

NOVEMBER 2013
IMPORTANT
DATES

11/3 Daylight Sav-
ings-Turn your
clocks back 1 hour

11/5 PTO meeting
4:30 pm

11/8 Mix-it-up day!
Favorite sports
team

11/11 No School-
Veteran's Day Ob-
served

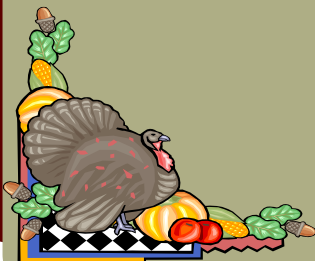
11/9 PTO Night at
the Icehogs 7:05
pm

11/14 Market Day
orders due

11/15 Progress re-
ports sent home

11/18 Market Day
pick up

11/27-11/29 No
School-Happy
Thanksgiving!



Poplar Grove

Elementary News

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Make and Take Family Reading Night

KINDERGARTEN FAMILY NIGHT

Approximately 220 people attended our 3rd annual kindergarten family night on Tuesday, October 1st. Kindergarten students amazed and entertained their families with their performances! Mrs. Hodge from Andy's Books for Kids presented a new book (that each student had selected earlier), and reading games were provided as well. It was a fantastic start to a school-home partnership, and we thank everyone who attended.



ANDY'S BOOKS FOR KIDS

Mrs. Hodge from Andy's Books for Kids has graciously accepted our grant application for each and every Poplar Grove student to receive a free, new book of their own choosing. These books were already distributed to kindergarten students, and grades 1-4 will be receiving their books at some point during the month of November. We are so grateful to this organization for putting books into our students' hands!

PGE MAKE & TAKE NIGHT

Be sure to set aside Thursday, November 7, to attend Poplar Grove Elementary's annual Make & Take Night. Parents go to their children's grade level and make an activity together that they can use/play at home to reinforce what their children are learning at school. Also, Mrs. Lenser will be reading stories in the library, and parents can read a story with their children in the library, too! This is for ALL grade levels . . . be sure to come! **Make & Take Night is from 6:00-7:00.** You can come at any time during that hour.

The staff at Poplar Grove would like to thank the PTO for dinner during parent-teacher conferences.

Thank you to everyone for coming to watch our Halloween parade and to all those that helped with our classroom parties. We appreciate all of you!



We will notify you of emergency closings using our school messenger system. You will also be able to get information on the local television and radio stations.

Office Reminders

- School starts at 8:00 AM. Students are marked tardy if they are not in their classroom by 8:00. As the weather gets colder we ask that you allow extra time to make sure your child arrives to school on time and safely. Please remember to shovel your sidewalks so our students have a safe place to walk. Please be alert for children that may appear from behind snow piles.
- If you are planning a trip that requires your child to miss school, please request a pre-arranged absence form from the office. The absence is not excused unless this form is turned in.
- Please call the office if your child will not be in school. Your child's absence is unexcused if we do not have a parent report the absence. You may also leave a message on the office voice mail or email to mpiskie@nbcusd.org.
- Notices are sent home on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays regarding lunch balances. Please be looking for these notes in your child's backpack.
- As PE will be inside more now that the weather is turning colder, please make sure your child has a set of tennis shoes to wear in the gymnasium for PE.
- Please make sure all emergency phone numbers are kept current with the school office. We will be notifying families of school closings or early dismissals via our School Messenger system.
- Remember, any cell phone usage while driving in a school zone is prohibited. Please register all student cell phones with the office.

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.

Cold vs. Flu Information



Cold vs. Flu Symptoms Guide

The answers to these questions can help determine whether a child is fighting the flu or combating a cold:

Flu vs. Colds: A Guide to Symptoms

Questions	Flu	Cold
Was the onset of illness ...	sudden?	slow?
Does your child have a ...	high fever?	no (or mild) fever?
Is your child's exhaustion level ...	severe?	mild?
Is your child's head ...	achy?	headache-free?
Is your child's appetite ...	decreased?	normal?
Are your child's muscles ...	achy?	fine?
Does your child have ...	chills?	no chills?

If most of your answers fell into the first category, chances are that your child has the flu. If your answers were usually in the second category, it's most likely a cold.

But don't be too quick to brush off your child's illness as just another cold. The important thing to remember is that flu symptoms can vary from child to child (and they can change as the illness progresses), so if you suspect the flu, call the doctor. Even doctors often need a test to tell them for sure if a person has the flu or not since the symptoms can be so similar!

Some bacterial diseases, like strep throat or pneumonia, also can look like the flu or a cold. It's important to get medical attention immediately if your child seems to be getting worse, is having any trouble breathing, has a high fever, has a bad headache, has a sore throat, or seems confused.

While even healthy kids can have complications of the flu, kids with certain medical conditions are at more of a risk. If you think your child might have the flu, contact your doctor.

Treatment

Some kids with chronic medical conditions may become sicker with the flu and need to be hospitalized, and flu in an infant also can be dangerous. For severely ill kids or those with other special circumstances, doctors may prescribe an antiviral medicine that can ease flu symptoms, but only if it's given within 48 hours of the onset of the flu.

Most of the time, you can care for your child by offering plenty of fluids, rest, and extra comfort.

And if the doctor says it's not the flu? Ask whether your child should get a [flu shot](#).



PreKindergarten Developmental Screening

North Boone Family Centered Pre Kindergarten program will have screening for children 3 to 5 years old in District #200. The developmental screening will be held at Capron Elementary School on 01/15/2014, 02/04/2014, 03/21/2014, and 4/3/2014. Please call Capron Elementary School to schedule an appointment. The children are screened for possible selection to participate in 2014-2015 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 5 años de edad en el district #200. Los exámenes de desarrollo se llevara a cabo en la escuela primaria de Capron sobre 01/15/2014, 02/04/2014, 03/21/2014, y 4/3/2014. 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 2014-2015 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 Seuridad Social con ellos a la investigación.