



November 22, 2024

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. 20 and Feb. 17). If we have any weather cancellations prior to these dates, school will be in session on Jan. 20 and/or Feb. 17. If we have more than (2) cancellations or they occur after Feb. 17, 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. Oripe***

Principal

## Dates to Remember

Spirit Wear Orders Due	November 25
Thanksgiving Break	November 27-29
Gr. 2/3 Christmas Concert	December 2
PTO Meeting (3:30)	December 5
Christmas Break	Dec. 23 - Jan. 3
Classes Resume	January 6
Midterms Sent Home	January 10
Mobile Dentist	January 16
PTO Meeting (3:30)	January 16
MLK, Jr. Day (No School- unless needed as a weather make-up day)	January 20
All Pro Dad Night (6 p.m.)	January 21

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# Nappanee Elementary News & Notes

**Feed My Starving Children:** Thank you to those that participated in Pajama Day to help raise money for Feed My Starving Children. We raised over \$200! Our 5th graders delivered the money to Nappanee Missionary Church to complete their service project. Great job, Bulldog team! Way to work together to make a difference in our community!



**Christmas Musical:** Our second and third grade classes have been preparing for their Christmas concert. This concert is free and will be presented on Monday, December 2 at NorthWood High School. Students should arrive in the cafeteria at 6:45 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 14th 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 November 26th. 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

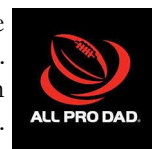


**Nurse Nuggets:** It's never too soon to start teaching your children good eating habits. Kids need good nutrition to thrive physically and mentally. Here are some things to consider at home:

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 23 - Friday, January 3. 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 6th.

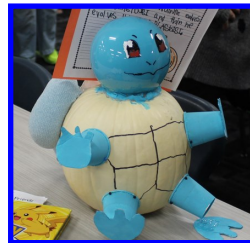
**All Pro Dad:** We are excited to continue our affiliation with the All Pro Dad organization for a 5th year. We recognize that being a dad is hard! That's why Nappanee Elementary is excited to be an [All Pro Dad](#) school. Our goal is to provide opportunities for NES students (boys and girls) to spend 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 21 / Tuesday, March 18) and be watching for more information in next month's newsletter.



**All Star Mom:** We haven't forgotten about our moms! We will have more information in next month's newsletter about our All Star Moms events. Those events will be on (Tuesday, February 18 / Tuesday, April 22).







**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!



**4th Grade Flag Day Education**

The 4th grade classes were visited by Ken Heckathorn. He discussed the history and the importance of our American flag.



**This month's All Stars are:**

Oliver Beehler, Katrina Schwartz, Bret Davis,  
Jack Neely, Alaska Stewart, Liam White





**Gr. 2 Character Parade:**  
Our 2nd graders dressed up as storybook characters and paraded around the building.



**Veterans Breakfast:**

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

