

**DECEMBER 2013
IMPORTANT
DATES**

**12/2-12/13 MAP
Testing, grades 2-4**

**12/4 Early Dismissal
12:45**

**12/6 1st grade field
trip for IOU party**

**12/10-12/11 Clothing
& Toy Drive Pick up
NBUE 3:00-7:00 pm**

**12/13 Mix it up day-
PJ day**

**12/16 Santa's Secret
Shop 5:00-7:30 pm**

**12/16 Market Day
Pick-up 4:15 pm**

**12/17 Santa's Secret
Shop-during school
hours at teacher's
discretion**

**12/18 Last Atten-
dance Day Before
Winter Break If No
Snow Days. End of
1st Semester**

**12/19 Emergency
Day- Attendance
ONLY if a Snow Day
is used.**

January 2014

1/6 School Resumes



Poplar Grove Elementary News

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Important 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.

As cold weather is upon us, 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 we will be using each quarter and consequences for tardiness. We will start enforcing this as of December 1, 2013:

- After a total of three 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 continue to 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.

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.



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. PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL CONTACT INFORMATION IS UP TO DATE!



Important PE Information!

December 2-13. 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.



MAP Testing

MAP testing will be December 2-December 13 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.

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. 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. Make sure all money sent for Santa's Shop is clearly labeled with the child's name. There will be more information to follow.

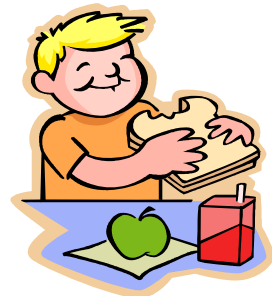
Shopping dates and times:

12/16-Monday, 5:00-7:30 PM

12/17-Tuesday, during school hours at the teacher's discretion

Lunch Charge Info

Due to the overwhelming number of students charging lunches, effective immediately any students' account that falls below -\$5.00 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.



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 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.

Recess will continue to be outside unless the WIND-CHILL 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.



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