

## EVENT CALENDAR

September

**9/7 Labor Day-No  
School**

**9/8 PTO Meeting  
4:30 -5:30 pm**

**9/14 Grandparent's Day  
and Bake Sale  
2:00-4:00 pm**

**9/15 Bilingual Parent  
committee ice cream  
social 6:00 pm**

**9/25 Mix-it-up Day Wear  
Black and White**

October

**10/2 Donuts With Dad  
7:15-8:00 am**

**10/9 No School Teacher  
Institute-End Of 1st  
Quarter**

**10/12 Columbus Day-No  
School**

**10/15 Dismissal 12:45 pm  
Parent Conferences  
1:00-8:00pm**

**10/25 Mix -it-up Day  
Sports Apparel Theme**

**10/26 Red Ribbon  
Theme -Wear Red**

**10/27 Red Ribbon  
Theme -Wear Pajamas  
or Relaxing Clothes**

**10/28 Red Ribbon  
Theme -Wear Crazy  
Socks**

**10/29 Red Ribbon  
Theme -Wear A Hat or  
Crazy Hat**

**10/30 Halloween Party  
8:15 am Red Ribbon-  
wear Halloween Cos-  
tumes Or Spirit Wear**

# POPLAR GROVE ELEMENTARY

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2015

## A Note From Your Principal

Now that we have officially started the 2015-2016 school year, I would like to give a big thank you to all members of our school community that made the beginning of the year so successful. Working together we will achieve great things.

If at any time you have a suggestion, concern, or question, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time so we can discuss any issues that arise. I can be reached at 815-765-3113 or by e-mail at [hwalsh@nbcusd.org](mailto:hwalsh@nbcusd.org). This year, in order to communicate in a wide variety of ways, we have several locations to find important school news and information. Please check the Principal's Blog on our district website ([www.nbcusd.org](http://www.nbcusd.org)). We also have started a Poplar Grove Elementary Facebook page so like our page for important updates. I also have a Twitter account that you can access @PGE\_Walsh. All of these sites will contain important information for parents and families.

I have enjoyed going into classrooms and getting to know the students. We are working to make this year a memorable one through new programming and initiatives. I am so excited to see all of the great things that will happen this year at PGE!

## Welcome Our New Staff!

We have several new faces around PGE this year! Please help us welcome all of our great additions, including all of our new families that have moved into the area. We are excited to welcome Mrs. Walsh as Principal and the following new teachers; 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Boyce. Many students recognize her from last year as Ms. Moneysmith our math interventionist, congratulations on your marriage. We also welcome 4th grade teacher, Ms. Mutert, special education teachers, Mrs. Chromczak and Mrs. Muck, math interventionist, Mrs. Pagan. The following are teacher assistants new to PGE; Ms. Sheldon, Ms. Saglier, Ms. Henke, and Ms. Caldwell. We are excited to be off to such a great start! Welcome to the PGE Family!





Since the weather is still nice, PE may be outside on some days. If your child wears sandals or flip flops to school for the day, please be sure that they have tennis shoes to wear outside!

## Notes From The Office

- If you need to change the end of the day dismissal procedure for your child, please notify the school no later than 2:00 pm. This way we are sure to get the correct information to your child.
- If your child is absent from school or will be tardy, please either call or email the school office by 9:00 am. The phone number is 815-765-3113 or you may email [Mpiskie@nbcusd.org](mailto:Mpiskie@nbcusd.org) and [Asowers@nbcusd.org](mailto:Asowers@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. 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. The absence is not excused without this paperwork completed. If your child is absent due to illness for more than 3 days, you will need to bring a note from a physician in order for the absence to be excused.
- **REMEMBER!!!**
  - 7:50 am:** first bell rings, doors are opened
  - 7:55 am:** warning bell rings
  - 8:00 am:** final bell rings-All students are required to be in their classrooms by this time, or they will be marked tardy.
- All visitors must register in the main office before having access to the building. A driver's license or State Id is required. If you do not have one with you, you will not be allowed to go any further into the school building. This allows us to keep each and every student as safe as possible from the moment they enter the school building.
- Lunches are \$2.50/day full price and \$.40 for reduced. Milk may be purchased for cold lunches for \$.40 a carton.
- We have forms available for students who carry a cell phone. Please have your child request a form from the office. As a reminder, all student cell phones should be turned off and put in the student's backpack during the school day.
- The safety of our students is important, and from time to time we will practice for certain unlikely situations. We will have tornado, fire, bus evacuation and intruder drills. Many times we have our local fire department and law enforcement present to help. Please discuss the importance of these drills with your child.
- Preschool screenings are September 23rd from 8:00-11:30 am at Capron Elementary. Call 815-569-2314 to register.
- We will celebrate Halloween on October 30, 2014 with the following format: Parties will be in the morning from 8:15-9:45 am. Students should come dressed in their costumes, if desired. No face paint, face coverings, or "look alike" weapons please. School clothes should be underneath the costume so that changing out of the Halloween costume is easily done. Please watch for more information.

# Earn Your Eagle Eyes

We are excited to start the school year off with our new PBIS Eagle Eye Program! PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Interventions and Support. Our Positive Behavior Support philosophy is structured to teach students what behavior we expect them to exhibit, reinforce their positive choices, and use discipline interventions when necessary. We believe students should feel SAFE when they are at school and understand it is difficult to learn when another student does or says something that creates an unsafe environment.

Poplar Grove's PBIS program has 3 rules to follow;

- Be respectful,
- Be responsible
- Be safe

Students can earn "Eagle Eyes" on a daily basis when a staff member notices them being safe, respectful or responsible. A school store will be every other Friday during lunches in the school cafeteria. Students may use Eagle Eye Tickets to purchase a variety of items including school supplies, school spirit items, and other small prizes. A weekly Eagle Eye drawing will be held for prizes (e.g. donut breakfast with the principal), in addition to a school-wide drawing for further recognition. Our entire school will work to earn other special privileges.

A special thanks to everyone that is participating in the Butter Braids fundraiser. The proceeds will benefit our Eagle Eye rewards program.



Our Lost and Found is located in our multi-purpose room. Please check during conferences to see if any of the lost items are your student's! Please make sure your student's name is on all personal items.



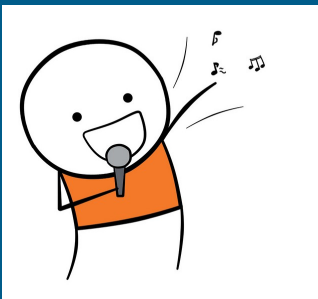
## Notes From The Nurse

- Attention Parents/Guardians of North Boone School District 200 Students: All students in the North Boone School District will have their vision and hearing screened by an Illinois Public Health Department Certified Technician. If there are any parents/guardians who do not want their child screened, they must submit that refusal in writing to their school prior to September 30, 2015.
- You should keep your child home if; They have a fever of 99.6 degrees or higher, have been vomiting, have a productive cough, headache, body ache, earache, or a severe sore throat (A minor sore throat is usually not a problem, but a severe sore throat could be strep throat, even if there is no fever. Other symptoms of strep throat in children are headache and upset stomach. Your doctor will perform a test for strep).

**Please keep your student home until their fever has been gone for 24 hours without medication.**



**GET READY TO:**  
 LEARN **see** DO  
 read **EXPLORE**  
 question **GROW**  
 laugh **smile**  
 IMPROVE **SHARE**  
 try write **CONNECT**  
 imagine  
**DO YOUR VERY BEST**



# News From Our Classrooms

## Mrs. Babcock's 3rd Grade Class

Everyday our minds are turned on for learning. Reading Little House on the Prairie and responding to the story fill our reading Power Hour. We understand what we read by asking questions, monitoring our thoughts and recalling the story. Our book is organized in chapters where the characters feel, talk and act making the story come to life.

We make meaning with picture books followed by essay writing. Our writing follows a formula or recipe that helps us thoroughly respond to a prompt. Be sure to read our essays as they come home in the red folders.

In our morning math time, we review number operations with place value and number lines as well as comparative and ordered numbers. We also analyze data in charts, tables and graphs. We are developing our number sense with addition and subtraction.

In our Foss Science unit, *Structures of Life*, we discover seeds and sprouts. Check out our twitter and webpage photos of home seed sprouters and the classroom Biosta. Crayfish will arrive before the end of the month for more investigating. We can't wait!

In working with words, grammar and vocabulary studies are fun with the Shurley Method. Our first spelling test was a big success. Keep studying the lists for Friday tests.

Our first family engagement night, *All About Apples*, is on September 24th at 6:30 PM in our classroom. Please plan to come and view our projects and join in the evening's activities. We can already smell the Autumn Apple Cakes!


Mrs. Babcock and Third Graders

## Mrs. Zimmer's Music Class

We are having fun in music this 1st semester learning steady beat, notes and rhythms. The 3rd and 4th grade students will be starting the recorder in September. The students should bring their recorder from home if they have one. If not, students may use recorders that are washed everyday or they may purchase recorders for \$3 from Mrs. Zimmer. If you wish to purchase a recorder please send \$3 in an envelope with your student's name on it and label it "recorder."

# Math Tips

## Monthly Math Tips!



**Counting Book**  
Cut out pictures from the newspaper and use them to make a counting book. Page 1 will have one thing on it, page 2 will have 2 things that are alike, page 3 will have 3 things that are alike... At the bottom of each page, write the number of items on the page, the word for that number (six, for example), and the word for the item.


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Students in kindergarten can practice numbers in a fun way by making a counting book!

Students in grades 1-4: Practice those facts for fluency!

There are some games on the internet or even apps that practice math facts OR you can make it a game with some dice, a deck of cards, or just a pencil and paper. No matter how you have your child practice, it's important that they are able to answer basic math problems correctly and quickly!

1. **Play with dice.** Really. Toss the flashcards and practice adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing using the numbers you roll on dice.
2. **Flashlight math.** Use the flashcards and flip two cards at a time. Kids shine a flashlight on the one they know and answer that one. Simple. Don't have a flashlight? Make a math wand. Bumblebee wand, perhaps? Use a stick or a light saber. Anything that works for your kid.
3. **Write the answer.** Or paint the answer. Water on cement or chalk on sidewalk or window crayon on window. One person flashes the cards and the other guy writes.
4. **Play "Super Sums".**



**Super Sums**  
Use only the 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 6s, and aces (1s) from a deck of cards. Each player writes the numbers 1-12 on a piece of paper. Then each player picks two cards and adds up the numbers on them. The player can mark off that sum on the paper or cross off the two numbers on the cards. Who will be first to cross off all 12 numbers on the list?

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Picture retakes are October 28, 2015. please send back your picture packages if you wish retakes.



Lunch menus are available online at [www.nbcusd.org](http://www.nbcusd.org) under the food service tab

## Picture Retakes

Photos were sent home with the students. If you are not happy with the photos you can return your pictures and request retakes. Retakes will take place on October, 28, 2015. You must return your pictures by that date if you wish your child to have retakes. Please write "retake" on the outside of your child's picture envelope. If your child was absent on picture day we will have them photographed on retake day.




# North Boone Elementary Schools: Capron, Manchester, Poplar Grove (K-4)

## SEPTEMBER, 2015

*Fat Free Milk served daily with meals*

*Menu subject to change without notice*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <b>Labor Day</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>1</b> Taco Maxsnax 27g Corn 38g Pineapple 15g	<b>2</b> Chicken Rings 15g Slice Whole Grain Bread 13g Broccoli 8g Mandarin Oranges 17g	<b>3</b> Cheeseburger 31.2g Veggie Beans 23g Pears 14g Cookie 15g	<b>4</b> Bosco Cheese Sticks w/ marinara sauce 42g Carrot Sticks Applesauce 23g
<b>7</b> <b>Labor Day</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>8</b> French Toast Sticks 23g Roasted Potatoes 34g Pineapple 15g Apple/Cherry Juice 14g	<b>9</b> Cheese Quesadilla 38g Corn 25.3g Celery Sticks 8g Peaches 12g	<b>10</b> Mini Corn Dogs 27g Veggie Beans 23g Pears 14g Jello Cup 25	<b>11</b> Chicken Strips 14g Sliced Whole Grain Bread 13g Broccoli 8g Carrot Sticks Mixed Fruit 18g
<b>14</b> Corn Dog 27g Oven Fries 36g Garden Salad 3.6g Peaches 12g	<b>15</b> Soft Taco 35g Refried Beans 22g Shredded Lettuce 3.6g Applesauce 23g	<b>16</b> Chicken Nuggets 14g Sliced Whole Grain Bread 13g Broccoli 8g Mandarin Oranges 17g	<b>17</b> Hot Dog 32g Veggie Beans 15.3g Celery Sticks w/soy butter 18g Pineapple 15g	<b>18</b> Pepperoni Pizza 24g Carrot Sticks Pears 14g Fruit Slushie 20g
<b>21</b> Pancakes w/sausage 40g Roasted Potatoes 34g Mandarin Oranges 17g Dragon Juice	<b>22</b> Chicken Fajita 16g Corn 38g Pineapple 15g Cookie 15g	<b>23</b> Mac & Cheese 31g Sliced Whole Grain Bread 13g Broccoli 16g Pears 14g	<b>24</b> Popcorn Chicken 14g Veggie Beans 15.3g Celery Sticks w/soy butter 18g Applesauce 23g	<b>25</b> Cheese Pizza 24g Broccoli Florets and Carrot Sticks w/ranch 3g DOLE fruit cup 18g
<b>28</b> Grilled Cheese 30g Celery sticks w/soy butter 18g Peaches 12g Fruit Slushie 20g	<b>29</b> Taco Maxsnax 27g Corn 38g Pineapple 15g	<b>30</b> Chicken Rings 15g Slice Whole Grain Bread 13g Broccoli 8g Mandarin Oranges 17g		