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Dear Naper Families,

Welcome to Naper Elementary for the 2025-26 school year! I hope you are enjoying your summer vacation adventures and starting to get excited about the upcoming school year. I am absolutely thrilled to be joining the Naper family as your new principal! With 18 years of experience in education, I bring not only a deep commitment to student success but also a positive, can-do attitude that I hope will be felt throughout our school.

Outside of school, I'm a proud mom of three wonderful children and have the support of an incredible husband. As a family, we love to travel and embrace opportunities to learn from the world around us—something I carry into my work every day. I believe in the power of shared experiences, open hearts, and lifelong learning.

Those who know me would describe me as light-hearted, approachable, and fun—but always grounded in the belief that children come first in every decision I make. I'm passionate about creating a welcoming and inclusive environment where every student feels seen, heard, and valued.

I'm so looking forward to partnering with you and building strong, lasting relationships with each and every family. Together, we will make this a truly special year.

### **Valuable Information**

The 2025-26 Summer Update Information can be found on our [website](#) by hovering your cursor over the "Our School" tab in the upper left hand corner and then clicking the "2025-26 Summer Update" tab in the drop down menu. You can also click on our [website's](#) Summer Update banner. Here you will find valuable resources for your later reference.

If you are new or returning to Naper, we have several opportunities available to meet other families and learn more about our school. Celebrate the new school year by participating in these exciting happenings! See the important date section below!

### **New Literacy Resource Implementation**

During the 2025-2026 school year, District 203 will be implementing a new elementary literacy curriculum supported by a Board adopted resource. The literacy resource is entitled *Into Reading*. Our revised curriculum addresses all of the essential elements of literacy, including phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, writing, handwriting, and grammar. It supports the Illinois Learning Standards and provides a rigorous structure that aligns with the Science of Reading Research. Students will engage with authentic, complex texts that are infused into daily instruction and include both fiction and nonfiction that are connected to rich themes.

The implementation of this new resource will reflect current best practices in literacy instruction, which emphasize the integration of reading, writing, word study, and comprehension as essential components of a comprehensive and effective literacy block from kindergarten through fifth grade. Due to the change of the elementary literacy

curriculum being implemented this coming school year, the literacy instruction for our 4th grade students in the Project Idea (PI) Program will mirror the core literacy block and PI students will engage in a literacy block with the same teacher for both reading and writing.

At Naper, instruction for our students in fourth grade PI and fourth grade honors Math will be provided by Sharon Rosenzweig.

### **New Family Tours**

On August 8, school tours for new families will take place from 9:00-10:00 for students in grades 1-4 and 10:00-11:00 for new kindergarten families. Tours will meet in the front lobby of the school by Door 1. During this time, families will view the school as well as meet other Naper families and receive answers to questions about our school to assist you with a smooth transition to your new school.

### **Class Assignments**

Classroom and teacher assignments for kindergarten through fifth grade will be posted through Infinite Campus on Wednesday, August 6th 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 [parentsupport@naperville203.org](mailto:parentsupport@naperville203.org).

### **Teacher Meet and Greet**

All students and parents are invited to meet their teachers for the 2025-26 school year on August 13th. These Meet & Greets will occur on the playground and will last 45 minutes. Home and School will provide popsicles and yearbooks will be available from last year for those who ordered. Please see below for times.

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| Kindergarten | 9:00am  |
| 1st Grade    | 10:00am |
| 2nd Grade    | 11:00am |
| 3rd Grade    | 12:00pm |
| 4th Grade    | 1:00pm  |

### **First Day of School**

The first day of school for all students in kindergarten-fourth grades will be Thursday, August 14, 2025. During the first two days of school all students will join staff on the playground. Students will locate their teacher via classroom sign. Teachers will gather their students and when the bell rings, students will be escorted into the school.

### **School Supplies**

School supplies ordered online will be waiting for your child in his/her classroom on the first day of school. If you missed ordering school supplies, grade level lists are available on our [website](#).

### **Arrival & Dismissal**

Arrival and dismissal at Naper are busy times of the day with 200+ students coming and going at the same time. It is vital that we work together to maintain safe and orderly arrival and dismissal procedures. Kindergarten and 1st grade students will line up at Door 1 each day. 2nd & 3rd Grade students will line up at Door 8 and 4th graders will enter through Door 2.

If a student arrives after 8:15 am, an adult should sign them into school via the office at Door 1. If a student needs to be picked up before dismissal, use the intercom at Door 1, present current identification to the office staff, and then the office team will connect with the classroom teacher.

### **Bus 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 6th 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.

### **Absence Reporting**

If your child must be absent from school, please call the Attendance Line **prior** to the start of the school day at 630-420-6347 or report via the Campus Portal prior to 8:00 am.

### **Important Dates**

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| Aug. 6   | Transportation/Bus Information available via Infinite Campus Parent Portal at 3:00pm |
| Aug. 6   | Teacher Assignments available via Infinite Campus Parent Portal 3:00pm               |
| Aug. 8   | NEW Family Tours at 9:00am   |
| Aug. 13  | Teacher Meet and Greets on playground (see above schedule)                           |
| Aug. 14  | <b><u>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - ALL GRADE LEVELS 8:15AM-2:30PM</u></b>                   |
| Aug. 22  | New Parent Coffee 8:30am Naper Playground  |
| Aug. 28  | Parent Curriculum Night 4:00-8:00pm  |
| Sept. 12 | Fun Fair   |

Thank you for your support and dedication to the Naper School community. If you have any questions or feedback about Naper, please contact me by phone at 630-420-6345, drop a note in the office, or email at [ecrodriguez@naperville203.org](mailto:ecrodriguez@naperville203.org).

We are Better Together,

Erin Rodriguez  
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