



September 29, 2023

Our Mission:

Lead with Strength.

Live with Integrity.

Learn with Perseverance.

Leave with Confidence.

NAPPANEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# Bulldog Banner

Dear Parents:

Although the weather is still warm, fall is officially here. This is the time of year when teachers and students begin to really feel as if we are hitting our stride. Classroom procedures are in place and students are getting a good sense of what will be expected to be successful this school year. Success is measured in more ways than just academics; it is our goal to help students grow socially and emotionally, as well. We appreciate your partnership as we continue through this school year. Last week you received your child's first progress report. Take time to have conversations with your child(ren). If you have questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or set up an appointment.

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 5. 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 14 and 16.

We had a beautiful day for our Jog-a-Thon last week, and everyone had a great time! Students spent their grade level's block time walking or running laps at the high school to fulfill their end of the fundraiser commitment. Prize and award winners were announced today in a special video. The PTO will be distributing prizes and other awards to students in the days ahead. This has been one of our biggest fundraisers each year and we greatly appreciate your support of this event. The great thing about this event is that 100% of the money collected is used to support our school. Be sure to check out the pictures from our Jog-a-Thon on the back pages of this newsletter. I also want to extend appreciation to our PTO and other volunteers for the time they spent working behind-the-scenes to help earn money for our school. Anyone interested in joining the PTO, attending our PTO meetings, or volunteering for events, can contact the school office for more information.

Have a great weekend!

*Randy S. Cripe*

Mr. Cripe

## Dates to Remember

Scholastic Book Fair	October 2-5
Bulldog Open House & Book Fair Family Night	October 5
Picture Retakes	October 12
Red Ribbon Week	October 16-19
Fall Break (No School)	October 20 / 23
Pajama Day	October 27
End of Grading Period	November 3
Report Cards Posted	November 10

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# Nappanee Elementary News & Notes

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**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.

**Book Fair:** The Scholastic Book Fair is today - October 5. The Book Fair is open from 12:30-3:30 today and 9:00-3:30 Monday through Thursday. Our Book Fair Family Night will be during the Bulldog Open House on Thursday, October 5 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 Thursday, October 12. 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: EVTCQZTB6** or turn in an order form by October 12 with your payment. Order forms are available in the school office.

**Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest:** Students in Grades 1-5 are encouraged to design and decorate a poster for Red Ribbon Week using their own creative thoughts and ideas. This year's theme is "Stay in the Game - Play Drug Free!" Students should use that theme or one of our daily themes to create their poster. The top posters will be on display in the school during Red Ribbon Week and at NWS around prom and graduation time. Staff members vote on the posters that best represent our theme and one student in each grade level will receive \$5 cash. Posters are due on Wednesday, October 11. Please see the Red Ribbon Week attachment for our daily themes and a full schedule of events, including our spiritwear days.

**Fall Break:** Classes will not be in session on Friday, October 20 & Monday, October 23 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 wind-chills) 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 27. 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.

**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. 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.

**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 still has several positions to fill including several Special Education Assistants and an ESL (English as a Second Language) assistant. If you would like to talk more about some of these job opportunities, please call the school office or email [rcripe@wanee.org](mailto:rcripe@wanee.org) to set up a time to meet.

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**Bake Sale:** Our annual bake sale will take place during Parent / Teacher conferences on November 14-16. Donation forms will be sent home with students next month.

## NURSE NUGGETS:

School Nurse News



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 appt. Dr. Croner has extended the exclusion date to 10/13/23.
- **Vision Screens:** Every year the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will have acuity vision screens done by the school nurse. The 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Mobile Hotspots:** Just a reminder that we will not have hotspots available this year. The hotspots and the monthly service fees were paid by federal grants that expired at the conclusion of the 2022-23 school year. For households with no internet access availability or connection speeds under 25 Mbps, WCS encourages you to register at the following website (select household from the applicant type dropdown menu): <https://indianaegms.force.com/nlc/s/login/SelfRegister?locale=us>. More information on the Indiana Connectivity Program can be found here: <https://www.in.gov/ocra/broadband/icp/>. Households with internet access availability over 25 Mbps that is cost prohibitive, may qualify for the new Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). Households may apply by contacting their preferred internet service provider to learn more about the application or by visiting <https://www.acpbenefit.org/>.

### Team Bulldogs:

We are so thankful that we're on the same team, not just with each other, but with all of our students and their families!



### Gr. 5 Inventors:

The public library came to give our 5th graders books on famous and not so famous inventors. They also brought along a STEM activity. Students had a chance to be inventors by quickly designing and building a car powered by balloon wind energy. Congratulations to the winning team of Hadlea, Cohen, and Darren. Their car traveled over ten feet! It was a great learning opportunity; teaching math, science, group work, and even how to work through a little bit of frustration.





**Annie Apple:**  
Annie Apple came to visit us to invite us all out to the Apple Festival.



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

September 8: Aidan Clark, Karis Bate, Beau Greco, and Adaela Tucker.

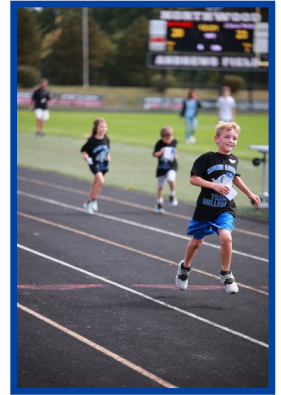
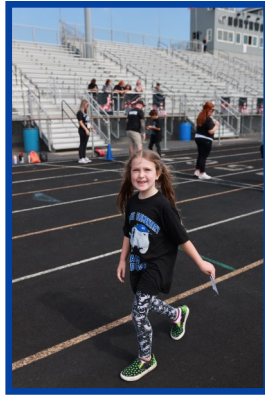
September 26: Cooper Trueblood, Dylan Schmucker, Amare Anderson, Ireland Applegate, and Siannah Tener





## Log-a-Thon '23:

Well done, Bulldogs! We were so impressed with how many laps you each ran last Friday. Showing great teamwork, together we raised close to **\$13,000!**



## Thank You:

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