



October 27, 2023

Our Mission:

Lead with Strength.

Live with Integrity.

Learn with Perseverance.

Leave with Confidence.

NAPPANEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# Bulldog Banner

Dear Parents:

We are just one week away from the end of our first grading period. The time has gone quickly, but a great deal has been accomplished. We trust you have enjoyed watching your children grow as learners during this time. Report cards for the first trimester will be sent to families via email on Friday, November 10. Those without email accounts will receive a hard copy of the report. If you do not receive the report card, have trouble accessing it, or have other related questions, please contact the school office.

**Important Report Card Information:** Families accessing grades through Skyward from Nov. 3 - Nov. 10 may not see finalized scores. Grades could change periodically during this window of time as teachers input final grades. Please know the finalized grades for the trimester will be posted on November 10.

In November we will be inviting all parents/guardians to join us for our Parent Teacher Conferences. The conferences this year will be held on November 14 and 16. Both days are full days for students with conferences scheduled to take place after school. Please contact your child's teacher if you still need to schedule a conference. We appreciate your partnership and look forward to meeting with each of our families again this school year. Studies show a strong partnership between home and school creates greater opportunities for success.

Have a great weekend!

*Randy S. Cripe*

Mr. Cripe, Principal

## Dates to Remember

End of Grading Period	November 3
PTO Meeting (3:30)	November 9
Veterans Breakfast (7:30)	November 10
Report Cards Posted	November 10
Bake Sale	November 14-16
P/T Conferences	November 14 & 16
Thanksgiving Break	November 22-24
Spirit Wear Orders Due	November 29
Gr. 4/5 Concert	November 30

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# Nappanee Elementary News & Notes

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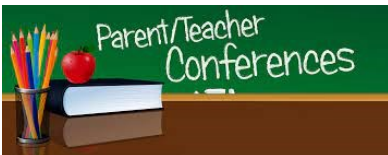
**SchoolPass App:** Thank you for continuing to use the SchoolPass app to register your child's dismissal changes and absence notifications. This assists us in dismissing your child to the proper location and keeping accurate records of where and who each student was dismissed to. For safety reasons, we encourage you to keep a consistent dismissal schedule each day for your student, however, we realize that there are times that you may need to pick your child up instead of having them go to the club or ride the bus home. As a reminder, same day requests need to be made by 1:30 p.m. and all bus changes need to be made through the transportation department at 574-773-3131.

**Veterans Breakfast:** Next Friday, November 3, is the last day to RSVP for the veterans breakfast that will be on Friday, November 10. Please see the attached invitation for more details.



**Report Cards:** Report Cards will be emailed/sent home on Friday, November 10. Please be sure your email address is up to date in Skyward. If an email address is not available, report cards will be sent home with students. Please take time to look over your child's report card before your parent/teacher conference. Skyward report cards will be much shorter and will not include detailed standards. Instead, teachers will be providing parents with additional information during P/T conferences.

**Bake Sale:** We are looking for bakers and buyers for our annual bake sale that will be held during parent/teacher conferences, November 14-16. Last year we raised over \$1800 and are hoping to exceed that goal this year. Donation forms will be sent home with students today. Please send items in disposable containers (or containers that do not need to be returned) and attach your name and the name of your item. All proceeds from this sale go to purchase reading books for classrooms.



**Parent/Teacher Conferences:** Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place after school on Tuesday, November 14, and Thursday, November 16, from 3:30 - 7 p.m. If you have not scheduled your conference yet, please be sure to contact your child's teacher to sign up for a time to meet in person or over the phone.

**Body Safety Lessons:** In the coming months, we will be presenting a state mandated lesson to your child's classroom on the topics of child abuse and safety. We will be utilizing the Child Safety Matters Program (grades K-5) from the Monique Burr Foundation for Children which is based on the latest research and has been reviewed and endorsed by national experts. Wa-Nee trained facilitators will be conducting these lessons. Please see the attached letter to learn more.

**Spirit Wear Sale:** Our [spirit wear website](#) will remain open until Wednesday, November 29. All orders will be processed by Eye Candy Apparel. Shipping is free if you select "pick up at school – FREE", but you will be charged sales tax. Items are expected to arrive at school on Wednesday, December 20. We will send your order home with your student unless you click yes to "is this a gift".

School Nurse News



**Nurse Nuggets:** Please see the attached Fall Nurse newsletter from our Wa-Nee nurses. With cold and flu season here, please be sure to keep your student home if they are running a fever or coughing continuously throughout the day.

# Nappanee Elementary News & Notes



**Colder Temperatures:** As temperatures turn colder, it becomes increasingly important that students are prepared for outdoor recess and bus stop temperatures. Students who walk, ride a bike, or are dropped off at school will be expected to stand in line outside the building until the bell rings at 8:30 a.m. Recesses will also be outside unless temperatures (or windchills) reach 10 degrees. We appreciate your help in ensuring students are properly dressed for the weather.



**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 to be held December 9 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Registration is available at The Center, 107 E. Marion St., Nappanee or at all Wa-Nee school offices from now until November 30. 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 will have a Toys for Tots bin in the front airlock. The Center will pick them up prior to Christmas Jubilee.

**Job Openings:** If you have any interest in working for Wa-Nee Community Schools, please be sure to check out all the job openings in our district at [www.wanee.org/employment](http://www.wanee.org/employment). NES has several positions to fill including two Special Education assistants, a SOAR assistant, and an ESL (English as a Second Language) assistant. If you would like more information about any of these job opportunities, please call the school office or email [rcripe@wanee.org](mailto:rcripe@wanee.org) to set up a meeting.

## This month's All Stars are:

October 11: James Bate, Gideon Durik, Tate Hochstetler, Heather Miller and Mackayla Freed

October 26: Kamden Ecklebarger, Willow Barkman, Lauren Stutzman, Maddie McLaughlin, and Katrina Schwartz





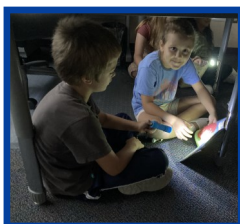


### Scholastic Book Fair:

Mrs. Hahn would like to thank everyone who purchased books at the Scholastic Book Fair this month. It was a record breaking year!

### Thank You:

Special thanks to our PTO for supplying the cookies and the awesome balloon arch for our Bulldog Open House!



### Sensory Reading & Writing:

Mrs. Reinhardt's class had fun reading by flashlight and writing about popcorn after completing an experiment on how it pops.

### Jog-a-Thon Pizza Party Fun:

Our top earning class and the top boy and girl who ran the most laps in each class were awarded a pizza party.



### Gr. 1 Learning Trip to Knollbrook Farm:

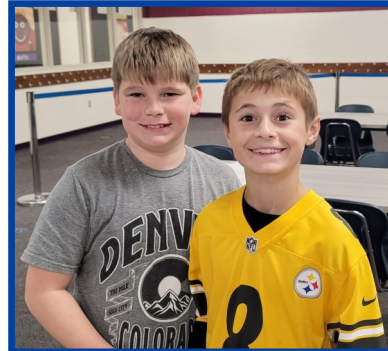
Despite the rain, 1st grade had a blast at Knollbrook Farm.





### Gr. 5 Market Day:

Market Day is a great mini economy lesson that teaches our 3rd-5th graders not only how to earn money, but how to spend it wisely.



### Gr. 5 Thor Program:

Thor stopped by to teach our 5th graders about the RV industry and the many different types of jobs that they offer after graduation.



### Therapy Dog Visit:

Mr. Miller and his therapy dog, Hawkeye, came to visit us from Wakarusa Elementary.



### Success Groups:

We love to celebrate great writing during success groups!

