

Dear Scott Families,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year at Scott School! I hope you are enjoying your summer adventures. The Scott staff and I are looking forward to greeting our Eagles in August and carrying out our vision of *Every Child, Every Day, A Success*.

The 2025-2026 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 clicking on the "2025-2026 Back to School Update" tab in the dropdown menu. You can also click on the website's Back to School Update banner.

We have some outstanding new staff members joining us this fall! Please join us in welcoming the following new staff to the Scott Community:

Ms. Sarah Perotti: Assistant Principal
Mrs. Carrie Smith: Assistant Principal
Mrs. Jean Gose: 1st Grade
Mr. Evan Kocsis: 1st Grade
Miss Oneida Byrd: 4th Grade
Mr. Thomas Collins: Art
Mrs. Sue Kelps: Executive Secretary
Ms. Kate Mora: Structured Learning Teacher
Mrs. Keri Close: Special Education Teacher (General Education Resource)
Mr. Ethan Bricker: Social Worker for Structured Learning and General Education
Mrs. Roni Halicky: School Psychologist
Ms. Katie Cochran: Speech and Language for Structured Learning
Ms. Amanda Pineda: Occupational Therapist for Structured Learning

The end of this update contains a short introduction blurb for most of our new staff members!

Please see each area below to learn important information you will need for the start of the school year.

Kindergarten & New Family Popsicles on the Playground:

Friday, August 8th at 5:00 PM (through Home and School): For incoming Kindergarten and new families. Come meet fellow students while enjoying some popsicles at Scott's playground! Members of the H&S Executive Board will be there from 5:00-6:00 PM to answer any questions you may have about H&S as well.

New Family Tours

On Tuesday, August 5th, school tours for new families and incoming kindergarteners will take place from 10:00-11:00 AM and 3:00-4:00 PM. 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 Scott 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 6 at 3:00 PM. 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.

Teacher Meet & Greet

All students and parents are invited to meet their teachers for the 2025-26 school year on Tuesday, August 12th. To spread out the crowds at this event, families are scheduled to come at specific times based on children’s last names.

Children with Last Names A-L	2:00- 2:30 PM
Children with Last Names M-Z	2:30- 3:00 PM

Enjoy this open house style event to meet your child’s teacher, 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 28th.

Students in our structured learning program are welcome to attend this event, as well. We are also having a sensory friendly Meet & Greet the day before, on Monday, August 11th from 2:30-3:00 PM for our students to meet their teachers. We would love to see our structured learning families there!

First Day of School

The first day of school for all students in kindergarten-fifth grade will be Thursday, August 14th! All students will gather on the blacktop and we will do a short activity before heading into the building. Parents are welcome to remain on the blacktop. Please make sure that your child is not dropped off prior to 8:00 AM because supervision by staff begins at 8:00 AM. Students arriving after 8:15 AM must use the front door (Door 1) to enter the school. Dismissal for all students is at 2:30 PM.

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

Aside from the first morning of school, the arrival doors are shown on the map below.



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Grade 5, Grade 4, Grade 3,

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Kindergarten, Mrs. Berghoff (1st), Mr. Kocsis (1st)

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Mrs. Lackey-LeBeau (1st), Mrs. Gose (1st), 2nd Grade

For more information on arrival, dismissal and carline procedure, please visit our Scott Handbook 25-26

Health Office

Our health office will be open to drop off medication and/or forms beginning **August 11th** from 8:00-2:30 PM each day. Please reach out to Ms. Christina Coyle, our certified school nurse, if you are a new family with any significant health concerns. Her email is ccoyle@naperville203.org

Breakfast/Lunch

Breakfast will be provided each day beginning at 7:45 in the gym. Children can bring lunch from home or buy lunch at school each day. Naperville 203 offers free and reduced-price school meals and milk to students from households that meet the federal income guidelines to qualify under the USDA School Nutrition Programs. Families can apply for free or reduced lunch and breakfast using information provided at this [link](#).

Absence Reporting

The attendance line is available 24 hours a day for your convenience so that you may leave a message regarding absences. The attendance line number is **630-420-6478**. Alternatively, absences may be reported online in the Infinite Campus Portal. For more directions on how to report absences online, please visit <https://www.naperville203.org/Page/2222>

New Literary 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 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.

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. Taylor Hey, to provide instruction to our students in Project Idea and Honors Math. Mrs. Christine Germany, one of our math interventionists, will be one staff member who will work with some of our honors math students this school year. 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.

Thank you for your support and dedication to the Scott School community. If you have any questions or feedback about Scott School, please contact me by phone at 630-420-6477, drop a note in the office, or email me at tratner@naperville203.org.

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Tracey Ratner
Principal, Scott School

GET TO KNOW OUR NEW STAFF!

Ms. Sarah Perotti: Assistant Principal

I'm excited to step into the role of assistant principal, bringing over a decade of experience as a special educator in both resource and self-contained settings, as well as a general education teacher in 2nd and 3rd grades. My work has focused on supporting student emotional regulation, mentoring fellow educators, and building strong vertical alignment in curriculum to ensure consistency and growth across grade levels. I'm passionate about creating inclusive, emotionally responsive environments where both students and teachers thrive.

Mrs. Carrie Smith: Assistant Principal

My name is Carrie Smith, and I'm thrilled to be joining the Scott School community! My family and I live in District 203, where my husband and I have two children—one will be a senior and the other a sophomore at Naperville Central High School this coming year.

I've been part of District 203 for the past 12 years, most recently serving as the Assistant Principal at Ann Reid Early Childhood Center. Prior to that, I spent 19 years working in special education across grade levels, from early childhood through high school.

I'm excited to bring my experience and enthusiasm to Scott and look forward to a wonderful year ahead!

Mrs. Jean Gose: 1st Grade

Hello! I have been a teacher for 12 years in Florida and have taught every grade from Preschool 3s to 3rd grade. I recently moved to Illinois with my husband and two sons to be closer to family and friends and to give my two little boys more opportunities for education. When I'm not teaching or knee deep in monster trucks, I can be found traveling new cities and hiking in all parks.

Mr. Evan Kocsis: 1st Grade

My name is Evan Kocsis, and I am excited to begin my 1st year of teaching after student teaching and spending time as a teaching assistant and permanent building sub! I received my bachelor's degree from Aurora University and my master's degree from National Louis University. In my free time, I enjoy watching/playing soccer and traveling.

Miss Oneida Byrd: 4th Grade

Hi everyone! My name is Oneida Byrd, and I am one of the new 4th-grade teachers at Scott Elementary! While I am new to Scott, I had the pleasure of working within the Naperville Community Unit School District 203 last school year as a permanent building substitute. Prior

to these roles, I attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where I received my Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. Outside of the classroom, I love spending time with my niece and nephews, reading, and exploring new restaurants. I am looking forward to this upcoming school year!

Mr. Thomas Collins: Art

My name is Thomas Collins. I will be joining Scott Elementary as an art teacher starting this fall. As someone who had strong role models in the arts throughout my academic career, I know the importance of support and encouragement as you discover yourself as an artist. My educators inspired me to pursue a bachelor's degree in art through the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design and played a role in my decision to become an educator today. I hope to be there to inspire the next generation of students and artists in the same way I was!

Ms. Kate Mora

Hi, my name is Kate Mora, and I'm thrilled to be joining Naperville 203! I graduated from Illinois State with a degree in Special Education and recently earned my master's in Teacher Leadership. This will be my fourth-year teaching special education, and I'm passionate about advocating for my students and learning alongside fellow educators. I'm so excited to be part of this amazing community