

# Ranch View Elementary School New Family Survival Guide

When you  
Enter this  
Loving school  
Consider yourself  
One of the special  
Members of an  
Extraordinary family

More Information at:

<http://schools.naperville203.org/ranchview>

Ranch View Elementary School  
1651 Ranchview Drive  
Naperville, IL 60565  
630-420-6575





## *From the Principal ...*

Dear Ranch View Families,

Welcome to Ranch View School! On behalf of our entire staff, let me express the excitement with which we begin the school year. We are looking forward to working with you and your children as we live our mission in supporting students to be self-directed learners, collaborative workers, complex thinkers, quality producers, and community contributors.

Ranch View is a vibrant, student centered, and innovative school. We strive to provide the best possible environment to foster both high academic achievement and social emotional health and wellbeing. Our goal is to work in close partnership with you to ensure that all students succeed in reaching their potential.

Please take advantage of the many ways in which our district and staff will be communicating with you throughout the year. This school website is a valuable resource worth visiting throughout the year to gather information about events, resources, staff, and specific grade level curriculum. In addition, *Talk203* is a vital tool used at both the district and school level to communicate important information regarding events and emergencies via email, phone, and text message. Families are automatically registered for this service at the time of enrollment. Messages related to school business are sent out weekly entitled *Home and School Happenings*.

If you have any questions regarding your child's experience at Ranch View, please do not hesitate to contact myself and or our Assistant Principal, Catherine Cohoon. Our staff welcomes and invites you to be an active partner in your child's learning career. We look forward to an exciting and productive year!

Sincerely,

Angela Stallion, Ranch View Principal

### **"Building a Passion for Lifelong Learning"**

***Our Mission ... is to educate students to be self-directed learners,  
collaborative workers, complex thinkers, quality producers  
and community contributors.***



# SFCP Welcomes You

The Ranch View Elementary School New Family Survival Guide is published by SFCP to ensure your child's transition into school is a smooth one. The information contained in this booklet has been compiled from a variety of resources to assist new families with answers to some of the most common questions.

## What is SFCP?

School/Family/Community Partnership is a District 203 initiative to enhance our children's learning and development by being a proactive resource in promoting, strengthening, and celebrating the partnership that exists between schools, families, and community. We are a school action team linked to the School Improvement Process. Each year we sponsor activities in support of these improvement goals. In the past these activities have included:

- New Family Welcome Event
- Parent Education Events
- Family Social Events related to Ranch View School Improvement Goals and Building Initiatives

Welcome to the Ranch View family! We hope this Survival Guide will prove to be a helpful resource to become more familiar with your new school. However, if you need additional information, please do not hesitate to ask. Further, we encourage you to become involved in your new community through the numerous volunteer opportunities available. We look forward to seeing you around the Ranch!

Sincerely,

Ranch View SFCP Team



# 2019 – 2020 Ranch View at a Glance

School District:	Naperville Community 203
School Name:	Ranch View Elementary School
School Phone:	630-420-6575
School Website:	<a href="http://schools.naperville203.org/ranchview">http://schools.naperville203.org/ranchview</a>
Principal: Assist. Principal	Mrs. Angela Stallion Mrs. Catherine Cohoon
Year Built:	1985
School Colors:	Blue & Silver
School Mascot:	The Rangers
Grades Taught:	Kindergarten – Grade 5
Class Hours:	8:15 AM – 2:30 PM (Grades K-5)
Transportation Mode (approximate):	75% Walk/Car 25% Bus
Junior High Feeder	Kennedy
Average Class Size:	25
Special Programs	NA
Hot Lunch Program	Aramark
Day Care:	Onsite- Champions Program Before/After School
School Fundraising:	Saddlefest, Book Fair, Plant Sale, Wrapping Paper, Art to Remember, Manna Cards, Direct Donations, Silent Auction

Approximate Number of:		
Staff	Students	Families
70	550	350

Number of Classes by Grade Level in 2019-20					
Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
4	3	4	3	3	4

Extra-Curricular Activities Offered:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Band and Orchestra (Grades 4-5)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Running Club (Grades 3 - 5)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>STEM Club</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chess Club (Grades 1-5)</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chorus (Grade 5)</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student Council (Grades 1-5)</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading Rangers Book Club (Grades 4-5)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Champions Program</li> </ul>

Recent School Improvements Resulting from Fundraising <i>(In addition to the major improvements listed below, every year materials are purchased for grade-level learning materials requested by the teachers.)</i>	
2018	Remodel of the Learning Commons. Addition of lab, huddle rooms and sensory room.
2016	Expansion of Outdoor Classroom with a Butterfly Garden and a Little Free Library, Lego Firsts League membership & materials
2015	Completion of Outdoor Classroom, landscaping, furniture, and learning accessories
2014	Funds held for creation of an outdoor classroom in honor of Ranch View's 30 <sup>th</sup> Celebration
2013	Materials for new Literacy Closet, LRC furniture
2012	New LRC reading bench/storage unit, hallways display boards, lobby furniture, classroom banners
2011	Added to LRC's book collection and purchased shelving units. Contributed to playground reserve.
2010	Contributed to playground reserve to replace playground equipment around 2015. Purchased books for the LMC to refresh the collections. Added portable Smart Board.
2009	New scaffolding and risers for the stage for better safety.
2008	New checkout center for LMC and additional laptop and tablet computers.
2007	Smart boards for 5 <sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. These interactive boards attach to the wall and act as a computer screen. Also, books to enhance literacy program.
2006	Vocabulary program for all grades and books to enhance literacy program.

# Glossary of Terms:

**Backpack mail** - Any school information or hand out that comes home via the students' backpacks.

**Canvas**- an on-line parent/student communication and information format that is used to house student work, to provide two-way communication between home and school and to highlight classroom sites.

**CCSS**- Common Core State Standards- upon which our District 203 curriculum is based.

**Chew time** – Students are asked not to talk for the last five minutes of the lunch period so that everyone has time to concentrate on eating their lunches rather than chatting.

**CogAT** - Cognitive Abilities Test, standardized test given to third, fourth and fifth graders.

**ELL** - English Language Learners. Our ELL program is intended for students whose native language is not English.

**HM** – Honors Math- Gifted math education for grades 3-5. Students must test into this program.

**IEP**- Individual Education Plan- An individual plan stating specific goal area for students eligible for special education services.

**IOWA**- Iowa Tests of Basic Skills. Standardized tests given to third, fourth and fifth grade students.

**LEAP** - Kindergarten and first grade intervention program for students needing additional instruction in literacy.

**LC** - Learning Commons. This is where you'll find the school's Library, Maker Space and the location of information literacy instruction and small group support provided by parent volunteers in the areas of math and reading.

**PARCC**-Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers. This assessment is administered each spring in grades 3-5 and assess students' knowledge of common core objectives in the areas of math and reading. This is a computer based assessment.

**PI** – Project Idea. Academically talented students in fourth and fifth grades who meet the established District criteria are placed in Project Idea. This literacy program seeks to develop the higher-level thinking skills of analysis, synthesis, and evaluation.

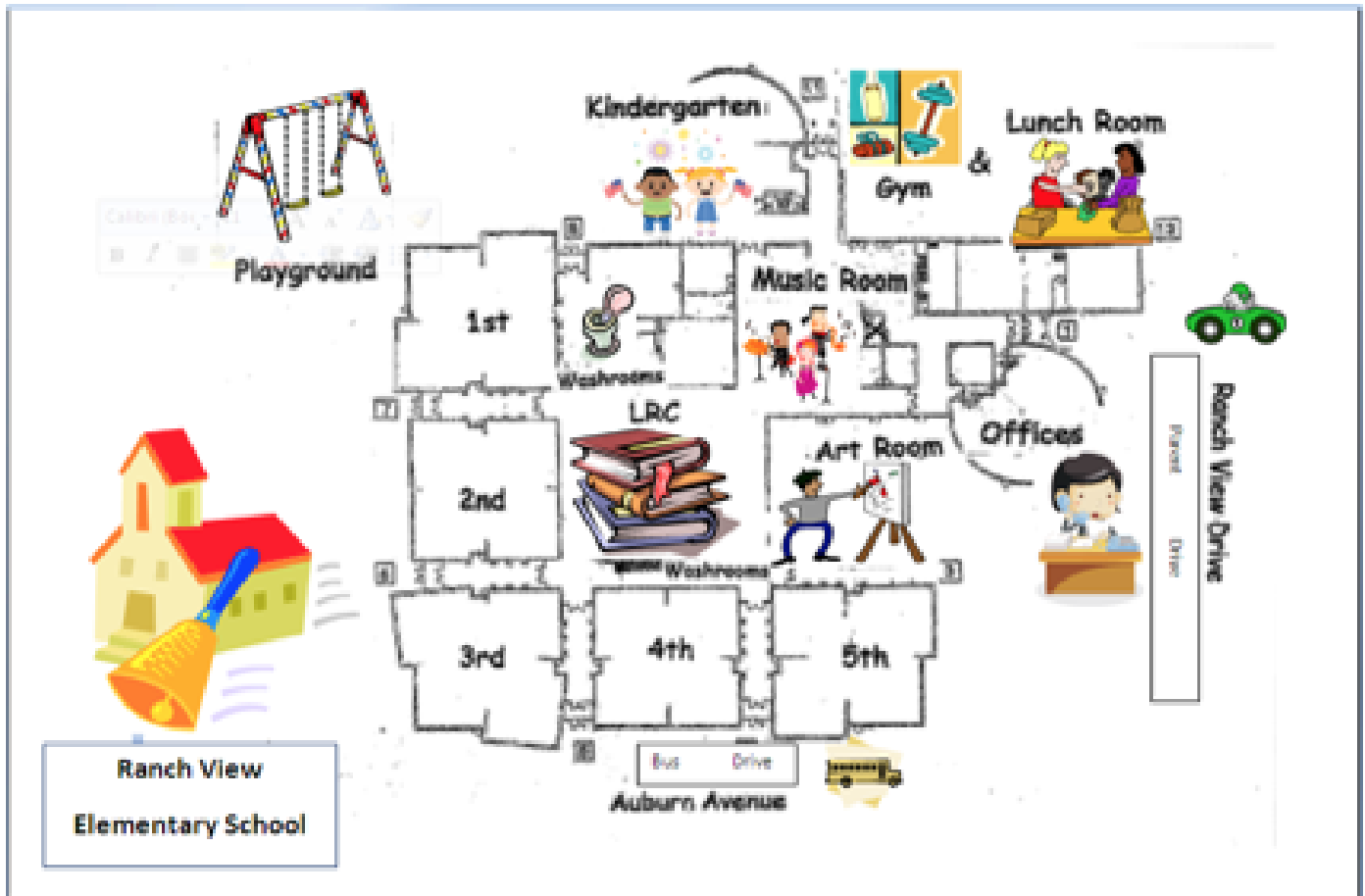
**PSA**-Performance Series Assessment- This test is administered each fall, winter, and spring at grades 2-5 to provide evidence of student growth related to grade level standards in the areas of math and literacy.

**Saddlefest** - Fun-filled festival with games, food, raffles, and music held at Ranch View in the spring. Ranch View Home & School's primary fundraiser.

**Standards Based Report Card** – Reporting system aligned to grade level content and process standards.



# Ranch View Elementary School Map



# Meet the Ranch View Staff

## **KINDERGARTEN**

Richard Borre  
Marci Dill  
Tara Kimes  
Tammy Kolbe

## **1ST GRADE**

Alexis Brown  
Sandi Golminas  
Darla Meluch

## **2nd GRADE**

Jamie Ferro  
Kristen Furgason  
Liz Shabel  
Sara Wszolek

## **3rd GRADE**

Julie Groves  
Chris Hayman  
Alyssa Keeling

## **4th GRADE**

Jerry Jay  
Melanie Pace  
Jackie Rouse

## **5th GRADE**

Marti Brunski  
Amanda Carnrike  
Jason Pinelli  
Dena Porter

**PI/HONORS MATH:** Becky Kennel

**ART:** Jeff Arndt

**MUSIC:** Heidi Sass

**PE:** Matt Blondell

**BAND:** Brad Frendewey

**ORCHESTRA:** Shawnita Tyus

**LC:** Jessie Mougette-Director

Mariellyn Vivo-Assistant

**CUSTODIANS:** Leslie Fromhertz

David Schultz, Maria Ibarra, Shelby Reynolds

## **PRINCIPAL**

Angela Stallion

## **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

Catherine Cohoon

## **SECRETARIES**

Claudia Hayes & Nicole Ostendorf

## **LEARNING SUPPORT COACH**

Chris Roy

## **HEALTH TECH/NURSE**

Diane Scroggs & Katy Casey

## **ELL**

Heather Eide, Jennifer Walsh  
Elena Fuller - Assistant

## **LBS**

Robin Graefen, Anne Specht, MaryJo Powers

## **ASSISTANTS**

Vivian Baldwin, Heather Bezanis, Karen Cairns,  
Sandy Garofalo, Roseanne Lindemann, Mary  
Saftig, Jill Sowa

## **STRUCTURED LEARNING**

Liza Perrino

## **SPEECH**

Kate Leonardo

## **READING Specialists**

Debbie Joyce, Karen Waddell

## **PSYCHOLOGIST**

Rebecca Bruehl

## **SOCIAL WORKER**

Erin Freeding

## **Instructional Assistants**

Virginia Jamnicki, Kathy Hilgemann,  
Dina Scharosch



# Time to Line-Up!

Full Day Schedule: 8:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Half Day Schedule: 8:15 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.

School buses begin their routes as early as 7:10 a.m. Please be at your stop 5-10 minutes early. You receive your bus assignment (time & place) thru *Infinite Campus* website, Transportation tab. The phone number for the Department of Transportation is 630-420-6464 if you have questions or concerns related to routes or bus stop locations.

Students in **third through fifth grade** may ride their bikes to school. However, once on school property the bike must be walked to the bike racks which are located at the southwest corner of the school. Bikes are to be locked in a vertical position. Younger students can ride to school if accompanied by a parent. Electric scooters or motorbikes are not allowed on school property. Parents are always welcome to accompany their students as they walk to school, however pets are not allowed on school property when students are present.

## Dress Code

Any dress 'code' begins at home. The decision as to the style of clothes a child wears to school is primarily the parents' choice. However, graphics that depict violence or obscenities are not allowed. Please be sure your child is dressed for the weather of the day. Remember the building is air-conditioned and that student go outside for recess every day unless the wind chill is below zero. Snow pants, boots, mittens, hats, and coats are needed to play in snow. These items may not be left at school overnight or over weekends.

## Telephone Rules

Students should not expect to make general use of the telephone. After-school activity arrangements should be made prior to arrival at school. Furthermore, the use of cell phones and any electronic communication devices by students is prohibited from the time students enter the building until the end of the last class period unless authorized or approved by the building administrator. Additionally, the use of electronic devices such as smartphones and tablets, by students, to take, display, or send images or text messages is prohibited on school grounds during the school day.

## Visiting the School

### Sign-In

All visitors must enter through Door 1. There you will find a log book that you need to sign. Provide your name, arrival time and the location within the school you will be visiting. Please bring in your driver's license so it may be scanned and a "Visitor Badge" will then be printed by the secretaries. While inside the building, your visitor badge must be worn and visible.

### Sign Out

When you are done with your visit, return to the office window. Please enter your departure time in the log book. Exit the building through the main entrance, Door 1.

# Ranch View Student Loading Map

## Carpool Riders

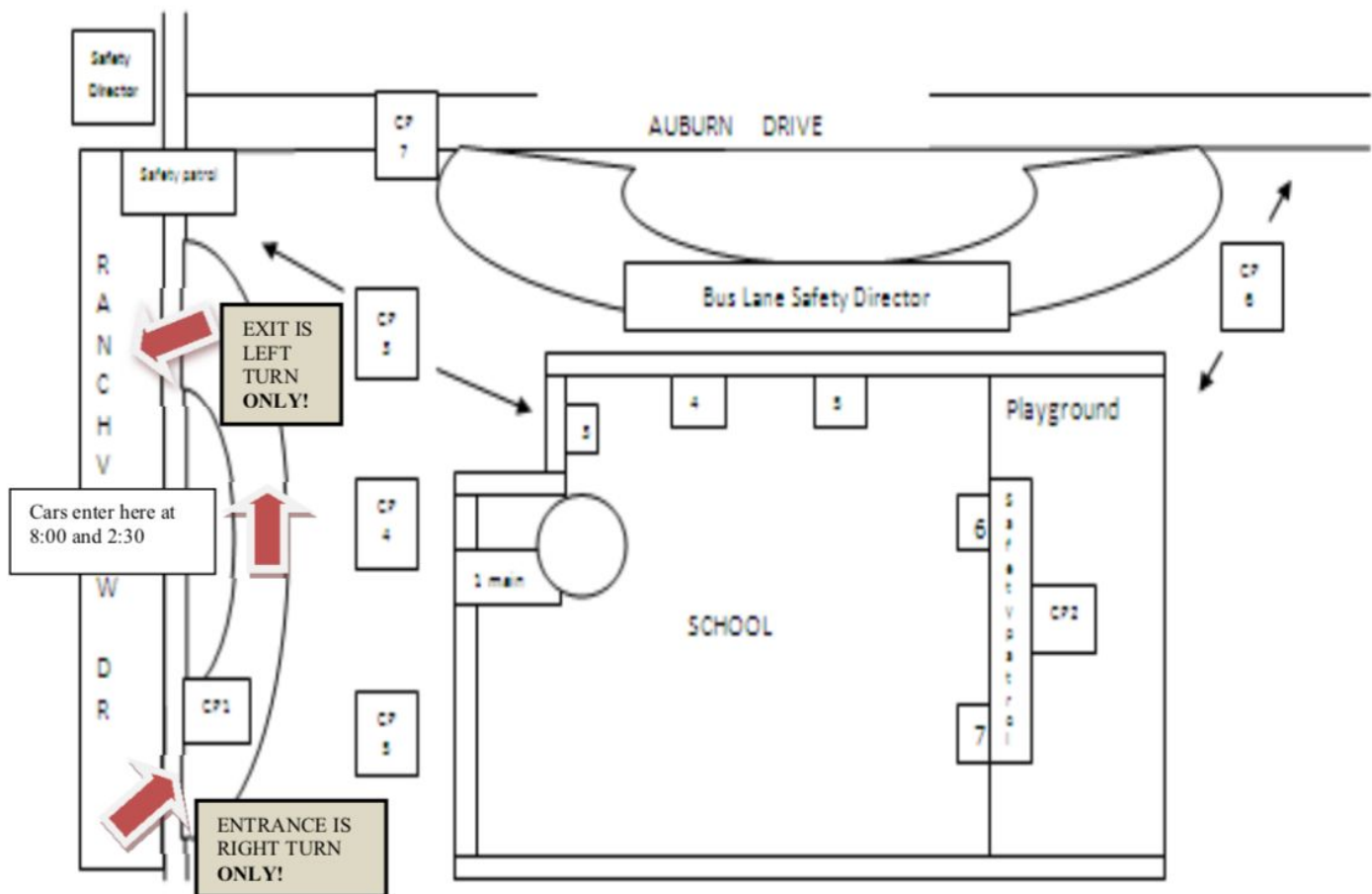
**PLEASE NOTE: Drivers will remain on Ranch View Drive in the carpool lane marked by the diamonds and the white lines until 8:00 a.m. or 2:30 p.m. at which time they will be allowed to enter the school driveway.**

For safety and efficiency, drivers must remain in their vehicles. If you have an unusual situation, a staff member will assist you.

Drivers must pull all the way forward in the carpool line where children should exit/enter the car along the sidewalk wherever the car stops. *Students should not expect to be dropped off or picked up only at the front door.*

All carpool students will enter and exit the building from the front door.

Go slow, be patient on Ranch View Drive. The actual amount of time you need to pick up or drop off is small in comparison to safety.



# Traffic Patterns and Safety

It is important for our children to keep Ranch View School a safe place. Arrival and departure can be the most dangerous times of the day due to vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Every effort is made to supervise and protect your child during these times. You can help ensure our students' safety by following the procedures outlined here.

Please adhere to the following guidelines each morning:

- Students will enter the building immediately upon arrival at 8:00AM and proceed to their classrooms. They will not be permitted to play on the school grounds.
- **Students are not to arrive before 8:00. There is no supervision prior to 8:00, and students are not permitted to enter the building before 8:00. Special early morning programs are the exception.**
- Attendance will be taken at 8:15AM. *A child who enters the building after 8:15 must be signed in at the office by a parent or guardian.* In the event of inclement weather slowing the arrival procedure, we will delay taking attendance.

## **General Bus Procedures (AM and PM):**

- Our District 203 regular school buses will unload/load students in the driveway on the south side of the building along Auburn Avenue.
- Students riding the bus and/or daycare vans will enter and exit using the doors on the south side of the building (Doors 4 & 5).
  - No vehicular traffic will be permitted in the bus lanes during school hours. (7:45 -3:00PM).

## **General Car Pool Procedures (AM and PM):**

- Car pool students will enter and exit the school from the front door (Door #1).
- The parent drive at the front of the school will be used for both AM and PM drop-off and pick-up of students in private vehicles.
- Private vehicles may begin to line up in the Ranchview Drive at 2:20 PM. Please pull as far forward as possible. When the drive is full, cars form a single file line on Ranchview Drive.
- Cars can only enter the drive by approaching it from the north on Ranchview Drive. Cars that approach the driveway from the south are not permitted to make a left-hand turn into the circle.
- **Drop-off and pick-up from private vehicles in the drive will take place in a single line only. Drivers should move as far forward in the drive as possible. Students may only exit vehicles from the curb side. Please remain in line until the cars in front of you move forward to exit. Do not pass stopped vehicles unless directed to do so by staff.**
- Please drive slowly and remain patient both on Ranchview Drive and in the circle. The actual amount of time you need to drop-off or pick-up will be made as brief as possible. We all must remember that the children's' safety is of the utmost priority.
- Signs provided by the City of Naperville indicate that the carpool circle regulations will be in effect both from 7:45-8:15AM and from 2:15-3:00PM.
- **Parents and guardians will not be permitted to pick-up or drop-off children in our north parking lot (near the tennis courts). This lot is unsupervised and is not safe for student arrival and departure.**
  - *It is against state law to be on your cell phone in school speed zones.* Fines begin at \$75.

### **General Walking Procedures (AM and PM):**

- Students who must cross Ranchview or Auburn Avenue should do so where crossing guards are stationed during arrival and dismissal.
- Walkers coming from the south side of Auburn Avenue who do not cross at Iona will continue to cross at Auburn and Ranchview under the Ranch View staff supervision. They will be directed to enter the building using the doors on the south side of the building (Doors #4).
- Students walking on the east side of Ranchview Drive will cross at the corner of Ranchview and Auburn and will enter the building using either Door #4.
  - Door #3, Door #5, and Door #7 will no longer be used for student entry before school.
- At dismissal all walkers and bikers will exit the building through door# 6 which is at the back of the building facing the playground.
  - Parents may arrange to meet their children on the playground blacktop at dismissal.
- Siblings of kindergarten walkers will be allowed to meet and exit through Door #1. No other walkers are permitted to exit through Door #1.
- **Parents and guardians walking with children are not permitted to cut through the north parking lot (by the the tennis courts) at any time. This lot is unsupervised and unsafe for student arrival and departure.**

# Absence Procedures

## Reporting Absences

Please call the Health Office and use the following instructions:



1. **Call 630-420-6576** by 8:15 a.m. to report daily absences.
2. A recording device will be used to record the following:
  - a. **Date**
  - b. **Student's Name**
  - c. **Teacher's Name**
  - d. **Reason for Absence**
3. If you anticipate the absence to be more than one day, call 630-420-6576 again between 10:00-2:00 and discuss the absence with the school health technician.

THIS PROCEDURE IS EFFECTIVE BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.

## Tardiness

Students are to be in their rooms and ready to begin instruction at 8:15 a.m. Punctuality is an important part of the child's development. Parents will be notified in case of excessive tardiness. If you are aware your child will be late in arriving at school, please call the absence line or send a note the previous day.

## Arriving Late/Leaving Early

After class begins, all entrances are locked. If a student arrives late at school or leaves school other than at regular hours (8:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.), it is important that the student be signed in or out. Parents or guardians must report to the office to fill out the Student's Sign-In/Out log book (date, time, name, teacher, reason for absence, parent signature).



# School Day Overview

## Curriculum

District 203's curriculum is available at Ranch View's website. Simply select "Our Classroom" tab on the homepage, then select the grade links to find individual curriculum pages for each grade level.

Additionally, you may view District 203's comprehensive curriculum on its website, [www.naperville203.org](http://www.naperville203.org). If you have any questions about your child's curriculum, please contact your child's teacher via email or phone.

## Testing

District 203 elementary schools administer four standardized tests. They are:

- Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)
- Iowa Test of Basic Skills (IOWA)
- Performance Series Assessment(PSA)
- Partnership for Assessment of College and Career Readiness(PARCC)

For specific testing dates as well as more information about how schools use test results, go to:  
[www.naperville203.org](http://www.naperville203.org)

## Specials

Each child spends time in the areas of physical education, LC, technology, art, and music. Each of these areas is described on the following pages.



# Physical Education or Gym Class

<i>Class Meets</i>	
<i>Grades K-2</i>	Twice a week for 25 minutes
<i>Grades 3-5</i>	Twice a week for 30 minutes
Gym shoes required. They must be able to be tightened, have a good arch support and rubber soles. No slip-on or skateboard shoes please!	



# Learning Commons (LC)

<i>Class Meets</i>	Once a week for 50 minutes
<i>Class Activities</i>	
Mrs. Mougette meets with all students once per week on book checkout day.	
<b>Browsing Time</b> - Students browse to locate books to check out.	
<b>Checkout</b> - Once 2 books are chosen, students pick up their library card and check out the books. Students in grades 1-5 may also check out 1 magazine.	
<b>Returns</b> - Books may be returned on any school day, not just on LC days. Books may be checked out for two weeks at a time, but can be returned earlier if desired. Kindergartners are encouraged to return their books weekly, so they may check out new ones at each LC session.	
<b>Renewal</b> - Students may renew books by bringing them to the checkout desk and asking that they be renewed.	
<b>Reminder Notices</b> - Sent home, via email, when a book is overdue.	
<b>Payment for Lost or Damaged Books</b> - Students are responsible to return books in good order. If the books are lost or badly damaged, they will be required to pay for the book.	





# Music

<i>Class Meets</i>	
<i>Grades K-2</i>	Twice a week for 25 minutes
<i>Grades 3-5</i>	Twice a week for 30 minutes



# Art

<i>Class Meets</i>	
<i>Grades K-2</i>	Once a week for 50 minutes
<i>Grades 3-5</i>	Once a week for 60 minutes

### *Special Items Needed*

Art Shirt - Bring a large, old T-Shirt/ Long Sleeved Shirt in a Ziploc bag. In permanent ink, write name on both the shirt and the bag. Keep this bag in your teacher's classroom and wear it to art every time.

### *Art Supply Donations*

Always welcome & always appreciated!

- Q-Tips
- Any drawing paper/ poster board
  - Brown paper lunch bags
  - Clean popsicle sticks & straws
    - Yarn / string
  - Pipe cleaners or other kid-safe wire
    - Sidewalk chalk - old or new
- Old CD's (not for listening, but to embellish and design)
- Age-appropriate magazines (Gardening, Sports, Home Decorating, Technology, Space, Animals, etc.)
- Children's books

# Technology

Ranch View believes that technology needs to be integrated into the curriculum in a meaningful way. As a wireless school, students at Ranch View have access to technology throughout the entire building. This allows students and teachers to use technology whenever and wherever learning is occurring.

## *Curriculum/Technology Integration*

Technology is used to enhance and enrich classroom curriculum. The district goals are as follows:

- 1) Use technology to find, retrieve and evaluate information
- 2) Use problem solving techniques and technology tools to collect, organize, and analyze information from a variety of sources
- 3) Use technology to communicate knowledge and ideas through media for various purposes and audiences
- 4) Use, manage, and adapt to changing technology in a learning environment, the workplace, and daily life
- 5) Use technology responsibly and demonstrate a recognition of and respect for the implications of its societal and environmental use

## *Hardware available at RV*

Tablets   Desktop PCs   iPad   Kindles   Chromebooks   Smart Boards

## School Day Activities & Academic Support

**Assemblies** – Various assemblies are presented throughout the school year for *kindergarten to fifth* graders. Classroom teachers and Administrators choose the topics and presenters to reinforce the school’s social and emotional and academic goals.

**Band or Orchestra** – At the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, students/staff identify 1-2 instruments best suited for the child. Instruction is done in class and lesson schedules are rotated so as not to impact the same instructional period each week in *fourth and fifth* grades. Instruments may be rented or purchased. A summer session of instruction is offered to those interested in getting a jumpstart.

**English Language Learners (ELL)** – Support is provided for students whose native language is not English. Individual student need determines the intensity of ELL instruction.

**Honors Math** – *Third through fifth* grade students meeting specific criteria will be placed into Honors Math.

**Lunch** – All students have a 20-minute lunch period and a 20-minute recess period. Children can bring sack lunches to school or order hot lunch provided by Aramark Food Services. Menus are sent home each month and payment can be made in cash, check or online using the Aramark link on the district and Ranch View websites. **Checks should be made payable to: NCUSD203 Include your child's student ID#**

**Project Idea (PI)** – Academically talented students in the **fourth and fifth** grades meeting the established District criteria will be placed in Project Idea. This literacy program seeks to develop the high-level thinking skills of analysis, synthesis, and evaluation.

**Reading Support** – This program provides children in **kindergarten through fifth grade** support in developing their literacy skills. Students in this program are selected through reading screening and teacher referral.

**Safety Patrol** – Under the Safety Director's supervision, **fifth** grade students volunteer to assist with student safety before and after school as students arrive and leave the school.

**School Store** – As a benefit to all students and parents, our Home and School operates a school store one day each week. Students may purchase school supplies on Tuesdays from 8:00 – 8:20 a.m.

**Service Projects** – To develop the spirit of caring for others and giving back to the community, the students plan and implement service project(s) during the school year. Examples of past service projects include selling bookmarks created by the students to sponsor a dog for pet-assisted therapy, collecting toiletries for a shelter, and writing letters to soldiers stationed over-seas.

**Special Education** – Specialists provide a wide range of services to students who need support beyond the regular classroom. These include a learning behavioral specialist, an occupational therapist, a speech teacher, a social worker, and a psychologist.

**STEM** – An after-school opportunity for students in **fourth and fifth grades** to compete in the Illinois State First Lego League Competition and explore a variety of other technology based activities within a Maker's Space environment that includes coding, programming, use of our 3D printer, robotics and a variety of applications that support innovation and creativity.

**Student Council** – Two students from each classroom in **first through fifth** grade are elected by their classmates to participate in Student Council for the school year. Student council meets approximately twice a month and plans special events and service projects, and prepares school-wide announcements. The principal consults with representatives on special projects.

**Signupgenius.com**- an online sign-up system utilizing email to provide information to families regarding volunteer opportunities within the school.

# After-School Activities

In most cases, registration information for after-school activities will be sent home at the beginning of the year. Below is a list of typical programs.

## School Sponsored

### Chess Club

All interested students in grades one through five may join the chess club. Experience groups students to learn to play and to improve their game. The club meets about once per month in the LC. There is an opportunity for students to play competitively in a tournament each spring.

### Chorus

Both boys and girls in the fifth grade may participate in the vocal ensemble which rehearses approximately once per week before school. The chorus performs 2-3 times each semester, at Ranch View and throughout the community. Students will experience singing, movement, and playing recorders and Orff instruments in chorus. Students are asked to wear a white shirt and black pants for performances.

### Reading Rangers

Students in fourth and fifth grade join this lunch-hour book club. Students read from the Battle of the Books list which can be found on the school's website.

### Running Club (held before school)

Students may participate in the Fall and/or Spring Running Club. Runners can expect sprinting, jogging, interval training, stretching, goal-setting, competing, core strengthening, and speeding around obstacle courses!!!! The goal is for each student to become a better runner and lead an active life! No running experience is necessary.

## Outside Vendor-Provided Activities at Ranch View

**Important:** *The following organizations are not sponsored or endorsed by Ranch View or District 203. We are providing this information simply as a convenience for you.*

### Champions Program

Onsite before school and after school daycare is offered by the Champions Program. For more information visit [www.discoverchampions.com](http://www.discoverchampions.com)

### Naperville Park District

The park district offers many programs held at Ranch View School that afford Ranch View children the opportunity to take advantage of classes and activities in the neighborhood. Check your Park District program guide for dates and times.

# Communication

Information from your child's teachers, principal and school district will come to you either via backpack mail (mail brought home by your child in their take-home folder) or through online communications (email or websites).

## Important Communication Resources

**Monthly Calendar of Events** – Accessed on the Ranch View website, an online view of all the events and activities going on at Ranch View during the month selected.

**Parent/Student Handbook** – Distributed by the school once a year in fall. Contains policies and information regarding District 203, Ranch View School, and Ranch View Home & School Association.

**Directory** – The online directory contains family contact information, staff listings, class lists, Home & School committees and coordinators and the price list for the school store. The information in the directory is not to be used for solicitation or business purposes and inclusion is optional.

**Student Progress Reports** – Report cards uploaded to students Infinite Campus three times during the school year (November, March and on the last day of school). Both parents are encouraged to attend Parent Conferences held two times per year during October and February.

**Ranch View Review** – Ranch View's digital newsletter, The Ranch View Review, is produced 3 times a year by the Home & School Association. It includes a letter from the principal, updates from each grade level and highlights of upcoming events. Available on the RV website.

**Weekly / Monthly Classroom Newsletter** – Classroom teachers send home an update for the week / month telling parents specifically what is scheduled for the curriculum that period and highlights from the previous period. Teachers also use the newsletter to make general announcements and reminders for parents of upcoming events. Some teachers send this newsletter via email if possible or utilize Canvas, a student information system to relay assignments, classroom events, blogging opportunities etc.

## On-Line Communication Resources Websites

Another way to get information is to access the **District's Website** at [www.naperville203.org](http://www.naperville203.org). Here you can find school schedules, addresses/phone numbers, school closings and a wealth of other school related information.

For parents wishing to electronically fund their child's hot lunch card, visit [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com). Parents can view their child's purchase activity, fund balance, and set up automatic reloads.

Access Ranch View's website at <http://schools.naperville203.org/ranchview>. The site includes information about each grade level, specials, and academic support area. Find email addresses of school staff, links to kid-friendly websites, and information about our Home and School. Be sure to check out this valuable information resource and ***link the calendar with your smart phone!***

## **Talk203 Phone and E-mail Information System**

Parents and custodial guardians are automatically enrolled in Talk203, the district's phone and email information system. This system is used for emergency school closing information or other matters of urgency, as well as informational calls and e-mails regarding events in individual schools and throughout the District.

## **Virtual Backpack**

To save money and be environmentally conscious, District 203 now posts flyers from approved non-profit organizations, intergovernmental agencies, and business partners on its website for families to access. A list of new flyers is provided in a Talk 203 email, so families can see if there is something of interest to them. View the flyers at <http://www.naperville203.org/parents-students/VirtualBackpack.asp>.

## **PTC Wizard**

The parent teacher conference sign-up application being used by District 203. This application is integrated with Infinite Campus.

## **Infinite Campus**

### **What is the Campus Portal?**

Campus Portal is our tool for parents and students to access instant, online, timely and secure student information: class schedule, assignments, attendance, discipline, course registrations for next year, report cards and transcripts. Campus Portal is a means to further promote educational excellence by enhancing our program of communication with parents and students.

### **Who is eligible to have a Campus Portal account?**

Parents of current students are eligible to activate a Parent Portal account, after agreeing to the terms and conditions of use.

### **What kind of software or computer is needed to use the Campus Portal?**

Computer – any computer capable of running the browser Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher, Macintosh or Windows. Software – Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher. It is a free download from [www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com)  
Internet connection – 56k modem speed or higher is recommended. A monitor with at least 800x600 resolution is recommended.

# Canvas

## What is the Canvas?

Canvas is an information management site utilized by staff and students to relay information. Teachers set up Canvas class sites to relay information regarding curriculum, class events, student assignments etc. Parents and students have the capability to join discussion boards/blogs to respond to teacher questions, assignments, or peer submissions.

## Who is eligible to have a Canvas access?

All students and parents will have access to Canvas. Parents will be invited to a class canvas site and will have the opportunity to sign up for Canvas access during Curriculum Nights held in the fall.

## What kind of software or computer is needed to access Canvas?

Computer – any computer capable of running the browser Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher, Macintosh or Windows. Software – Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher. It is a free download from [www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com). Internet connection – 56k modem speed or higher is recommended. A monitor with at least 800x600 resolution is recommended.

## How much does Canvas cost?

Nothing. It is a free service to parents, and saves the district money by reducing paperwork and labor costs.



Join the 'Ranch View Elementary School' Facebook page and follow our school on Twitter. See links on our school website!

# Ranch View Graduation Progression Paths

Based on Attendance Boundaries

ELEMENTARY	JUNIOR HIGH	HIGH SCHOOL
<b>Ranch View (1)</b> <i>North of Hobson Road (including north side of Hobson Road)</i>	<b>Kennedy</b>	<b>North</b>
<b>Ranch View (2)</b> <i>South of Hobson Road (including south side of Hobson Road)</i>	<b>Kennedy</b>	<b>Central</b>





# Annual Home & School Events

Refer to the Ranch View Monthly Calendar for specific dates and times.

## JULY-AUGUST

- **Summer packets** are mailed with all pertinent information and forms regarding the upcoming school year.
- A **new family welcome** is held every year. Parents of students in 1st-5th grade will have the opportunity to tour the school and ask questions about their new school community.
- The **school store** is open at designated times the week school begins. Look for the specifics to be included in your summer packet. During the year the school store is available to students each Tuesday morning from 8:00-8:30.
- **Kindergarten “Sneak Peek”** is held during the first day of attendance for upper grade students. This day is specific to your kindergartner’s special time to meet the teacher and tour the classroom to get familiar with the surroundings. Kindergarten students officially begin their first day of attendance on the second day of school.
- **Curriculum Night** held between late August/early September. This evening is intended to give parents the opportunity to meet their child’s teacher and get a preview of the curriculum for their specific grade level. **Please arrange for daycare on this evening so you can focus on your child’s new teacher and educational program.**
- **School Picture Day** will take place in August. These pictures are included in our Ranch View Yearbook as well as in the class pictures. Information regarding specific costs and the exact date will be sent home.
- Fifth graders, accompanied by their teachers, participate in **Outdoor Education**, a trip held over two days in the fall. The students learn about the outdoor environment related to the curriculum and use skills in problem solving, teamwork and cooperation. The cost of this program is funded in part by Home and School.
- Our annual **Ice Cream Social** to kick off the school year is held in late August. Students and their families are invited to enjoy a sundae from Dairy Queen, created by your favorite teachers. The Ranch View community has been known to put away over 1400 sundaes at this event!

## OCTOBER

- **Vision and Hearing Screenings** are done in the Fall. Grades K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> are given hearing tests while 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is tested on vision. The district provides this service.
- The annual sale of Ranch View **Spirit Wear** begins in October. Students and staff can be seen sporting t-shirts and sweatshirts showing their school spirit!
- Support RVHS and get a jump start on your holiday shopping with **Art to Remember fundraiser**. Your child’s artwork is placed on personalized products.
- Our Fall **Book Fair** is held in early October. A large selection of books and novelty items are available for purchase. The Book Fair coincides with the week of Parent/Teacher Conferences. An additional book fair is held in the spring and coincides with spring parent/teacher conferences.

- The first of two scheduled **Parent/Teacher Conferences** are held in early October. All parents are provided the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher for specific progress reports on your child. This meeting is held as a checkpoint midway through the first trimester.
- Our annual **Autumn on Parade** takes place on October 31<sup>st</sup>. This event allows the children to dress-up in costumes to celebrate the annual fall holidays. The children parade outdoors on the blacktop (weather permitting) or the gym to an audience of parents and siblings at 1:00pm. \*NOTE: All parents are invited for the 20-30-minute parade of costumes.
- Immediately following Autumn on Parade, a **Fall Party** is held in each classroom. The party begins at 1:30 and lasts until approximately 2:15. Parents can volunteer to plan the party or to help on that day by signing up as a party helper through the head room parents/Home and School organization.

#### NOVEMBER

- Students participate in a brief **Veteran's Day Ceremony** in November.
- First trimester **report cards** are available online at the end of the first trimester in early November.
- The **Fall Band / Orchestra Concert** is held in November. Everyone is invited to attend.

#### DECEMBER

- **Winter Parties** are celebrated in each classroom on the last day of school prior to Winter Break. Parents can volunteer to plan the party by signing up as a party helper through the head room parents/Home and School parent organization.

#### JANUARY

- In late January your child will guide you to all the teachers, activities, and places he/she enjoys at Ranch View during **Open House Night**. Student school work will be on display for you to view and enjoy. The entire family is invited to this event.

#### FEBRUARY

- **Valentine's Day** is celebrated with classroom parties. Parents can volunteer to plan the party or help by signing up as a party helper through the head room parents/Home and School parent organization.
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences** will be held in February. The second report card is issued at this time.
- Our **Spring Book Fair** is held during parent teacher conferences, offering a large assortment of books available for purchase.

#### MARCH

- **Kindergarten Preview** is held each spring. All incoming kindergartners and their parents are invited to find out what Ranch View is like. The children spend an hour in a kindergarten classroom, while parents learn all pertinent information about what to expect during this first school experience. There is NO SCHOOL for our attending kindergarten students that day.

- **SADDLEFEST**, our annual Fun Fair is held in the spring. There are games for the children, lots of food, a bake sale, and a raffle/silent auction. This is accomplished with the help of 200 volunteers from the Ranch View community. The whole family is encouraged to attend!

#### APRIL

- The **Spring Band / Orchestra / Chorus Concert** is held in April. Everyone is invited to attend.
- Third graders and staff identify one or two instruments best suited for each student during the **Band and Orchestra Instrument Selection** process.
- Ranch View sponsors a team of students in fourth and fifth grades in **Battle of the Books**, a district competition where teams answer questions about selected books.

#### MAY

- Students remember their teachers with homemade cards and flowers while Home and School arranges food during **Teacher Appreciation Week**.
- **Volunteer Breakfast**- a breakfast hosted by Ranch View staff to thank all parent volunteers
- **Field Day and Picnic** is held late in the month in celebration of the end of the school year. All children participate.
- The annual **Awards Assembly** is held the day before school is out for the year. Attendance and special awards are given out on this day. Attendance is for students only.
- **Classes end** in late May assuming no emergency days are needed.

## Home & School Association Information

Our Home and School Association is here to support the children of Ranch View and their education. We also facilitate the exchange of information and help to develop a sense of community between the children, the parents, and the staff. We sponsor a wide variety of activities and programs throughout the year. *All of this is possible only because of the many dedicated and extremely talented volunteers who generously give their time and efforts to the Ranch View Home and School Association. We invite you to be a part of a wonderful group!*

There are three levels of parent participation...**6 Executive Board Members, Committee Chair Members**, and a host of **Non-Board Member Parents** who all work together to make so many wonderful things happen. Committee Chair positions are filled in the spring, but we're always looking for volunteers!

Getting Started as a Volunteer--The best way to start is to identify which topics bring out your enthusiasm or passion! Then get to know more about them by talking to others, especially the current Committee Chair

Member. See the Parent/Student Handbook or Directory for a complete listing of Board Positions and Members. Also visit: <https://www.naperville203.org/Page/4522>

Attending Board Meetings --Additionally, because all parents are automatically considered members of our association, you are always welcome to attend our Board Meetings held at Ranch View Elementary School.

Tuesday, September 10, 2019	1:00pm	
Tuesday, October 8, 2019	1:00pm	
Tuesday, November 12, 2019	1:00pm	
Tuesday, January 14, 2020	1:00pm	
Tuesday, February 11, 2020	1:00pm	Nominees for Exec Board invited to attend
Tuesday, March 10, 2020	1:00pm	Vote on Executive Board Slate
Tuesday, May 12, 2020	1:00pm	

**Ranch View Home and School Board & Committees 2018-2019**

<b>Executive Board</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Phone #</b>	<b>E-Mail</b>	<b>Children's Grade</b>	<b>Time Commitment</b>
<b>Co- President</b>	Audrey Minor	773-330-9119	ranchviewpresident@gmail.com	5	year round, mtgs, google, fundraise
<b>Co-President</b>	Erin Wikman	773-459-0320	ranchviewpresident2@gmail.com	5, 1	year round, mtgs, google, fundraise
<b>1st Vice President</b>	Christine Ryba	247-8364	ranchviewvp1@gmail.com	4, 2	year round, mtgs, fundraise
<b>2nd Vice President</b>	Robin Antognoli	708-975-1648	ranchviewvp2@gmail.com	4, 2	year round, mtgs, fundraise
<b>Treasurer</b>	Michelle Clark	857-3850	ranchviewsecretary@gmail.com	1	year round, mtg, weekly emails, fundraise
<b>Secretary</b>	Jasmine Patel	312-823-6662	ranchviewsecretary@gmail.com	3	year round, mtg, weekly emails, fundraise
Adult Social	Stephanie Fiore	983-9828	jsfiore2000@yahoo.com	4	Aug-Nov
	Anne Onorati	544-6870	mrsonorati@yahoo.com	5	Aug-Nov
	Beth Tryon	847-722-2384	beth_gerich@hotmail.com	4, 2	Aug-Nov
<b>Assemblies</b>	Robin Antognoli	355-8440	robin_antognoli@hotmail.com	4, 2	couple times/yr
	Stephanie Fiore	983-9828	jsfiore2000@yahoo.com	4	couple times/yr
<b>Art to Remember</b>	Ellie Laneville	310-7195	elaneville@gmail.com	5, 4	Aug-Nov
	Mariya Koci	835-6463	mkolodyi@yahoo.com	4	Aug-Nov
<b>Book Fair</b>	Elizabeth Breese	544-6200	eab0306@gmail.com	3, 2	Oct, Feb
	Raquel Latko	624-9688	raquelglatko@gmail.com	5, 2	Oct, Feb
<b>Direct Donation</b>	Wendy Puglielli	848-0746	wnarcher@yahoo.com	5	throughout yr
<b>Field Day</b>	Carrie Tilton	579-4099	carrietilt@gmail.com	4	Apr-May
	Joann Nieciecki	630-677-1465	jmaciaga@comcast.net	5, 3	Apr-May
<b>Fifth Grade Liaison</b>	Jen O'Sullivan	773-339-6360	jeniu@aol.com	5, 4	Fall, May
	Anne Onorati	544-6870	mrsonorati@yahoo.com	5	Fall, May
<b>Hospitality &amp; Decorating</b>	Wendy Puglielli	848-0746	wnarcher@yahoo.com	3	throughout yr
	Kristen Krah	630-881-1171	coppo28@gmail.com	1	throughout yr
<b>Nominations</b>	Stacie Quigg	630-660-3544	staciequigg@hotmail.com	5, 3	Jan-Mar
<b>Outdoor Classroom/Lending Library</b>	Megan Szyhowski	631-7282	mszyhowski2@gmail.com	3, 2	fall, spring
<b>Ranch View Review</b>	Wesley Gosselink	918-0443	wgosselink@gmail.com	5	3x a year
<b>Room Parent Coordinator</b>	Christie Gillen	773-329-6748	christie.gillen@yahoo.com	4, 1	Aug + 3x a year
	Rosy Eden	312-730-7715	rosyeden@gmail.com	1	Aug + 3x a year
<b>Saddlefest</b>	Meagan Colbenson	630-699-6649	meagancolbenson@gmail.com	5	Feb-Mar

	Laura Bahula	677-5081	lbahula@gmail.com	5	Feb-Mar
<b>Silent Auction</b>	Stephanie Fiore	983-9828	jsfiore2000@yahoo.com	4	Aug-Nov
	Anne Onorati	544-6870	mrsonorati@yahoo.com	5	Aug-Nov
	Beth Tryon	847-722-2384	beth_gerich@hotmail.com	4, 2	Aug-Nov
<b>School Store</b>	Mary Li	312-823-5450	shineandmary@gmail.com	4	weekly
	Cindy Bass	312-208-6763	cmkbass@gmail.com	4, 2	weekly
<b>School Supply Packets</b>	Megan Benton	803-4868	dandmbenton@yahoo.com	1	Jul-Aug, Apr-May
	Nancy DeLegge	630-247-3410	nancydl@gmail.com	5	Jul-Aug, Apr-May
<b>Science Fair 2019-2020</b>	Carrie Tilton	579-4099	carrietilt@gmail.com	4	Dec, Feb-Mar
<b>SFCP</b>	Rebecca Gadomski	630-873-9052	Rebeccagadomski@yahoo.com	3	Aug, as needed
	Wesley Gosselink	630-918-0443	wgosselink@gmail.com	5	Aug, as needed
<b>Social Media</b>	Rebecca Gadomski	630-873-9052	Rebeccagadomski@yahoo.com	3	ongoing
<b>Manna</b>	Delphine Dodier	847-284-6336	delphine.dodier@icloud.com	3	monthly
<b>Box Tops</b>	Jessie Henderson	630-740-1945	jessiehenderson8510@gmail.com	1	3x a year
<b>Restaurant Nights</b>	Barb Akkeron	312-914-2978	hylard@hotmail.com	5, 3	monthly+
<b>Roller Skate Event</b>	Jing Kong	548-9889	jingkite@gmail.com	4	Fall, Spring
	Carrie Tilton	579-4099	carrietilt@gmail.com	4	Fall, Spring
<b>Spirit Wear</b>	Rebecka Baeker	240-620-7608	rebecka.baeker@gmail.com	3	throughout yr
<b>Winter Video Coordinator</b>	Stephanie Fiore	983-9828	jsfiore2000@yahoo.com	4	Nov-Dec
	Erin Wikman	773-459-0320	ranchviewtreasurer@gmail.com	5, 1	Nov-Dec
<b>Volunteer Coordinator</b>	Joann Maciaga (Volunteers)	677-1465	ranchviewvolunteers@gmail.com	5, 3	Aug
	Ellie Laneville (Health & Safety)	310-7195	elaneville@gmail.com	5, 4	Aug
	Eileen Hall (Ranch Hands, Sign Up Genius)	357-6849	epughall@gmail.com	4	Ongoing
<b>Yearbook</b>	Andrea Slawinski (Layout & Editing)	847-340-9687	andreaslawinski@gmail.com	2	throughout yr
	Nancy DeLegge (Sales)	630-247-3410	nancydl@gmail.com	5	Throughout yr
	Natalie Angel (Photography)	605-3430	jn-angel@hotmail.com	5	throughout yr

# Home & School Sponsored Events & Fundraisers

Ranch View strives to provide an atmosphere where faculty, staff, and parents all work together to provide the best learning environment for our children. We invite you to become involved in your child's education to make the school year a rewarding one!

**Adult Social** is new this year. We'll have an evening of food, drinks, a silent auction and fun!

**Art to Remember** Fundraiser in October. Takes your child's artwork and incorporates it into various products like magnets, mugs, t-shirts. Makes a great holiday gift.

**Book Fair** Fundraiser in October and February, coinciding with Parent Teacher Conferences.

**Direct Donation** Fundraiser. Don't want to be bothered with all the catalogs and forms? RVHS is happy to accept donations of any amount from our families or the companies they work for!

**Field Day** RVHS Sponsored event in the last week of school. Various outdoor activities scheduled to encourage classes to 'get outside and move'.

**Ice Cream Social** RVHS sponsored event welcoming all students & staff back to school in Sept.

**Manna** RVHS sponsored committee with Great Lakes Scrip gift card supplier. Orders are offered twice a year as a donation opportunity for families to 'gift' the RV staff with money; the staff in turn 'redeems' the gift for the gift cards of *their* choosing.

**Restaurant Nights** Fundraiser one to multiple times a month throughout the school year. A percentage of the evening's sales are donated back to RV and you don't have to cook!

**Roller Skate Party.** Fundraiser sponsored by RVHS typically in November & April.

**Saddlefest** RVHS MAIN FUNDRAISER in March. All school carnival with a western theme including Food, Bake Sale, Raffle, Games, Redemption Center, Tickets, Teacher Offerings & baskets and Decorations.

**Spirit Wear.** Fundraiser where you can show your school spirit! Logos for application on clothes, water bottles, etc. are sold a couple times a year. Show your school pride!

There are many RVHS sponsored events & fundraisers and adults are always invited to participate & volunteer!

(Any volunteer sign-ups are done online and must be completed each year. The sign up can be found on the school website. [www.naperville203.org/ranchview](http://www.naperville203.org/ranchview) Click Home & School under Quick Links and then Volunteer Opportunities. Any questions can be directed to the Home and School volunteer coordinator at [ranchviewvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:ranchviewvolunteers@gmail.com).)

# Community Resources

## Schools

### Ranch View Elementary School

Main Number .....630-420-6575

Absence Number .....630-420-6576

### Kennedy Jr. High

Main Number .....630-420-3220

Absence Number ..... 630-848-5636

### Naperville Central High School

Main Number ..... 630-420-6420

Absence Number ..... 630-420-6966

### Naperville North High School

Main Number ..... 630-420-6480

Absence Number ..... 630-420-6982

## District 203

Administration ..... 630-420-6300

## Government Offices/Services

City Hall ..... 630-420-6111

Utilities: electric, water,

wastewater ..... 630-420-6059

Garbage Collection .....630-723-2800

Library .....630-961-4100

Naperville Area

Voter Registration ..... 630-305-5300

## Non-Emergency

Police Department ..... 630-420-6666

Fire Department ..... 630-420-6142

Young Naperville Singers ..... 630-369-9679

## State of Illinois

Drivers License Facility ..... 630-369-9010



### **Other Numbers**

Naperville Metra Station ..... 630-355-4409  
Chamber of Commerce .....630-355-4141  
Humane Society .....630-420-8989  
J.U.L.I.E. ....800-892-0123  
Naperville Post Office .....630-717-2662  
NICOR Gas ..... 888-642-6748  
NCTV Public Access ..... 630-355-2124

### **Child Care**

Champions Program  
*After school program  
at Ranch View .....*

[www.discoverchampions.com](http://www.discoverchampions.com)

**Customer Support Team:** 800-246-2154

ChampionsHelp@klcorp.com

### **Activities**

Boy Scouts, Three Fires  
Council ..... 630-301-0974

### **City of Naperville**

DuPage Children's Museum.. 630-637-8000  
Girl Scouts, Prairie Winds..... 630-579-6617  
Heritage YMCA Group Koehler  
Family Center ..... 630-420-6270  
Naperville Park District ..... 630-848-5000  
Naperville Area Little  
League..... 630-357-2822  
Naperville Youth Football .....630-548-4210  
Naper Settlement ..... 630-420-6010  
West Suburban Youth  
Orchestra.....www.wsyo.org

### **English Language Classes**

College of DuPage .....630-942-3697  
Literacy Volunteers  
of DuPage ..... 630-416-6699