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Our Mission:

Lead with Strength.

Live with Integrity.

Learn with Perseverance.

Leave with Confidence.

NAPPANEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Bulldog Banner

Dear Parents:

We have had a wonderful start to the school year, and with fall officially here, our students are really hitting their stride in the classroom. Procedures are in place, and students know what they need to do to ensure a successful year. We measure success not only academically, but also socially and emotionally. Thank you for partnering with us as we continue to support your children's growth. Midterms were sent home last week, and we hope you've had a chance to review them with your child. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your classroom teacher.

We will be kicking off the month of October with our annual Bulldog Open House. We are looking forward to seeing all our families on Thursday, October 3. Families can visit the school any time between 5:00-6:30 p.m. This is a come-and-go event. We will once again be coordinating this event with our Scholastic Book Fair. Families are welcome to visit classrooms, purchase books in the library, and enjoy a cookie on your way out. Please make plans to join us! At the open house, parents will have an opportunity to sign up for Parent / Teacher Conferences that will be held November 19 and 21.

A big thank you goes out to all our families for your involvement in this year's Jog-a-Thon! We had an amazing day at the brand new NorthWood High School football field and track, where students enjoyed running and walking laps to raise money for our school. Prize and award winners were announced today in a special video, and the PTO will be distributing prizes soon. We're so grateful for your participation—100% of the funds raised go right back into supporting our school. Special thanks to our PTO officers and volunteers for their hard work behind the scenes. If you're interested in joining the PTO, attending meetings, or volunteering, please contact the school office.

Have a great weekend!

Randy S. Cripe

Mr. Cripe

Dates to Remember

Scholastic Book Fair	September 30-October 3
Bulldog Open House & Book Fair Family Night	October 3
Picture Retakes	October 11
Fall Break (No School)	October 18-21
Red Ribbon Week	October 22-25
PTO Meeting	October 24
Pajama Day	October 25
End of Grading Period	November 1
Report Cards Posted	November 8

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Nappanee Elementary News & Notes

United Way Gives Back to NES PTO: We know that many of our community members give locally to United Way each year. Did you know you can choose a specific recipient for your donation? The Nappanee Elementary PTO operates as a non-profit organization and can receive donations directly from United Way. By indicating on your donation card that you would like funds to go to Nappanee Elementary PTO, you will be able to give locally to United Way and know that your funds are directly supporting the students at NES.



**It's
Book Fair
Time!**

Book Fair: The Scholastic Book Fair is today—October 3. Students will visit the Book Fair during their classroom library time. It is also open from 3:00-3:30 Tuesday-Thursday. The best way to visit the book fair is during Bulldog Open House on Thursday, October 3 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Come visit our photo booth to get a fun selfie with your child. Make sure to look at your child's wish list that they will complete in library class. There will also be teacher wish lists available if you would like to help your child's classroom library. You can visit our [Book Fair website](#) to see a sample of the books that

will be available or download the Book Fair app to see the eWallet option. **We are required to collect 7% sales tax by the state of Indiana so please be sure to send in extra money to cover that additional fee.** Profits from these sales are used to purchase books for our NES library. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Hahn in the Media Center at 574-773-7421.

Picture Retakes: School pictures were sent home a few weeks ago. If you would like your child's picture retaken, please return the entire picture packet to the school by Friday, October 11. If your child did not have pictures taken on picture day or you missed placing an order, you may order them online at [Lifetouch](#) using **Picture ID: EVTZFJM9F** or turn in an order form by October 11 with your payment. Order forms are available in the school office.



Fall Break: Classes will not be in session on Friday, October 18 & Monday, October 21 due to Fall Break.



Colder Temperatures: As temperatures turn colder, it becomes increasingly important to make sure students are prepared for outdoor recess and for bus stop weather. Students who walk, ride bikes, 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.

Pajama Day: In an effort to collect donations for Feed My Starving Children, 5th Grade is sponsoring Pajama Day on Friday, October 25. A meal for a starving child is just \$.22, so they are asking students to pay \$.25 or more to wear pajama bottoms and /or slippers and bring a blanket or stuffed animal (as long as it fits in their school bag). Fifth graders are planning to deliver the money raised and pack meals for Feed My Starving Children in November.



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Parent / Teacher Conferences: Parent / Teacher Conferences will take place after school on Tuesday, November 19, and Thursday, November 21, from 3:30 - 7 p.m. Classroom teachers will be in contact with you in the weeks ahead to begin scheduling conference times. There will also be an opportunity to sign up during the Bulldog Open House on October 5.

IREAD Assessment Family Letter: The state has made some changes to the IREAD testing process along with some additional requirements for schools as they make plans to assess both 2nd and 3rd graders during the spring assessment. Please take time to read the attached IREAD Family Letter to see what changes have been made along with the accommodations and support we put in place to ensure students are prepared for this assessment. Please feel free to reach out to the school if you have any questions.



Bake Sale: Our annual bake sale will take place during Parent / Teacher conferences on November 18-21. Donation forms will be sent home with students next month.

NURSE NUGGETS:

Now that we have been back in school for 6 weeks here are a few things to keep in mind:

- **Immunizations:** If your child is still in need of their immunizations, please contact their PCP or the Elkhart County Health Department at 574-523-2127 to make an appointment.
- **Vision Screens:** Every year the 1st, 3rd, and 5th graders will have acuity vision screens done by the school nurse. The 1st graders also have MCT screens (Modified Clinical Technique) done by local eye care professionals. If your child requires additional eye care, you will receive a note from the school nurse before Fall Break.
- **Head Lice:** It is very important that you screen your child/children for head lice regularly. If you find live lice and/or nits, please treat your child with appropriate lice treatment and let the school nurse know.
- **Allergies:** Fall, although pretty, is a season that can cause allergies and/or asthma flareups. If applicable, please remember to give your child their allergy medication regularly and if they are asthmatic, please inform the school nurse and be sure they have an inhaler at school. If your child needs cough medicine, be sure to contact the school nurse and please send the preferred OTC cough medicine to school. Please be sure to let the nurse know when their last dose was or when their next dose is due.

School Nurse News



Jog-a-Thon '24:

Well done, Bulldogs! We were so impressed with how many laps you each ran last Friday. Showing great teamwork, together we raised close to **\$14,000!**



Thank You:

Thank you to our PTO fundraising committee, parent volunteers, business sponsors, students, and families!