

Kindergarten Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How do you know where the bus stop is by your house? When do we learn bus routes and scheduled pick up/drop off times?

A: Transportation information will be posted to Infinite Campus on August 7th. Any additional questions, please contact Transportation at 630-420-6464.

Q: Do the Reading Specialists have recommended books or resources for a child who is just starting to read? Recognize letters, knows letter sounds, but can't put the sounds together into words.

A: <http://www.starfall.com/> is a great online resource. Also, check out the public library! Some great book ideas are "Weekly Readers" by the Early Learning Library. Some titles include: Things I Play With, Things at School, Things at Home, Things I Eat, and Things at the Park. Another great series is called "Flip-a Word." These books are illustrated by Yukiko Kido and give children practice reading word families. Some titles include: Crab Cab, Quack Shack, Snake Cake, Stop Pop, Wet Pet, and Snow Bow.

Q: Where do I sign up for the free lunch program?

A: Information about the school lunch programs can be found online at:
<https://www.naperville203.org/Page/2950>

Q: Do you have a list of available before/after school providers?

A: At this time the YMCA will offer a before and after school program. Please see their website to register at <http://www.ymcachicago.org/safensound/pages/before-and-after-school-care>. You can also check providers such as Knowledge Beginnings, KinderCare, Jubilee and The Compass School who may deliver/pick up students before/after school.

Q: Do the Kindergarten children who ride the bus have a "buddy" who rides the bus with them?

A: This is a question for the bus driver. At Elmwood, we do assign a responsible fifth grader to walk the kindergarteners from each classroom to their bus at the end of the day. Often times, kindergarteners sit at the front of the bus.

Q: Can we request a teacher if child doesn't get into Dual Language Program?

A: Unfortunately, we do not take teacher requests; however we will send out a 'blue form' at the end of each school year to ask for your insight on how your child best learns when we are making placements for the following school year.

Q: Do lunches and snacks have to be peanut-free?

A: We encourage you to pack a 'healthy' snack for your child every day. Your child's teacher will notify you if their classroom is 'nut free' due to student allergies. We do not have any restrictions during the lunch hour as our students with peanut allergies have the option to sit at a 'peanut-free table' if requested.

Q: If my child is absent, who do I call?

A: Please call 630-420-6343 Elmwood absence line.

Q: If my child has an appointment during the day and he/she needs to leave. What is the procedure?

A: Please arrive at Elmwood allowing enough time to call your child to the office and collect their items. You can sign your child out for the day and/or return your child to school after the appointment. Parent/guardian MUST sign the student out/in at the main office.

Q: How does my child order lunch if they arrive late?

A: The office will take the lunch order, based on the Aramark lunch calendar, from your child upon arrival before 9:00 AM. After 9:00 Aramark will have a different meal to order that is always on hand.

Q: How often will my student have specials?

A: Two 50 minute blocks for P.E and Music, one day will be dedicated to a 50 minute Art class, and one day will be for 50 minutes of Computer/Library. One day a week there will be no specials.

Q: When will I find out my child's teacher?

A: Classroom and teacher assignments for Kindergarten through 5th grade will be posted on Infinite Campus on August 10th at 3:00 PM (please watch for updates on our webpage). If you have not already signed up for an Infinite Campus account, you can complete this now. Visit the District 203 web site (<http://www.naperville203.org>) and click on the Infinite Campus link on the right hand side of the page. Follow the prompts to create your parent account. If you experience difficulty creating your account, please feel free to contact the Infinite Campus Portal Help desk by e-mail at campusportal@naperville203.org.

Q: Can my child bring edible birthday treats on his/her birthday?

A: It is school policy that edible treats are not allowed to be distributed at school. If desired, a small, non-edible, gift can be given to each child in the classroom. The gift can be an inexpensive item such as a pencil, bookmark, etc. please notify the teacher of your intent and provide a sample of the item. Please note that each child receives a birthday book from Principal Polomsky on his/her birthday (or 1/2 birthday) each year.

Q: Can my child pass out Birthday party invitations at school?

A: Invitations for home parties may not be distributed at school. Our Home and School publishes a Family Directory that contains families' addresses and phone numbers. In the case that a family is not listed, please contact the school office. We will contact the family for their permission to supply an address or phone number for invitation purposes.

Q: Do you have a fulltime Nurse?

A: Yes, we will have a certified Nurse at Elmwood 5-days per week. Lynn Vieni's can be contacted at 630-983-2876.

Q: Where can I learn more about Naperville District 203's curriculum?

A: <http://www.naperville203.org/Page/3008>

Other Helpful Links:

Elmwood School Webpage:

<https://www.naperville203.org/Domain/9>

Parent Links Page:

<https://www.naperville203.org/Page/3603>

PTC Wizard / Infinite Campus Link:

<https://naperville203.ptcwizard.com/authenticate/logout/?redirect=csv>