characters and paraded around the building.



Robotics:

Our Robotics teams had their first competition of the season!



Pajama Day Fundraiser:

Thank you for donating! We collected **\$289.64** for Cultivate Food Rescue!

Veterans Breakfast:
What a privilege it was to honor many of our local veterans! We appreciate your service to our country!



Science Fun:

5th grade students participated in a fun science experiment this month. They dissected owl pellets. Pellets are a record of what owls have eaten. Students were able find tiny bones inside the pellets and identify what kind of rodents they came from.