

Summer 2024

Dear Families,

Welcome to River Woods School for the 2024-25 school year! I hope you are enjoying your summer vacation adventures. The River Woods staff and I are looking forward to greeting our Red Birds in August and living the school vision of **Empowering All Learners to Positively Impact the World** through our inspirational endeavors this school year!

The 2024-25 Summer/Back to School Update Information will be found on our [website](#) 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 dropdown menu. A link to the page is also available on the website's Back to School Update banner. In the Summer/Back to School Update Information, you will find the School Event Schedule, District Calendar, Home and School Information, Instructions for Viewing Class Assignments, Lunch Information, and Naperville Education Foundation Letter. Please flag these valuable resources for your later reference.

If you are new or returning to River Woods School, several opportunities will be available to you during August and September to meet other families and find out about our school. We will be hosting events for all families and special activities for our kindergarten and new families. Celebrate the new school year through participating in these exciting happenings!

Kindergarten Connections

✚ To welcome and begin building family connections for our youngest new community members, *Kindergarten Connections* will be held on August 1 from 3:00-5:00pm on the playground. Join the fun of meeting other kindergarteners and their families before the first day of school.

New Family Tours

✚ On August 7, school tours for new families will take place from 9:00-10:00am and 3:00-4:00pm. 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 River Woods 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 August 7, at 3:00pm. Parents will access their child's classroom assignment via the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Visit the [District 203 website](#) and click on the Campus Portal link under Resources. Follow the prompts to create your parent account. If you have difficulty with your account, contact the help desk by email at campusportal@naperville203.org.

Teacher Meet & Greet

✚ All students and parents are invited to meet their teachers for the 2024-25 school year on August 12. To spread out the crowds at this popular event, families with last names **A-L** are scheduled to come from **2:00-2:25pm** and families with last names **M-Z** are scheduled from **2:35-3:00pm**. Enjoy this open house style event to meet your child's teachers, including our specialists, before the first day of school. This is an informal gathering with more detailed information about classroom activities and curriculum during Parent Night/Curriculum on August 22.

First Day of School

✚ The first day of school for all students in kindergarten-fifth grades will be Thursday, August 15! Instruction for all grades begins promptly at 8:15am with students entering the building after 8:00am. Please make sure that your child is not dropped off prior to 8:00am for supervision by staff begins at 8:00am. Students arriving after 8:15am must use the front door (Door 1) to enter the school. Dismissal for all students is at 2:30pm.

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](#). Additional hard to find items such as chair pockets will be available through our Home and School in the office during the first week of school.

Arrival & Dismissal

✚ Arrival and dismissal at River Woods School are busy times of the day with almost 500 students coming and going at the same time. It is vital that we work together to maintain safe and orderly arrival and dismissal procedures. Students will be entering and exiting the building through assigned grade level doors for the first week of school. After the first week, Bus Riders will continue to enter through Door 13. Students walking from Naper Blvd. will also use Door 13. Students arriving by car or walking from the neighborhood off River Woods Dr. or Apple River Dr. will enter the door closest to their drop off location on the parent drive (Doors 3-6). Kindergarten students may always use Door 4 for consistency. The door assignments for start of the school year are as follows:

Grade Level Doors for the First Week of School

Door 4: Kindergarten	Door 6: Grade 1	Door 5: Grade 2
Door 7: Grade 3	Door 3: Grade 4	Door 2: Grade 5
Door 13: All Bus Riders	Door 1: Students arriving after 8:15am or being picked up prior to 2:30pm	

[Map of Door Locations](#)

If a student arrives after 8:15am, 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. *Please review the River Woods [Parent Drive Procedures](#) and [Traffic Flow](#) on our website carefully in preparation for other safe school routines.

Bus Transportation

✚ All bus riders will be met by staff members at start of the school year to guide children to their grade level classrooms. While transportation information can be accessed in the [Campus Portal](#) starting on August 7 at 3:00pm, please check back frequently, including the day before school begins, 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 630-420-6631 for English or 630-548-4517 for Spanish or report via the [online system](#) prior to 7:45am.

Important Dates for the Beginning of 2024-25

First Day of School K-5	Thursday, August 15 from 8:15am-2:30pm
Parent Gathering	Monday, August 19 from 8:00-8:45am
Parent/Curriculum Night	Thursday, August 22
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindergarten & 1st Grade Parents: 6:00-6:40pm • 2nd & 3rd Grade Parents: 6:45-7:25pm • 4th Grade Parents: 7:30-8:10pm • 5th Grade Parents: 7:30-8:20pm
Family Picnic	Thursday, August 29 from 5:00-7:00pm
Fall Picture Day	Friday, August 30 during the school day
Home & School Meeting	Thursday, September 12 at 7:00pm
Ice Cream Social	Thursday, September 19 from 3:00-4:00pm

Thank you for your support and dedication to the River Woods School community. If you have any questions or feedback about River Woods School, please contact me by phone at 630-420-6630, drop a note in the office, or email at gbaumgartner@naperville203.org.

Sincerely,

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River Woods School Principal



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