



# Poplar Grove Elementary News

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## Important Dates

- September 5-No School -Labor Day
- September 8-PTO Meeting, 6-7 pm
- September 8-Homecoming Assembly—WEAR RED,WHITE, AND BLUE
- September 13-School pictures
- September 19-Market Day pick up 5:15 pm
- October 7-No School-Teacher Institute
- October 10-No School-Columbus Day
- October 12-Early release-12:45 Dismissal

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## Welcome Back!

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed a wonderful summer. We were excited to see all of our returning students, and it has been fun getting to know our new students. They are a wonderful addition to the PG family!

We would like to welcome some new faces in our building. Mr. Dinsmore is

teaching 2nd grade PE. Mrs. Engelman is our new kindergarten teacher. Ms. Gorham, Mrs. Mitchell, and Mr. Kammerer are teaching assistants. Ms. Lough and Mr. Nicky are our new special education teachers. Mrs. Parod is our new social worker. Mrs. Seipts is filling in for Mrs. Winebaugh in 1st

grade while she is home with her new baby. Our last is not a new addition—Mrs. Keppel (formerly Ms. Hulett) was married over the summer.

Let's Hear it for Another Great Year!

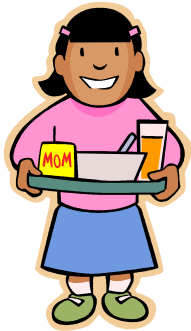
## Physical Education News

PE class will be held outside everyday while the weather is still nice. Please make sure your child is prepared for class with the appropriate shoes. If your child wears flip-

flops, clogs, or sandals without back straps to school, please send other shoes for them to wear during PE class. They cannot wear their inside PE shoes outside.

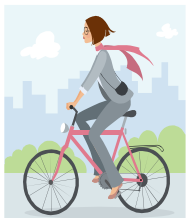
Those shoes are for inside gym only. Please don't forget to bring in your inside PE shoes.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Reminder: We are serving breakfast every morning for our students. Breakfast starts at 7:45 am.

This will be the only paper newsletter sent home this year. You may access it on the web at [www.nbcusd.org](http://www.nbcusd.org) or pick up a copy in the school office.



Remember to watch for our many bicyclists and walkers. Please help keep our children safe as they go to and from school!

## Important Office notes

Here are a few notes that will help our school run smoothly.

- We are now serving breakfast at 7:45 each morning. The cost is \$1.50 for full price and \$.30 for reduced. All students are welcome for breakfast. You do not need to sign up ahead of time.
- Our school day starts at 8:00 am. Students are marked tardy if they arrive after that time. Please come to the office for a late pass.
- If your child walks home from school, they will be dismissed at 2:40 pm. They will exit the building via our State St. entrance. Please meet them there or make arrangements for them to walk home safely.
- If your child is absent from school, please notify the office by 9:00 am.

You may call (815)765-3113 or email the office at **piskiemarky@nbcusd.org**

- If you know your child is going to be absent for more than a day, please stop by the office and fill out a pre-arranged absence form.
- Please continue to send in lunch money. Lunches are \$10/five days for full price and \$2.00/five days for reduced. Milk may be purchased for cold lunches for \$.35.
- Cold weather will be approaching! Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor recess and PE.
- When sending cold lunch with your child, please do not send items that need to be cooked or reheated.
- We have forms available for students who carry a

cell phone. Please have your child request a form from the office. As a reminder, all student cell phones should be turned off during the school day.

- **New attendance guidelines!** Students are referred to the Regional Attendance Cooperative if they are unexcused more than 5% of the last 180 days. This has been lowered from 10%. Please take this into consideration when you plan vacations during the school year.
- Theme days—We have will have theme days throughout the year! **Our first theme day is in honor of High School Homecoming—we will be joining them in wearing red, white, and blue!**

## Market Day Information

Our school community is participating in a fundraising food program called Market Day. Market Day, the original fundraising food co-op, has been in operation since 1975 and has grown to include thousands of schools just like ours.

Each month, as a participating Market Days school, restaurant-quality food

products, from the same vendors that supply many up-scale restaurants, will be available for purchase. Market Day products are competitively priced and our PTO will earn profit on your purchases. We can earn this money without our students going door-to-door, without purchasing products we wouldn't ordinarily pur-

chase, and with the knowledge that all products are of exceptional quality and covered by a Satisfaction Guarantee! Be looking for Market Day order forms to come home with your child.

Market Day also offers a great opportunity to volunteer—one day a month for just a few hours.



**Market Day**  
A fundraiser like no other.



## School Pictures

Lifetouch will be here on September 13, 2011 to take student photos. All students will be photographed that day. These photos

will be used for student ID cards and the yearbook. You may also purchase these photos, look for order forms to come home with

your child regarding picture package information. If you have any questions, please call the office.

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## Drop off/Pick up procedures for car

This is important information for people who choose to drive their children to school. When using the drive through lane for pick up/drop off, you **must pull up as far as possible in the lane!**

The **office door is open** in the morning for students, so they can use that door as well. Cars are getting backed up onto Ray Street because people are not pulling up. Pull up as far as possible, and your child

can enter at the closest door. Also, when picking up and dropping off, please stay as close to the curb as possible when students are entering or exiting your car. Thank you for your cooperation!



Don't forget! Cell phone use in a school zone is prohibited!



We have spots! Our new student incentive program... "Get spotted being respectful, responsible and safe!"



## Safety Drills



The safety of our students is important, and from time to time we will practice for certain unlikely situations.

We will have tornado, fire, bus evacuation and intruder drills. Many times we have our local fire depart-

ment and law enforcement present to help. Please discuss the importance of these drills with your child.

We're on the web!  
[www.nbcusd.org](http://www.nbcusd.org)

## Sick Day Guidelines



Keep our school healthy. Make sure to wash your hands frequently. Scrub with soap and water as long as it takes to sing the ABC's!

You should keep your student home if he/she:

- Has a fever of 99.6 degrees or higher;
- Has been vomiting;
- Has a productive cough, headache, body ache, earache, or a se-

vere 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. Your doctor will perform a test for strep).

**Keep your student home until their fever has been gone for 24 hours without medication.**