

JANUARY, 2016
IMPORTANT
DATES

**1/11 Poplar Grove
Elementary Night
at Culver's-1635
Big Thunder Rd,
Belvidere, 5-8 PM**

**1/12 PTO Meeting
4:30-5:30 PM**

**1/18 No School -
Martin Luther King
Day**

**1/21 Family Game
Night 5:30-7:30 PM**

**1/22 Mix It Up Day-
Career Day**

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Winter



Poplar Grove

Elementary News



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Principal's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I would like to take the opportunity to wish all of our Poplar Grove families a new year filled with excitement, hope, and promise. Welcome back to PGE! I hope everyone took the time to relax, rest, and spend time with family and friends. We at PGE are ready to make 2016 a year filled with student success through hard work and dedication by providing our students with daily opportunities to grow.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas concert performances. We deeply appreciate families making the time and commitment to celebrate both the season, and our students' efforts. Both performances highlight the many talents of our kindergarten through fourth grade students, as well as the skillful guidance and talent of our own Mrs. Zimmer.

On a far more personal note, as a staff we want to thank everyone for their remarkable generosity during the holiday season, and we hope that 2016 sees your dreams become reality and the new year brings you and your family peace, happiness, prosperity and good health.

Respectfully Yours,

Mrs. Walsh

Eagle Eye News

We would like to congratulate the following students for being chosen as Students of the month for December. Aundrea Lindaman, Lily Larsen, Gracie Harling, Wyatt Aitkenhead, Kylin Gibbs, Isabella Garcia, Kenzie Bauch, Grady Condon, Matthew Warren, Kylie Blazer, Avarie Torres, Sydnee Theissen, Madelynn Wares, Dakota Schober-Kramer, Owen Frederick, Jenny Figueroa, Taylor Adams. These students have done an excellent job of being respectful, responsible and safe! Keep up the good work!



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December Perfect Attendance



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Nevaeh	Acevedo	Austin	Evans	Janelle	LaGrassa
Thomas	Acosta	Dani	Faraone	Lily	Larsen
Addison	Adler	Jennifer	Figueroa	Gavin	Lewis
Aubrey	Adler	Kaitlyn	Fischbach	Aundrea	Lindaman
Wyatt	Aikenhead	James	Ford	Brody	Link
Naomi	Alatorre	Ava	Frederick	Taylor	Lipinsky
Marlee	Alderman	Morgan	Frederick	Byron	Livdahl
Simon	Anderson	Addison	Frey	Ryan	Lohr
Luis	Aquino	Wes	Fugle	Israel	Lopez Diaz
Alexander	Arata	Joshua	Funk	Aidan	Lueder
Oscar	Balsley	Jimena	Galacia	Avery	Lyda
Alexa	Banuelos	Daniel	Galvez	Brielle	Marchetti
Mackenzie	Bauch	Anthony	Garcia	Gabriella	Marquez
Najiyah	Beasley	Daniel	Garcia	Isabella	Marquez
Jillian	Bennett	Isabella	Garcia	Partrick	McCarty
Jayden	Bentley	James	Gonzalez	Chase	Morland
Connor	Bergman	Jakyla	Gooden	Mason	Morris
Kylie	Blazer	Ashton	Guajardo	Olivia	Morris
Quinn	Branthaver	Daniel	Hahn	Aaron	Neri
Blake	Bullard	Kayleb	Hamilton	Benjamin	Neri
Betzaida	Carmona-Salgado	Gracelyn	Harling	Jacob	Neri
Yanet	Casas	Adrian	Hernandez	Jaiden	Niemiec
Maximilian	Cervantes	Mason	Hesterly	Layla	Noble
Giselle	Chairez	Makayla	Hoffman	Laynee	Noble
Jack	Christensen	Elijah	Horton	Mason	Norberg
Jacob	Christopher	Malachi	Horton	Jaxon	Novak
Alexandra	Cooke	Kamrin	Irwin	Noah	O'Donnell
Griffin	Cooke	Olivia	Johnson	Russell	O'Donnell
Gunnar	Cooke	Vivian	Jones	Khloe	Osborne
Alexander	Cortez	Natalie	Jorgensen	Daegan	Owens
Guillermo	Cosio	Izabella	Jurs	Skylar	Pargman
Dario	Cruz	Mylee	Kingdon	Drew	Patel
Dominic	Cruz	Melanie	King-Melgoza	Casen	Patnaude
Estrella	Cruz	Kayley	Kingsbury	Lucy	Peacock
Quinntin	Danner	Noah	Kirby	Shayla	Perry
Jayden	Daugherty	Abigail	Koura	Marko	Petrov
Gabriella	Davis	Caleb	Koura	Ronald	Ragland
Ossiel	DeHoyos	Gracelyn	Kozak	Ariyana	Ramirez-Richter
Scout	Etnyre	Jasmin	Kozak	Natalya	Razo
		Kayleigh	Krause	Vidal	Rodriguez

December Perfect Attendance (Continued)

Hannah	Rogers	Deacon	Taylor	Jacqueline	VanFleet
Nathaniel	Sass-Whalen	Adan	Tellez	Wyatt	Vessels
Shaylin	Schnell	Logan	Tennant	Tommy	Wadington
Dakota	Schober-Kramer	Jarely	Tenorio-Garcia	Ava	Wares
Mackenzie	Schwab	Marlee	Theisen	Madelynn	Wares
Andrew	Self	Sydnee	Theisen	Hunter	Wargo
Matthew	Self	Killian	Tillman	Carson	Wheeler
Safwa	Shammakh	Owen	Tillman	Griffin	Wheeler
Aubrie	Smith	Torin	Tillman	Adelai	Whitlock
Parker	Smith	Annabella	Torres	Kendall	Williams
Amaya	Smoot	Avarie	Torres	Dale	Worley
Hayden	Staver	Dakota	Turley	Kyle	Worley
Ethan	Stohlquist	Nathan	Turley	Hailie	Wynstra
Isabel	Stohlquist	Michelle	Turner	Javier	Zavala
Ramon	Talavera	Jaiden	Ulsaver		

Thank you!

We would like to thank the Poplar Grove PTO for sponsoring our roller skating unit in PE. The students had a great time learning to roller skate and improving their skating skills. What a great opportunity for our students!

We would also like to extend a thank you to all the families that donated money, gift cards and items to our adopt-a-families. We were able to help ease the burden of Christmas for 6 families in our area.

The final thanks goes to all the parents, grandparents, and friends that helped to make our holiday parties a success. We had a wonderful response from many families donating the treats for the parties. The students had a wonderful time and enjoyed the treats, crafts, and games.

Recess will continue to be outside unless the WINDCHILL is below 10 degrees. Please make sure your child has the necessary clothing for outside recess. Please label all hats, coats, boots and gloves with your child's name and remember to check the lost and found.



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Office Notes

- Report cards were sent home in student backpacks just before winter break. If you did not receive your student's report card please contact the office for a copy.
- If you need to change the end of the day dismissal procedure for your child, please notify the school by 2:00 pm. This way we are sure to get the correct information to your child.
- **Due to the overwhelming number of students charging lunches and snack milk, effective immediately any students' account that falls below -\$5.00 will have their lunch card pulled and receive an emergency peanut butter lunch. If your student receives snack milk their snack milk card will be held and no milk will be received.** Student's cards will be returned once the lunch account is brought current. Please watch for notes to come home with your child regarding their lunch account balance. We start sending notes when the account balance is below \$0.
- If your child is absent from school, please call or email the school office by 9:00 am. The phone number is 815-765-3113 or you may email **PGAttendance@nbcusd.org**.
- Students are referred to the Regional Attendance Cooperative if they are unexcused more than 5% of the last 180 days. Please take this into consideration when you plan vacations during the school year. Please consider bringing a note from a physician for the absence to be excused when attending Dr. and dentist appointments.
- We have had a large amount of tardy students lately. Our school day starts at 8:00 am. That is the time the students are to be in their classroom. If not, they are marked tardy. Please plan for winter weather. Our doors open at 7:50. Before school care is available. Please contact the Belvidere YMCA for more information.
- Cold weather is here! Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor recess and PE.
- If you know your child is going to be absent for more than a day, please stop by the office and fill out a pre-arranged absence form.
- Please make sure you have updated your contact information with the school office. In the event of an emergency closing we will contact you by the School Messenger system.
- Watch your student's backpack for outstanding fee notices. As a reminder all fees must be brought current by the end of this school year.
- Watch for information to come home regarding our Family Game Night. It will be on January 21st here at the school from 5:30-7:30 pm.
- We have 3 pairs of child sized glasses in the office. If your student wears glasses and is missing them please contact the school office.

PreKindergarten Developmental Screening

North Boone Family Centered Pre Kindergarten program will have screening for children 3 to 4 years old in District #200. The developmental screening will be held at Capron Elementary School on a monthly basis on the following dates; Jan. 13, Feb 11, Mar 16, and Apr. 14. Please call Capron Elementary School to schedule an appointment. The children are screened for possible selection to participate in 2016-2017 school year in the North Boone Pre-K program.

Children will be taking part in an individual screening process which will take about an hour for each child to complete. If you would like to take advantage of this program, which is designed to provide free educational services for eligible children in District #200, please call 815-569-2314 between 8 am and 3:30 pm.

A parent or guardian must accompany the child to Capron School, 200 N. Wooster. Parents need to bring a copy of the child's birth certificate and Social Security number with them to the screening.

El program jardín de infancia centrado de la familia de North Boone tendrá exámenes para los niños de 3 a 4 años de edad en el district #200. Los exámenes de desarrollo se llevara a cabo en la escuela primaria de Capron sobre una base mensual. Por favor llame a Capron la escuela primaria para una cita. Los niños son revisados para su posible selección a participar en el año escolar 2016-2017 en el program del Norte de Boone Pre-k.

Los niños participarán en un proceso de exámenes individual que tomara alrededor de una hora para que cada niño termine. Si usted quisiera aprovecharse de este programa, que se diseñó para proporcionar los servicios educativos libres para los niños elegibles en el district #200, llame por favor 815-569-2314 entre 8 am y 3:30 pm.

Un padre o un guarda debe acompañar al niño a la escuela de Capron, 200 N. Wooster. Los padres necesitan traer una copia de la partida de nacimiento del niño y número de Seguridad Social con ellos a la investigación.

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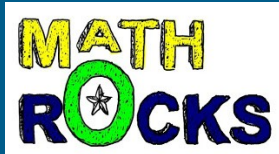
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Math Tips



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New Year, New Goals!

Out with the old and in with the new year! This is a great time to make some resolutions and make a fresh start. When it comes to school work, does your child practice math every day in some way? Just like reading daily helps students become better readers, daily math practice is also important. A few minutes a day can have a **HUGE** impact, so here are a few ways to squeeze in some math:

Going for a drive? Have your child . . .

- count to a specific number and then go backwards!
- skip count
- play "I Spy" with numbers and have them find numbers on signs, license plates, anywhere!
- tell you the time that you leave, then the time you arrive and figure out elapsed time (how long did it take to get there?)

At the store? Have your child . . .

- count the number of items you are buying
- compare prices on items (Which is more? Which is less? How much more or less?)
- estimate the price of each item and keep track of the total amount (when you check out they can see how close they are)
- pay for the item(s) and count out the correct money needed (or count the change received)
- figure out how many more you need (I need 8 cans of sauce and I already have 3, how many more do I need?)

In the kitchen? Have your child . . .

- help make dinner (measuring ingredients, follow directions, etc.)
- count (set the table and count spoons, count the number of boxes on the shelf, etc.)
- tell you about what they are doing in math and have them teach YOU how to do it
- play a board game for a few minutes while you wait for dinner to finish cooking (even a deck of cards can become many different math games: Go Fish to match numbers, WAR addition or multiplication, etc.)

On the computer or tablet? Have your child . . .

play a math game for 5-10 minutes BEFORE playing a game of their choice (there are many free math apps & games online: abcya.com, xtramath.org, or multiplication.com are just a few!)

Challenge your child(ren) to take a few minutes every day to think and talk about math and see how it makes a difference!



