

HOME & SCHOOL

Ranch View Elementary School

July 2024

Ranch View Families:

Hopefully everyone is enjoying a relaxing and fun summer. Before we know it, we will all be back at “The Ranch” and ready for another great school year. Ranch View’s Home & School Association is actively planning for the 2024-25 academic year. Our Executive Board, composed of Jodi Greene (President), Syeda Ali & Shamsa Jafri (Vice Presidents), Sarah King (Secretary), and Meagan Colbenson and Vern Ehlers (Treasurers), are actively scheduling events, preparing budgets, and filling committee positions.

Please allow us to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new families as well. We are excited to have you join our Ranch View Community. As you will soon experience, Ranch View is a wonderful place of learning, friendship and hospitality.

As you prepare for the start of school, here are some **key dates** to look out for or add to your calendars:

- August 7th– Teacher classroom assignments posted on Infinite Campus by 3PM
- August 12th – New Family Orientation @ Ranch View, 3:30-5:00 PM - Invite Only*
- August 13th - Meet Teachers & Supply Drop-off @ Ranch View (Supplies already ordered through H&S/SchoolToolBox.com will be in child’s room)
 - Kdg: 8-9AM by last name
 - 8-8:20AM: Last Name A-H
 - 8:20-8:40AM: Last Name I-P
 - 8:40-9:00AM: Last Name Q-Z
 - 1st-5th Grades: 2-3 PM
- August 15th – First day of school for Grades K-5
- August 23rd – Ice Cream Social @ Ranch View, 5-6:30PM
- August 26th – Curriculum Night @ Ranch View, 6PM
- September 10th – First Home & School meeting (more info below)
- September 14th - Saddlefest - our major school fundraiser for H&S is always a wonderful social event for our students and community.

"Saddlefest 2024"

Mark your calendars for Saturday September 14th! Saddlefest is our school’s name for an activity-filled day for our students, family, and friends. Our many parent and staff volunteers operate fun carnival games, a bake sale, and a kitchen for purchasing some snacks to enjoy at the event. There’s also a cake walk, photo booth, face painting, outdoor activities & MORE. Proceeds from the event are used by Ranch View Home & School to help fund field trips, fund grants for our teachers, supplement financial assistance for Ranger families in need, and allow us to plan and provide many RV student focused events such as Ice Cream Social, Assemblies, Entertainers for room parties, and so so much more! Any additional proceeds then go towards capital projects at Ranch View to improve and enhance our Ranch View spaces for our Rangers.

“Ranch View Runs on Volunteers!” – We are fortunate to be part of a community where parents and staff work together to serve the interests of our children. Ranch View Home & School is *completely* dependent on volunteers and we are always interested in adding new members. If you are new to the community, or simply find yourself with the time and interest to volunteer, we invite you to visit: <https://www.naperville203.org/Page/4520> to learn about our mission and <https://www.naperville203.org/Page/4522> to fill out our Google Form to volunteer. Teamwork makes the dream work!

Our Ranch View calendar is packed full of helpful information and is available online and to sync with your devices, at: <https://www.naperville203.org/Page/30>. The best way to stay informed regarding Home & School happenings is to attend one of our monthly meetings. Meeting times are typically in evenings with both in-person and online options to accommodate various schedules. Our **first meeting** will be September 10th so look out for more information in Principal Casey’s weekly family update emails. At this first meeting, the 2024-2025 H&S Operating Budget will be presented for a vote. We’d love to see you there!

Your Ranch View Home & School Association Presidents

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* New Family Orientation is for new families to the school and therefore is by invitation only. Returning families have an opportunity to meet teachers and drop off school supplies during the Teacher Meet & Greet Event.