

EVENT CALENDAR

November

11/1 Daylight savings time ends turn clocks back 1 hour

11/10 Erin's Law Presentation during school day

11/10 Make and Take Night

**11/10 PTO Meeting
4:30-5:30 pm**

11/14 PTO Night at Skateland 4:30-6:30

**11/20 Mix It Up Day
Dress Like Your Favorite Book Character**

**11/25-11/27 No School
Thanksgiving Break**

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

NOVEMBER 2015

A Note From Your Principal

To our Poplar Grove Families,

This has been a wonderful start to the school year. The students have settled in nicely and have been working on building relationships with their classroom teachers and with their peers. Classrooms are buzzing with learning and questioning. I would like to share my appreciation to all of you for attending Kindergarten Reading Night and Parent Teacher Conferences in October. I look forward to seeing you at Make and Take Night on November 10th from 6-7 p.m.

Our 2015 Red Ribbon Week Campaign was a wonderful way to support our school-wide effort to be drug free and make wise choices to maintain a healthy lifestyle. We celebrated our first annual Door Decorating Contest with amazing results! You should have seen some of the doors! We appreciate our PGE staff and students for celebrating Ribbon Week with daily messages: The Best Me is Drug Free, Follow Your Dreams and Don't Do Drugs, Sock it to Drugs, Put a Cap on Drugs, and Team Up Against Drugs.

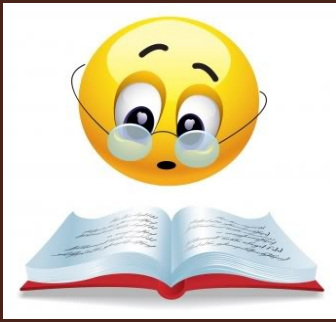
As we visibly show our unity through school spirit, know that our unity behind all that is best for your children is at the forefront of what we do. Your children are our children and we care about them! Please stay in contact with your child's teachers. Reach out through email and conversation. Get involved and stay involved in your child's education and Poplar Grove Elementary, and let us know how we can help.

Thanks for all you do as parents. You have great kids!

Respectfully,
Heather Walsh

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.



Reading Information

Make & Take Night is Tuesday, November 10, from 6:00-7:00 PM! Please join your child in making something that you can bring home and play to reinforce skills that are being taught at school. Coming to school demonstrates to your child that you believe SCHOOL IS IMPORTANT, and playing these games at home with your child shows your child that you care about his/her learning. We look forward to seeing you!

Please consider making books a gift to your child this holiday season. Perhaps you can give a gift certificate to a book store so you and your child can go together, allowing your child to select a book that is most interesting. Suggest to aunts, uncles, grandmas, and grandpas that book shopping together would make a great experience and gift that they could give to your child. Building a home library is a wonderful way to keep books at your child's fingertips.

Andy's Books for Kids has already donated a book to every kindergarten child at PGE. Soon this organization will be allowing every first through fourth grader to select a book! These books should be coming home in time for reading over Christmas break. Please show an interest in the book your child has selected and listen to your child read. Ask your child to reread certain parts for fluency or in various character voices--we hope your whole family enjoys these books! We are so grateful to Andy's Books for Kids for selecting PGE as a recipient again this year.

Monthly Math Tips

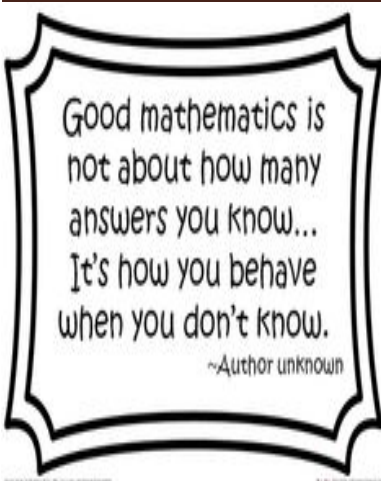
New Ways of Thinking about Math

Math lessons have changed quite a bit from the days when we were in elementary school. Now students are digging deeper into numbers and learning what numbers mean, different ways to represent them, and how to apply this understanding in different situations. You can find more information about the Common Core Mathematic Standards at <http://www.corestandards.org/other-resources/key-shifts-in-mathematics/>

A great online resource for parents to see and hear about this different type of math thinking is Khan Academy. This site has video lessons to see and hear the math concepts being taught as well as different practice activities. There are topics for preschool all the way to college-level math (I used this site for some of my college math courses). <https://www.khanacademy.org/>

and click on "subjects" at the top. That will show you the math section and all of the grade levels and topics available.

Plan to come to our **Reading and Math Make-n-Take Night** on **November 10th from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** to get more resources to use at home to support your child's math and reading education!



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 her/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.

Just a reminder...It is in our policy that if a student does not participate in PE, they must also not participate in recess. There will be a table in the lunch room for them to sit and draw or play games. Thank you!



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



Weather will be turning colder so please make sure your student comes with jackets, gloves, hats, boots and snow pants as necessary. Students will continue to have recess and/or PE 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 September 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 August-September

Aubrey	Adler	Lily	Larsen	Andrew	Self
Wyatt	Aitkenhead	Alexander	Lee	Matthew	Self
Naomi	Alatorre	Shae	Lessard	Alexys	Sims
Noah	Anderson	Brody	Link	Parker	Smith
Najiyah	Beasley	Taylor	Lipinsky	Destiny	Soto-Rocha
Joey	Belvedere	Brock	Livdahl	Hayden	Staver
Charles	Bennett	Chloe	Lowery	Gavin	Stephens
Jillian	Bennett	Aidan	Lueder	Cooper	Surratt
Rory	Bennett-Sims	Alexander	Lukan	Deacon	Taylor
Allie	Blazer	Zoe	Lukan	Adan	Tellez
Kylie	Blazer	Adriana	Marquez	Logan	Tennant
Joshua	Bohlman	Isabella	Marquez		Ternorio-
Krayden	Brown	Isabella	McPherson	Jarely	Garcia
Caden	Carpenter	Chase	Morland	Killian	Tillman
Kylee	Carpenter	Mason	Morris	Owen	Tillman
Max	Cervantes	Holden	Niemiec	Torin	Tillman
Jalen	Chavira	Jaiden	Niemiec	Annabella	Torres
Grady	Condon	Layla	Noble	Avarie	Torres
Alexander	Cortez	Noah	O'Donnell	Dakota	Turley
Julian	Crotty	Russell	O'Donnell	Nathan	Turley
Estrella	Cruz	Kaden	Olsen	Michelle	Turner
Quinn	Danner	Kole	Olsen	Jacqueline	VanFleet
Gabriella	Davis	Deagan	Owens	Cora	Voska
Scout	Etnyre	Trinity	Panetti	Matthew	Warren
Kaymia	Fernando	Skylar	Pargman	Mattie	Whalen
Kaitlyn	Fischbach	Drew	Patel	Carson	Wheeler
Ava	Frederick	Casen	Patnaude	Griffin	Wheeler
Joshua	Funk	Shayla	Perry	Adelai	Whitlock
Daniel	Galvez	Marko	Petrov	Ethan	Winne
Anthony	Garcia	Jaylen	Pippel	Dale	Worley
Daniel	Garcia	Alexa	Pollace	Kyle	Worley
James	Gonzalez	Ariyana	Ramirez-Richter	Hailie	Wynstra
Gracelyn	Harling	Natalya	Razo		
Mason	Hesterly	Kristy	Reitz		
Elijah	Horton	Heather	Riley		
Chance	Kingdon	Hannah	Rogers		
Melanie	King-Melgoza	Cooper	Rubin		
Gracielyn	Kozak	Shaylin	Schnell		
Jasmin	Kozak	Dakota	Schober-Kramer		
Austin	LaRoche	Jackson	Schumacher		

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



Keep Me Home If...



**Special Needs & Medically Fragile Children
NEED you to KEEP your Sick Child Home**

A Very Special Needs Resource

When Your Child is Sick:

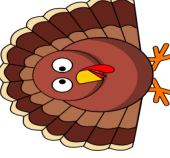
**Do Not Intentionally
Expose Them to Others**

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

NOVEMBER, 2015

Fat Free Milk served daily with meals

Menu subject to change without notice

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 French Toast Sticks 23g Roasted Potatoes 34g Pineapple 15g Apple/Cherry Juice 14g	3 Cheese Quesadilla 38g Corn 25.3g Celery Sticks 8g Peaches 12g	4 Mini Corn Dogs 27g Veggie Beans 23g Pears 14g Jello Cup 25g	5 Chicken Strips 14g Slice Bread 13g Broccoli 8g Carrot Sticks Mixed Fruit 18g	6 Nachos w/cheese sauce 34g Green Beans 12g Mandarin Oranges 17g Wango Mango Juice 13g
9 Corn Dog 27g Oven Fries 36g Garden Salad 3.6g Peaches 12g	10 Soft Taco 35g Refried Beans 22g Shredded Lettuce Applesauce 23g	11 Chicken Nuggets 14g Slice Bread 13g Broccoli 8g Mandarin Oranges 17g	12 Hot Dog 32g Celery Sticks w/soy butter 18g Veggie Beans 15.3g Pineapple 15g	13 Pepperoni Pizza 24g Carrot Sticks Pears 14g Fruit Slushie 20g
16 Pancakes w/sausage 40g Roasted Potatoes 34g Mandarin Oranges 17g Calypso Crush Juice 13g	17 Chicken Fajita 16g Corn 38g Pineapple 15g Cookie 15g	18 Popcorn Chicken 14g Veggie Beans 15.3g Celery Sticks w/soy butter 18g Applesauce 23g	19 Turkey w/gravy 3.6g Mashed Potatoes 17g Dinner Roll 15g Peaches 12g	20 Cheese Pizza 24g Broccoli Florets & Carrot Sticks w/ranch 17g Dole Fruit Cup 18g
23 Grilled Cheese 30g Celery Sticks w/soy butter 18g Peaches 12g Fruit Slushie 20g	24 Taco Maxsnax 27g Corn 38g Pineapple 15g	25 No School	26 Happy Thanksgiving!! 	27 No School
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