



August 2025

Dear Super Star Families,

We are thrilled to welcome you to a brand new school year at Steeple Run! With high hopes and big goals, we are stepping into 2025–2026 ready to learn, grow, and shine brighter than ever!

This year promises to be one of collaboration, joy and celebration. Our students and staff will work together to build strong relationships, support one another and to create a school community where everyone feels included, valued and inspired. We are especially proud to continue honoring the many cultures that make up our school family, with meaningful events, classroom learning and shared traditions throughout the year.

As we move forward together, we will continue living by a message our students know well, "The More We Learn, The Brighter We Shine." This motto is not just something we say, it is something we believe and practice every day. Whether it's in the classroom, on the playground or at school events, our students understand that learning opens doors, builds confidence and helps us shine in our own unique ways.

The following information will help you get the school year started:

Website Information: The 2025-2026 Back to School Update Information can 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 "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.

Teacher 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 can 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.

Bus Information: 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.

School Supplies: If you have purchased a school supply kit for your child, the kit will be in their classroom on the first day of school. Our lists are also available for those who prefer not to buy a pre-made kit. On the Steeple Run Elementary website, click on *Grade Levels* and scroll to the bottom of the column on the left, under all of the individual grade level links, and click on *School Supply List* and follow the links to your desired grade level.

Steeple Run Elementary School

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New Family Tours: Our Home & School will provide tours for new families in grades 1-5 on August 12th from 9:30-10:15. These tours are not for incoming kindergarten families. Please come to Door 1 and we will direct you to your guide.

Treats with the Teachers: All students in grades 1-5, along with their families, are invited to meet their teachers on August 12th from 10:30-11:30 on the black top near the playground. This brief meet and greet gives teachers a chance to connect with their newest students.

Arrival and Dismissal: Students may not be unaccompanied on school property before 8:00 a.m. Students may enter the building when the first bell rings at 8:00 a.m. Students should report to their classrooms upon arrival and remain in class until instruction begins promptly at 8:15. Students who arrive after 8:15 are considered tardy. School dismisses at 2:30.

Arrival

- ★ All students that walk to school should enter through Door 8. Students should report directly to class upon arrival.
- ★ Students in grades 2-5 that are driven to school should enter through Door 1. Cars should pull into the lot from Steeple Run Drive and enter the drop off circle. Students may not exit vehicles until the car has pulled up to the front entry. Students should exit promptly and go directly to the building.
- ★ Students in kindergarten and first grade that are driven to school should be dropped off at Door 6. Students that are siblings of students in kindergarten and first grade may also enter through Door 6. Parents should enter the lot from Woodcrest Drive and follow the traffic circle. Students must remain in the vehicle until they are met by a staff member or safety patrol representative before they exit the vehicle. Our kindergarten team will meet students as they enter the building.
- ★ Bus riders will enter through Door 4 and should go directly to class upon arrival.

Dismissal

- ★ All students that walk home from school will exit through Door 8. Family members will be directed to a designated area, based on grade level, to meet their child. Students with siblings should meet at the grade level location of the youngest student in the family.
- ★ Students that are picked up by car, in grades 2-5, will be picked up at Door 1. Similar to entry, students may not enter the vehicle until it pulls to the entry area.
- ★ Students that are picked up by car in kindergarten, first grade and their siblings, will be picked up at Door 6. Students may not enter the vehicle until accompanied by a staff member or safety team representative.
- ★ To keep the car ride lane moving safely and quickly, all students should enter and exit their vehicles on the passenger's side. Parents should not exit the vehicle. Students should secure their own safety belts. If students need adult assistance, drivers should pull up from the pick up area and help secure their child quickly.





- ★ Students are dismissed at 2:30 PM. After that time, they may only remain on school grounds if accompanied by an adult. Please note that staff are off duty at 2:30.
- ★ If you need to pick up your child before dismissal, please email the teacher and the Executive Secretary, Diane Herling at dherling@naperville203.org. Please know that we will not call the student to the office for pick up until you arrive at the building and sign your child out. Please expect a few minutes while your child collects their belongings..

School Lunches: Please refer to the District 203 website (under Nutrition information) for information on our lunch program and systems for payment.

Recess: All students at Steeple Run will attend recess daily. We are not staffed for students to remain indoors unless we have written documentation from a physician.

Literacy Curriculum: 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 and 5th 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. Prior to this implementation, writing was done with the student's homeroom teacher.

To implement this new structure and ensure that all students continue to receive the dedicated support they need, we're strategically utilizing the expertise of additional talented staff members, along with Mrs. Munro to provide instruction to our students in Project Idea and Honors Math. This approach allows us to maintain the high quality of instruction across all critical areas, providing the best possible learning environment for your children. We will be communicating specific information to 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade families regarding the specific teachers who will be working with their children for literacy and math instruction as a result of the new structure.





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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Important Upcoming Dates:

- ★ 8/6: Teacher Assignments, Transportation Information available via Infinite Campus at 3:00pm
- ★ 8/12: New Family Tours (9:30-10:15am); Kindergarten Sneak Peek (9:45-10:15); Treats with the Teachers (10:30-11:30am)
- ★ 8/14: First Day of Student Attendance (8:15am-2:30pm)
- ★ 8/28: Curriculum Night (Adults Only)
 - Kinder through Grade 2 (5:30-6:15pm)
 - Grades 3 through 5 (6:30-7:15pm)
- ★ 9/5: Picture Day

We are ready for a joyful, connected and inspiring year—and we're so glad you're on this journey with us. Let's make it our brightest year yet!

Keep Shining,

Dawn Malatia
Principal

