

Prairie Families,

Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year! This year, we are embracing the idea that **Anything is Possible**. We're so excited to start a new journey of learning, growing, and discovering with all of you. Our theme encourages every student to dream big, try new things, and realize their incredible potential. We're committed to creating a space where every challenge is an opportunity and every goal can be reached. Get ready for a year full of endless possibilities!

Please join me in welcoming the following new staff members to the Prairie community:

- Mrs. Jackie Peters Assistant Principal
- Mrs. Emily Kozlowski -- Secretary
- Ms. Rachel Byers -- Kindergarten
- Mrs. Anna Kupsco -- Student Services Coordinator/Resource
- Ms. Mairead McKenna Paraprofessional
- Ms. Tiffany Reilly -- Paraprofessional MN
- Ms. Analy Cruz Landaverde -- Paraprofessional MN
- Ms. Cheri Gentile -- Paraprofessional MN
- Ms. Sarah Fournier -- Permanent Building Substitute

The 2025-2026 Back to School Update Information can be found on our <u>website</u> by hovering your cursor over the "Our School" tab in the middle of the gray banner and then click on the "2025-2026 Back to School Update" tab in the drop-down menu. You can also click on the website's Back to School Update banner.

Below is some basic information to ensure that everyone has a positive start to the school year.

## **Classroom Assignments:**

Classroom and teacher assignments for kindergarten through fifth grade will be posted through Infinite Campus on Wednesday, August 6 at 3:00 p.m. Parents will access their child's classroom assignment via the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Visit the District 203 website (http://www.Naperville203.org) and click on the Resources tab on the far right in the gray banner and then click on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal link on the right side. Follow the prompts to create your parent account. If you have difficulty with your account, contact the help desk by email at <a href="mailto:parentsupport@naperville203.org.Class Placement">parentsupport@naperville203.org.Class Placement</a>

Our staff worked diligently last spring and into the summer to ensure that all classrooms are well balanced and will meet student needs. Class lists are final and there will be no changes in class assignments. Moving even one student can create a domino effect and impact multiple students within a classroom or grade level.



# **Transportation:**

All bus riders will be met by staff members at the start of the school year to guide children to their grade level classrooms. While transportation information can be accessed in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal (http://www.Naperville203.org) starting on August 6 at 3:00 p.m., please check back frequently, including the day before school starts, as changes can occur in routes, pick-up times, and/or drop-off times. If you need assistance regarding transportation information, call the Transportation Department at 630-420-6464.

# **New Family Tours:**

Tours for families that are new to Prairie School will be provided by the Home & School Association on Friday, August 8th.

- Students with last names A-M are scheduled from 9:00-9:30.
- Students with last names N-Z are scheduled from 9:45-10:15.

Please plan on meeting in the Multi Purpose Room (MPR) where representatives from Home & School will conduct the tours.

#### Meet Your Teachers:

Students in Grades K-5 are invited to meet their teacher and visit their classroom on Tuesday, August 12th from 2:00-3:00. Home and School will be offering a special treat on the back blacktop starting at 2:30.

### First Day of School:

The first full day of school for students in grades K-5 is Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. Specific information related to arrival and dismissal procedures will be shared in a later communication.

Please reach out to the main office at 630-420-6348 with any questions. Enjoy these final days of summer!

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