EVENT CALENDAR

September

9/5 Labor Day-No School

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

9/9 Grandparent's Day and Bake Sale 7:15-8:30 am

9/23 Mix-it-up Day Wear **College Gear**

9/26 Picture Re-take Day

October

10/3-10/7 Homecoming Week

10/7 NBHS Homecoming football game

10/10 Columbus Day-No School

10/14 Donuts With Dad 7:15-8:00 am Mix it up Day-Dress Like an Animal Theme

10/19 Parent Conferences 4:00-7:30pm

10/20 Parent Conferences 4:00-7:30pm

10/21 No School Teacher Institute

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

10/24-10/28 Red Ribbon Week

10/28 Halloween Party 8:15 am

POPLAR GROVE ELEMENTARY

SEPTEMBER 2016

A Note From Your Principal

Welcome back to the 2016-2017 school year. We are off to a great start, and I cannot wait to see all of the great things that happen this year at PGE! My goal for the upcoming school year is to help each student realize their unlimited potential. I am dedicated to leading Poplar Grove Elementary into the future while creating an educational community that accepts and respects all students' abilities, allowing them to grow and prosper into successful lifelong learners. With your support we can make anything happen. This year, I invite you to attend my Coffee and Conversation meetings held monthly at PGE. This is an amazing opportunity to meet other parents, learn about the great things happening at PGE, and discuss important topics affecting our students. I look forward to seeing you there.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have. I look forward to serving you and your students this year. Poplar Grove Elementary is an amazing place to be, and I am looking forward to having a great 2016-2017!

Respectfully yours, Heather Walsh

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!

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. Pagan as 3rd Grade Teacher. Many students recognize her from last year as our math interventionist! We also welcome special education teachers, Mrs. Franzen and Mrs. Stinde. The following are new teacher assistants new to PGE; Mrs. Sorenson, and Ms. Hoffman. Welcome to our PGE Family!





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 PGEoffice@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 \$2.75/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 have started at Capron Elementary. Call 815-569-2314 to register.
- We will celebrate Halloween on October 28, 2016 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. <u>No face paint, face coverings, or "look alike" weapons please.</u> School clothes should be underneath the costume so that changing out of the Halloween costume is easily done. Please watch for more information.



Lunch menus are available online at www.nbcusd.org under the food service tab

Earn Your Eagle Eyes

We will once again be rewarding students with positive behavior with our 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. Students may use Eagle Eye Tickets to purchase a variety of items at the Eagles nest store 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.

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, 2016.
- 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.



Our Lost and Found is located in our multipurpose 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.



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Reading News

Congratulations to all of the families that traced their summer reading on the reading log an brought it to school. We had a record 120 students participate in the bouncy house party, complete with reading medals and freeze pops. The students really enjoyed the dog bouncy house and the incredible obstacle bouncy house. Thank you to PTO for sponsoring this party to keep our students motivated to read all summer long. We appreciate it!

Please continue to ensure that your children read each day. Consistent reading builds vocabulary, fluency, and so much more. It is one of the best things you can do to help ensure your child's success.

Picture Retakes

Photos will be sent home with the students soon. If you are not happy with the photos you can return your pictures and request retakes. Retakes will take place on September 28, 2016. 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.

News from Mrs. Babcock's Class

In Mrs. Babcock's class, students learned Apple Valley names and family histories. They thoroughly enjoyed crafting pioneer schools out of a shoe boxes. They'll learn so much simulating pioneer life and participating in the one-room school house of 1872.**Country School Association** retweeted one of the tweets from 8/17/16. Following the pioneer theme, <u>Little House on the Prairie</u> is one of the first chapter books used for shared, choral, modeled, partner and silent/independent reading. Readers are so interested in finding out what will happen to Laura Ingalls as she journeys west into Indian country.

Car Rider Pick Up

If your student is picked up as a car rider at dismissal we ask that you remain in your vehicle in the pick up lane. If your student needs assistance getting buckled we ask that you park your car and pick them up at door A instead. We ask for your cooperation in this matter to keep all students and their families safe.



Picture retakes are September 28, 2016. please send back your picture packages if you wish re-

SEPTEMBER, 2016 Fat Free Milk served daily with meals Menu subject to change without notice

Cherry Tomatoes w/ranch ^{15g} DOLE Fruit Cup 18g Celery Sticks w/soy butter 18 Carrot Sticks w/ranch 16.5g Cherry Tomaotoes w/ranch Carrot Sticks w/ranch 16.5g Applesauce 23g Calypso Crush Juice 13 g Applesauce 23g Calypso Crush Juice 13 g Fresh Broccoli Florets & Pepperoni Calzone 35 g Mandarin Oranges 17 g Mini Pizza Bagels 34g **Bosco Cheese Sticks** w/marinara sauce 42g **Bosco Cheese Sticks** w/marinara sauce 42g Cheese Pizza 24g Fruit Slushie 20 g Cookie 15 g Pears 14g Corn 38g Friday 16 23 30 თ Bacon Cheeseburger 31.2g Baby Carrots w/ranch 15g Popcorn Chicken 14g Slice WG Bread 13g Veggie Beans 15.3g Grilled Cheese 30g Chicken Strips 14g Veggie Beans 23g Green Beans 12g Garden Salad 6g Mango Juice 13g Applesauce 23 g Fruit Slushie 20g Dinner Roll 15g Applesauce 23g Pineapple 15g Peaches 12g Hot Dog 329 Broccoli 8g Cookie 15g Peas 24g Pears 14g Thursday 15 29 22 ω Mandarin Oranges 17g Mandarin Oranges 17g Chicken Nuggets 149 Broccoli 8g Slice WG Bread 13g Slice WG Bread 13g Mini Corn Dogs 27g Mac & Cheese 31g Chicken Rings 15g Veggie Beans 23g Dinner Roll 15g Jello Cup 25g Craisins 28g Broccoli 16g Wednesday Broccoli 89 Pears 14g Pears 14g 4 38 5 payments. Phone app also available! New Paid Lunch Price for District website for meal \$2.75 Fiesta Black Beans 20g \$.40 E-Funds available on Shredded Lettuce 3.6g Nachos w/cheese 34g Sour Orange Raisels Refried Beans 22g Chicken Fajita 16g **Reduced Price** Apple Churro 27g Black Beans 22g Fiesta Pizza 399 2016/2017 SY Applesauce 23g Soft Taco 35g Pineapple 15g Pineapple 15g Peaches 12g Churro 27g Tuesday Corn 38g 33 20 27 ശ Pancakes w/sausage patty 40g Mandarin Oranges 17g Labor Day Cherry Star Juice 13g Garden Salad 3.69 Veggie Beans 23g **Oven Fries 36g** Corn Dog 27g Peaches 12g Hot Dog 329 No School Cookie 15g Pears 14g Monday 19 20 42

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