

**DECEMBER 2012
IMPORTANT
DATES**

**12/4 3rd Grade
Play 7:00 pm**

**12/6 Jingle Jangle
Workshop 3-7 pm
Reservations Re-
quired *No More
Slots Available!**

**12/17 Market Day
Pick-up 5:15 pm**

**12/19 Last Atten-
dance Day Before
Winter Break If
No Snow Days.
End of 1st Semes-
ter**

**12/20 Emergency
Day- Attendance
ONLY if a Snow
Day is used.**

January 2013

**1/7 School Re-
sumes**

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Poplar Grove Elementary News



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Annual Clothing Swap/Food and Toy Drive

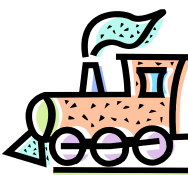
We understand that financially times are tough right now for many families. As a school community, we thought we could do something to try to help each other out. To achieve this, Poplar Grove Elementary School will be hosting its second annual Clothing Swap. The Clothing Swap was something that was started at PGES last year to help families. This year we would like to extend the offer to the families of the students at Manchester Elementary School and Capron Elementary School, to participate in this event.



In order to make this event successful, we need your help! We are asking families to please donate any gently used infant, children and/or adult clothing items to your child's school (no ripped or stained clothes, please). The event will take place on **December 4th & 5th from 2:30-6:30 p.m at Poplar Grove Elementary School.**

During this time, anybody is welcome to come and look through the clothes and take any clothing items that they need. The best part is that there is **NO MONEY NEEDED** to participate in this event! Additionally, you do not have to donate any items to participate in the swap! It will be first come, first served.

We thought that this would also be a great time to give back to our community. So along with collecting clothes for the clothing swap, we will also be holding a food and toy drive for the Boone County Food Pantry. We would greatly appreciate if you could donate any non-perishable food items and/or any un-wrapped NEW toys that can be distributed to the many families in need during the upcoming holiday season. Our donations can really help those families that are struggling to get by and provide a happy holiday season to numerous children who very much deserve it. The Boone County Food Pantry has informed us that they are in great need of soups and canned fruits, however all non-perishable food items would be deeply appreciated. Please do not donate any expired food items.



All clothing, food and toy donations will be accepted at your child's school through December 4th, 2012. We hope that you will take advantage of this event and help us make it a successful one. We will also be looking for volunteers to help us set up and organize the clothing swap. If you are interested in volunteering, please inform your school's secretary, along with your contact information. Thank you so much in advance for your participation!



Important PE Information!

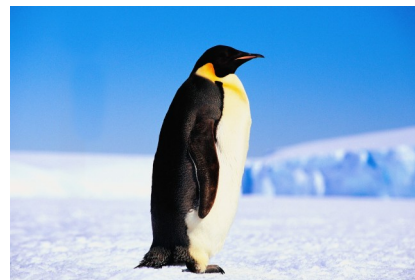
December 10th-19th Poplar Grove students will be roller skating during PE class. Only students who have turned in their permission slips will be allowed to participate. Please make sure your child is wearing socks each day.

Now that winter is here, PE will be inside. Please make sure your child has inside tennis shoes to wear .



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Recess will continue to be outside unless the WINDCHILL is below zero. 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.



Thank You!

We have many wonderful people who volunteer their time. We would like to thank Theresa Abell, Jacqueline Anderson, Ashley Bates, Mike Bakken, Kristin Bellend, Carissa Blazer, Jason Bodell, Chrissy Carpenter, Kyleene Cottrell, Teri Crookshank, Chris Danner, Chantalle Edmunds, Cindy Enos, Izabela Faraone, Kirsten Frederick, Karen Gadke and Kiuna, Liz Galaviz, Jennifer Gibson, Leticia Held, Jessica Hesterly, Brenda Hirsch, Jamie Lamb, Michele Lessard, Stephanie Meyers, Shae O'Neill, Katie Park, Anita Roberts, Hana Shammakh, Kerri Shoemaker, Angela Smith, Lucerito Soto, Andrea Sowers, Jeremy Tennant, Brandy Theisen, Cassie Turner, and Jamie Wheeler.



Belvidere/Boone County Food Pantry Info

The Belvidere/Boone County Food Pantry will be giving Christmas gifts to the children of clients beginning Tuesday, December 4, continuing Tuesday, December 11, with Tuesday, December 18, being the final day for gifts. As long as the supply of gifts last, clients will choose one unwrapped item for each child in their family.

The Pantry is located at 200 S. Fifth Street in Capron and Tuesday hours are from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. For new clients wishing to sign up for food, they must bring a picture ID and two pieces of mail within thirty days with their current address. Income restrictions apply based upon USDA guidelines. Please contact the Pantry at (815) 569-1571 for additional information.

Family Reading Night Info

We will be having some reading nights for families of PGE students. Here are some of the dates and details;

- Thursday, February 21, 2013-All school Family Night– nationally acclaimed magician/ventriloquist Chris McBrien will be performing at 6:00 pm. Please watch for more details.
- After the first of the year, PGE students will be participating in One Book, One School. All PGE students will be reading the same book during a designated time period. Please watch for more info on this exciting simultaneous reading adventure.

Breakfast/Lunch Charge Info

Due to the overwhelming number of students charging lunches, effective immediately any students' account that falls below -\$4.00 will have their lunch card pulled and receive an emergency peanut butter lunch. 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 them when the account balance is \$4.00 or less for full paid lunches and \$.80 or less for reduced.



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PreKindergarten Developmental Screening



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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 2013-2014 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 las escuela primaria para una cita. Los niños son revisados para su posible selección a participar en el año escolar 2013-2014 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.