

EVENT CALENDAR

December

4 1st grade field trip to IOU Christmas Party Belvidere

11 Santa's Secret shop during school hours

12 Breakfast with Santa, Santa's Secret shop 9-11:30

15 Kindergarten-2nd grade Holiday Music concert 6-7 pm

16 3rd-4th grade Holiday music concert 6-7 pm

17 Holiday Classroom Parties 8:15-9:15 am

17 Report cards sent home

Dec 21– Jan 4 Winter Break

January

5 School resumes

Please call to let us know your child will not be in school 815.765.3113 or email your student absences to PGEattendance@nbcusd.org.

If you need to change dismissal procedures for your child please contact the office by 2:00 pm.

You may use the PGEattendance@nbcusd.org for any correspondence with the school office.

POPLAR GROVE ELEMENTARY

DECEMBER 2015

Principal's Message

Happy Holidays! The holidays have arrived at Poplar Grove Elementary. We have many fun and exciting things this month to celebrate from our Santa's Workshop, Holiday Music Concerts, and Holiday parties. This time of year is supposed to be fun, but for many of us it can lead us to feeling stressed. Here are just a few suggestions that may help:

Slow down and reconnect: At the end of the day, sit down and talk with your children. Read them holiday stories or talk about holidays when you were a child.

Simplify whatever you can: For dinner on busy days, enjoy soup and sandwiches with a glass of milk. No law says that a family must have a full course meal to make it healthy.

Invite your children to think of special gifts for people on your list: You'll be surprised at how thoughtful little ones can be about other people's needs.

Find something to laugh about: Laughter really is the best medicine. Get silly and find your own inner child!

Remember...the best holiday memories are of the FUN TIMES, not the extravagant gifts or meals

On behalf of the staff at PGE, we wish you a relaxing holiday, memorable times with family and friends, and the best in 2016.

Mrs. Walsh
Principal

Holiday Concert Information

Come join us for our Holiday concerts!

- Kindergarten thru 2nd grades- Tuesday, December 15, 6-7 pm
- 3rd and 4th grades-Wednesday, December 16, 6-7 pm

Doors will open at 5:30 both evenings. Please come early to get a parking spot! Students are to meet in their classrooms no later than 5:45 p.m. Families will pick up their students in their classrooms immediately following the concert. Look your best! Dress to impress!

Please bring a canned good to donate to our local food pantry this holiday season!





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Important PE Information!

- December 7-17: Poplar Grove students will be roller skating during PE class. Only students who have turned in their permission slips will be allowed to participate. Please make sure your child is wearing socks each day.
- Now that winter is here, PE will be inside. Please make sure your child has inside tennis shoes to wear.



Santa's Secret Shop/Breakfast with Santa

Santa's Secret Shop: The Poplar Grove PTO will once again be sponsoring Santa's Secret Shop. This is an opportunity for our students to shop and purchase gifts to give to family members. We encourage the students to have a list of the people they would like to buy gifts for along with a small list of some favorite things or items those people on the list would like and the amount to spend on each person. The elves in the shop will help the students pick out, pay and wrap the gifts they purchased.

Please don't send any money in advance, wait for the information to come home and return with the accompanying paperwork. Make sure all money sent for Santa's Shop is clearly labeled with the child's name.

Shopping dates:

December 11-During the school day

December 12 9:00-11:30 am

Breakfast With Santa:

Breakfast with Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be Saturday, December 12 from 9:00-11:30 am. Donuts, Juice and Milk will be available for purchase. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be available to see your child(ren). This will be a great photo opportunity so don't forget your camera! Santa's Secret Shop will also be open during this time.

Volunteers: Volunteers are needed for both events. Forms will be coming home, please indicate where you can help and return to school or contact the PTO at PTOPoplargrove@gmail.com.

MAP Testing

MAP testing will be December 1-December 11 for grades 2-4. Please make sure your student gets a good nights sleep and breakfast each day. Also, please try to avoid scheduling appointments during this time.

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. Please call Capron Elementary School to schedule an appointment. The children are screened for possible selection to participate in 2015-2016 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 2015-2016 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 diseña 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.

Recess Information

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. Students will need to have coat, boots, gloves, and snow pants in order to play in any snow we may receive. Otherwise they will be limited to play on the blacktop area of the playground. Please label all hats, coats, boots and gloves with your child's name and remember to check the lost and found.

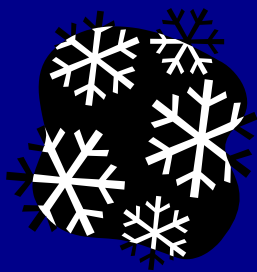


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Monthly Math Tips

Skip, Skip, Skip to my Lou - Skip Counting!

Skip counting helps prepare your child for many math skills: counting coins, finding patterns, multiplication facts, and even solving algebraic equations. Here are some fun ways to help your child skip count:

Use money and coins:

Have a handful of change? Let your child practice math skills! Young children can begin to sort coins and even use pennies to count by 1's. As your child masters counting, you can move on to other coins and skip counting. Can your child count by 5 and 10? That's a great way to prepare them to count nickels and dimes. Change it up and start at a different number to skip count by 5 or 10

(example: start at 25 and count by 5s = 25, 30, 35, 40, . . . OR by 10s = 25, 35, 45, . . .) and then use the coins. Once your child succeeds with pennies, nickels, and dimes, begin to include quarters.

Multiplication facts:

Multiplication means repeatedly adding the same amount or equal groups. For example, you have 5 dimes and count 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 . . . 50 cents. This also means I have 10 cents 5 times or $10 \times 5 = 50$ cents. This is another way to skip count! Most children can easily multiply by 2, 5, and 10 because they learned to skip count, but counting by 6 or 7 is more challenging! You can use lists or a hundred chart to help:

Money's Worth
Give your child a chance to answer riddles such as "I have three coins in my pocket. They are worth 7 cents. What do I have?" For older students, ask more challenging questions such as "I have six coins in my pocket. They are worth 30 cents. What could I have?" or "The coins in my pocket total 11 cents. How many coins could I have?"

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Money's Worth #2
Provide a pile of change and invite your child to show you how many different ways he or she can use those coins to make 10 cents, 25 cents, 30 cents, 40 cents, or 50 cents. For older children, name the price of an item (for example, 79 cents) and have the child count out the coins that would be given as change if you paid for the item with a dollar bill.

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Skip Counting to Multiply

02-04-06-08-10-12-14-16-18-20

03-06-09-12-15-18-21-24-27-30

04-08-12-16-20-24-28-32-36-40

05-10-15-20-25-30-35-40-45-50

06-12-18-24-30-36-42-48-54-60

07-14-21-28-35-42-49-56-63-70

08-16-24-32-40-48-56-64-72-80

09-18-27-36-45-54-63-72-81-90

Name _____ Date _____

Skip Counting by 4s

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

Sick Day Guidelines

"Sick Day Guidelines: Making the Right Call When Your Child is Ill"

(This is a Guideline to assist Parents in making smart choices this cough and cold season)

Should I keep my student home or send him/her to school?

Consider keeping your student home if he/she:

- **Has a fever of 99.6° or higher**
- **Has been vomiting or had diarrhea**
- **Has eyes that are pink, itchy and/or have drainage**
- **Has symptoms that prevent him/her from participation in school:** such as excessive tiredness or lack of appetite Productive coughing and sneezing, headache, body aches, earache, 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 and sometimes a faint rash. Contact your physician as your student needs a special test to determine if it is strep throat.

Keep your student home until their fever has been gone for 24 hours without medication. Colds can be contagious for at least 48 hours. Returning to school too soon may slow the recovery process and expose others unnecessarily to illness.

Does my student have the flu? The flu is serious. Call your physician at the first sign of flu symptoms, which typically comes on suddenly. Symptoms include: High fever, chills, headache, body aches, earache. Consult your child's physician about the best way to treat their cold or flu.

How do I make my child feel better?

- o Make sure your student gets plenty of rest and put limits on TV watching.
- o Encourage fluids, like water, soup, juice and ice.
- o Help your student relax
- o Consider using a cool humidifier
- o When used as directed, cough and cold medications help relieve symptoms while your student is getting better. Read/follow directions and give the exact amount recommended.

How Can I prevent my student from getting a cold?

- *Teach your student to wash their hands frequently using plenty of soap and warm water. Proper hand washing should take about 20 seconds, the time it takes to sing Happy Birthday twice.
- *Teach your student to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or their sleeve.
- *Keep the student's environment tobacco free.
- *Minimize the time your student spends with other people who have cough or cold symptoms.
- *Serve a balanced diet with lots of fruits and vegetables. Give daily vitamins if recommended by your doctor.
- *Have annual health exams to follow changes in your student's health.
- *Keep Immunizations up to date.
- *After your student is feeling better, clean all surfaces, wash all bedding and air out the room.



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Weather will have turned colder so please make sure your student comes with jackets, gloves, hats, boots and snow pants as necessary. Students will continue to have recess outside unless the windchill is below 10 degrees.

Attendance Information

One of the most valuable life skills a student can learn is taking the responsibility of arriving at school, everyday, on time. This skill can easily be accomplished and will transfer as a valuable asset for the future. One of the most important times of the school day is the morning. This is the time when important school news is announced, teachers define the plans for the day, and instructional goals are reviewed and set. The whole tone of a child's school day is set in the first part of the day. Please help support your children in learning habits that will help them be successful at school and throughout life.

We have started a reward program for students. Each month they have perfect attendance they will receive a badge to go on their key chain. In order to qualify for perfect attendance your student must attend school every day it is in session for that month. They must not be tardy or leave early throughout the day. The students have received the October rewards and were very excited!

As cold weather is approaching, we are asking that you plan accordingly to get your student to school on time.

- 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 8:00 am or they are marked tardy. We understand that traffic is bad when it rains and even worse when it snows. We know that a lot of you have more than one child to deliver each day and that car pools are late sometimes. We realize that tires go flat, shoes get lost, car keys get misplaced and alarms don't always go off. However, NONE of these reasons are "legal" in the State's regulations, so tardies resulting from them will remain unexcused. Please plan ahead and allow extra time for unexpected delays as excessive tardies will lead to disciplinary action.

Outlined below is the policy Poplar Grove Elementary will be using each quarter and consequences for tardiness. We will start enforcing this as of November 1, 2014:

- After a total of 3 unexcused tardies, a note will be sent home with the child that evening. The note is to be signed by a parent and returned to the school office. The student will serve lunch/recess detentions until the note is returned to school.
- After the 4th tardy, your student will serve a lunch/recess detention.
- After the 5th tardy, your student will serve 2 lunch/recess detentions. During these detentions the student will be required to make up any missed work that occurred because of the tardy.
- After the 6th tardy a referral will be made to the Regional Attendance Coop for excessive tardiness and your student will serve a half day in-school suspension.

Excessive tardiness is defined as being tardy more than 10% of the current school session. We will also report all tardiness in excess of 10% for the current school session to the Regional Attendance Coop.

Perfect Attendance for October

Wyatt	Aitkenhead	Natalie	Jorgensen	Kristy	Reitz
Luis	Aquino	Izabella	Jurs	Vidal	Rodriguez
Alexa	Banuelos	Melanie	King-Melgoza	Hannah	Rogers
Allie	Blazer	Mylee	Kingdon	Avila	Sanchez
Benjamin	Cabral	Abigail	Koura	Abigail	Schlosser
Caden	Carpenter	Caleb	Koura	Dakota	Schober-Kramer
Kylee	Carpenter	Kayleigh	Krause	Stella	Schulte
Yanet	Casas	Lily	Larsen	Mackenzie	Schwab
Max	Cervantes	Brock	Livdahl	Matthew	Self
Alex	Cortez	Chloe	Lowery	Safwa	Shammakh
Guillermo	Cosio	Aidan	Lueder	Aubrie	Smith
Julian	Crotty	Alexander	Lukan	Parker	Smith
Dario	Cruz	Gavin	Mains	Destiny	Soto-Rocha
Dominic	Cruz	Adriana	Marquez	Gavin	Stephens
Jayden	Daugherty	Isabella	Marquez	Hayden	Staver
Mason	Denk	Kimberly	Martinez	Ethan	Stohlquist
Scout	Etnyre	Isabella	McPherson	Isabel	Stohlquist
Kaymia	Fernando	Mariah	McPherson	Cooper	Surratt
Marlen	Fernandez	Owen	Meredith	Alondra	Talavera
Jennifer	Figueroa	Chase	Morland	Ramon	Talavera
James	Ford	Ella	Murphy	Adan	Tellez
Ava	Frederick	Aaron	Neri	Logan	Tennet
Morgan	Frederick	Benjamin	Neri	Jarely	Tenorio-Garcia
Joshua	Funk	Jacob	Neri	Sydnee	Theisen
Julia	Garbacz	Jaiden	Niemiec	Killian	Tillman
Daniel	Garcia	Jaxon	Novak	Owen	Tillman
Isabella	Garcia	Noah	O'Donnell	Torin	Tillman
Jimena	Galicía	Russell	O'Donnell	Avarie	Torres
Daniel	Galvez	Kaden	Olsen	Dakota	Turley
Anthony	Garcia	Leonardo	Ovalle	Michelle	Turner
Kylin	Gibbs	Mario	Ovalle	Madelyn	Wares
James	Gonzalez	Nicholas	Pancyrz	Hunter	Wargo
Kayleb	Hamilton	Skylar	Pargman	Jacob	Webb
Daniel	Hahn	Drew	Patel	Carson	Wheeler
Victoria	Hernandez	Casen	Patnaude	Griffin	Wheeler
Mason	Hesterly	Lucy	Peacock	Adelai	Whitlock
Makayla	Hoffman	Jaylen	Pippel	Dale	Worley
Liam	Isibue	Alexa	Pollace	Kyle	Worley
Hadilee	Jones	Ronald	Ragland	Hailie	Wynstra
Vivian	Jones	Natalya	Razo	Jenavieve	Young

Our Lost and Found is located in our multi-purpose room. Please make sure your student's name is on all personal items.





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

DECEMBER, 2015

Fat Free Milk served daily with lunch

Menu subject to change without notice

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Cheese Quesadilla 38g Corn 25.3g Celery Sticks 8g Peaches 12g	2 Mini Corn Dogs 27g Veggie Beans 23g Pears 14g Jello Cup 25g	3 Chicken Strips 14g Slice Wheat Bread 13g Broccoli 8g Carrot Sticks Mixed Fruit 18g	4 Nachos w/cheese sauce 34g Green Beans 12g Mandarin Oranges 17g Wango Mango Juice 13g
7 Corn Dog 27g Oven Fries 36g Garden Salad 3.6g Peaches 12g	8 Soft Taco 35g Refried Beans 22g Shredded Lettuce 3.6g Applesauce 23g	9 Chicken Nuggets 14g Slice wheat Bread 13g Broccoli 8g Mandarin Oranges 17g	10 Hot Dog 32g Veggie Beans 15.3g Celery Sticks w/soy butter 18g Pineapple 15g	11 Pepperoni Pizza 24g Carrot Sticks Pears 14g Fruit Slushie 20g
14 Chicken Fajita 16g Corn 38g Pineapple 15g Cookie 15g	15 Mac & Cheese 31g Slice Wheat Bread 13g Broccoli 16g Pears 14g	16 Holiday Shaped Chicken Nuggets 15g Veggie Beans 15.3g Celery Sticks w/soy butter 18g Applesauce 23g	17 Cheese Pizza 24g Fresh Broccoli Florets and Carrot Sticks w/ranch 17g Dole Fruit Cup 18g	18 First Day of Winter Break!!!! Emergency Day if needed.
21	22	23 	24	25
28	29	School Resumes Tuesday 1/5/16		