

Welcome Back!!

Prairie Families,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year. This year, we embark on an exciting new journey filled with learning, growth, and endless possibilities. Our theme, "A New Adventure Begins," invites students to explore, discover, and embrace the joys of learning. Together, we will foster curiosity, creativity, and resilience, empowering our students to navigate their educational journey with enthusiasm and confidence. Get ready to embark on this remarkable adventure with us!

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

- Mrs. Jesse Cundiff -- Learning Behavior Specialist
- Mrs. Samatha Dunne -- Social Worker
- Ms. Emily Fiedler -- Art
- Ms. Peyton Hardin -- 5th Grade
- Ms. Jenna Millen -- 4th Grade
- Mrs. Katherine Smith -- 5th Grade

The 2024-2025 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 "2024-2025 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.

Class Placement:

Classroom and teacher assignments for kindergarten through fifth grade will be posted through Infinite Campus on Wednesday, August 7 at 3:00 p.m. Parents will access their child's classroom assignment via the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Visit the District 203 website (<u>http://www.Naperville203.org</u>) 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 <u>parentsupport@naperville203.org</u>.

Our staff worked diligently last spring to ensure that all classrooms are well balanced and will meet student needs. Class lists are final and I respectfully ask that you trust this process and not request changes in class assignments.



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 (<u>http://www.Naperville203.org</u>) starting on August 7 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 9th.

- 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 13th from 2:00-3:00. More information about this event will be forthcoming.

First Day of School:

The first full day of school for students in grades K-5 is Thursday, August 15th. Specific information related to arrival and dismissal procedures will be shared in a later communication.

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