

December 1, 2023

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Important Dates!

- Monday, Dec. 4-8 **Toys For Tots**
Donations will be accepted
- Tuesday, Dec. 5 - **Choir 8 am**
- Tuesday, Dec. 5 - **Band, Orchestra, Choir**
Concert 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, Dec. 5 - **Best Buddies 3:50-5**
pm in the Cafeteria
- Thursday, Dec. 7 - **Character Kids 3:50**
pm
- Monday, Dec. 11 - **First Newspaper**
Club 8 am

- Thursday, Dec. 14 - **Character Kids 3:50 pm**
- Thursday, Dec. 14 - **2nd & 3rd Grade Fine Arts Night 6:30 pm**
- Friday, Dec. 15 - **Grinch Day**
- Thursday, Dec. 21 - **Waukesha Skateland Fundraiser 5:30 pm**



December 4-8th

- ◆ **Donate toys for kids in need!**
- ◆ **We would appreciate if you donate new toys, unwrapped toys, and books.**
- ◆ **We would also appreciate if the toys don't have any candy or food with it.**
- ◆ **If any of the toys look like a weapon of some sort, please DO NOT send it in.**
- ◆ **Please drop toys in the cardboard box by the office.**

Some of Today's Paw Winners!



Parent Drop Off/Pick Up Reminders!

In order to make things run more smoothly at parent drop off/pick up, please follow the procedures below!

- The west entrance is for dropping off and picking up students. **You must enter the**

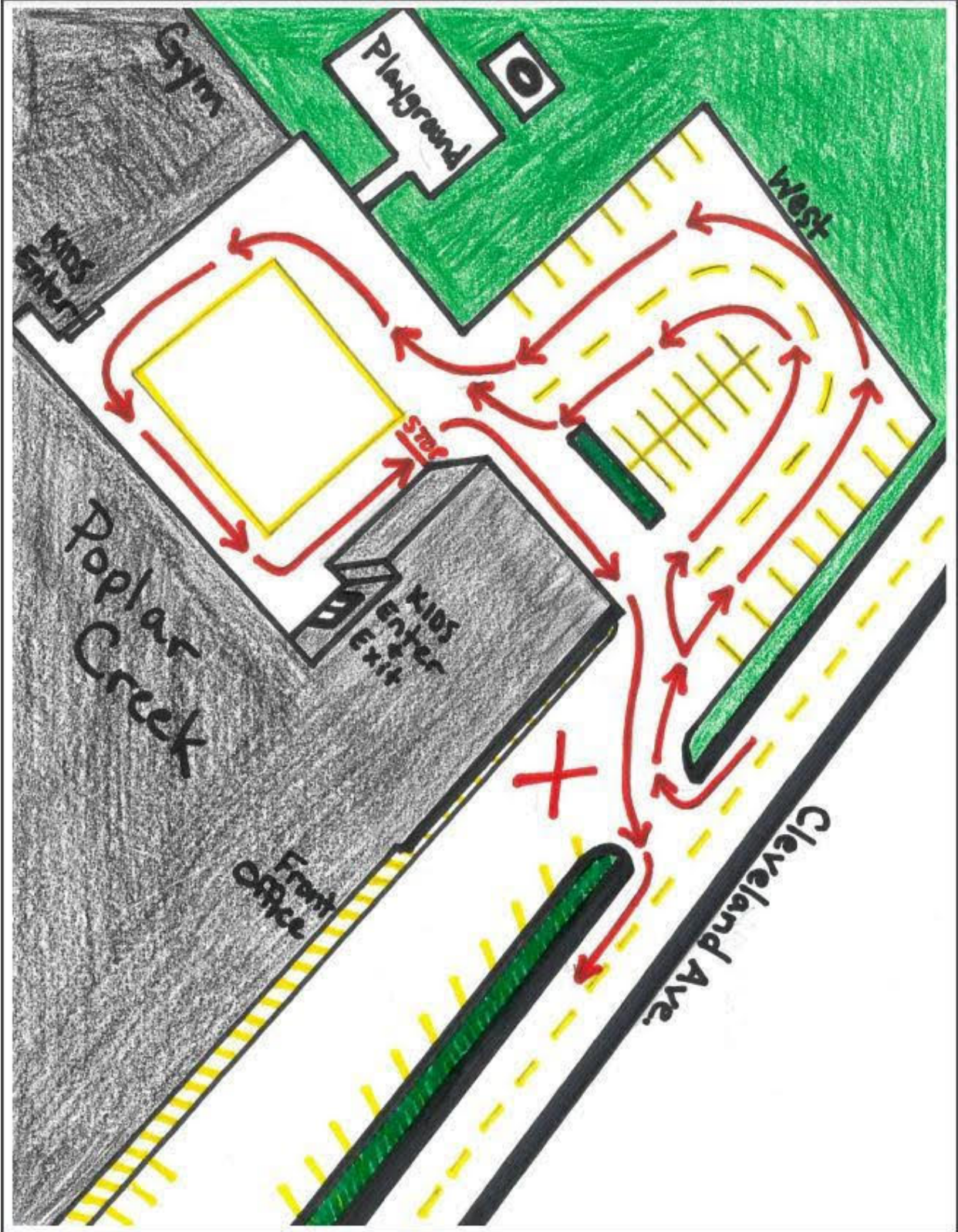
parking lot from Cleveland Ave with a right turn and exit with a right

turn. The east entrance is for busses only.

- Please form **two lines** of cars throughout the parking area (there is a yellow dotted line to assist drivers) Merge into one single car line when entering the lower playground
- **Please pull all the way around and past the cafeteria doors when it is your turn so that more vehicles can pull up behind you.**
- **For pick-up, please have your car tag with student name and number visible** in the driver's side window when our staff member is taking names and move it to the passenger's side window when getting close to the cafeteria doors. If you are the first few in line you can just put it in the passenger's side window.
- There will be staff members **on duty from 8:35-8:50 am** at the student drop-off site. For safety, **children should remain inside the vehicle** until staff comes on duty at 8:35 am. At 8:35 am, staff members

will help open doors to vehicles when needed. **Parents should not get out of their vehicles to say goodbye. This holds up the line.** If you need extra time to help your child in or out of the car, please pull into the center of the lower parking lot.

- **Doors close promptly at 8:50 am.** After this time your child is tardy, and you must sign them in at the office.
- **Parents should stay in their cars ready to go at dismissal time.** Staff members will come outside at **3:50 pm** to help students get into their cars if necessary.
- In the morning, 10-12 vehicles can unload at one time as students can enter the building through the gym or cafeteria doors.
- In the afternoon, 4-6 vehicles can load at one time as students will only exit the building from the cafeteria doors



Health Room Requests

1. Please consider adding our health room phone number 262-789-6392 and our main office number 262-789-6520 to your cell phone contacts.

Many people have reported that our phone numbers comes up as spam on their cell phones making it difficult for us to get ahold of parents when their children are sick.

2. The health room is always in need of sweat pants, leggings, and socks of all sizes for accidents. Donations are always appreciated.



Poplar Creek Spelling Bee

Tuesday, Dec. 12, from 3:55 - 4:30 in Room 10 (Mrs. Baumann's room).

All 3rd - 6th grade students are welcome to participate in this paper and pencil test!

Students must be picked up at 4:30 pm in the front lobby.

Please complete this [Google Form](#) by Friday, Dec. 8, for your child to be eligible to participate. Our top spellers will advance to the District Bee to be held in-person Tuesday, Jan. 16, at New Berlin West at 6:30 p.m.

Study/practice information is available at www.spellingbee.com.

Any questions, contact Nancy Baumann at nancy.baumann@nbexcellence.org.

Kindness Chains

During Kindness Week at PC, students were encouraged to "catch someone being kind" and write it on a link to create these chains.





PTO Information and Activities

Meeting Dates: **2/5, 3/7, 5/6**

Time: **6 pm**

Where: **School Library**

SAVE THE DATE

Waukesha Skateland Fundraiser

Thursday, Dec. 21, 5:30-8 p.m.

Creek Crawl Limo Ride Winners Go to Oscars!





Staff Favorite Things

If you are looking for some ideas for appreciation gifts or holiday gifts for staff members, the PTO has collected "Staff Favorite Things" sheets from most staff members of Poplar Creek.

Click the links below to view our favorite things!

[Classroom Teachers](#)

[Special Education Teachers, Assistants, ELL,
Speech & SLAs](#)

[Office, Support Staff & Specials](#)

After School Activities



Poplar Creek
French Club



MAKE MINI BÛCHE DE NOËL

**SIGN UP
HERE**



bit.ly/40XALmU

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19
3:50-4:35PM
MAKERSPACE

Free!!

QUESTIONS?



LEAH.ROGNEBY@NBEXCELLENCE.ORG

Community Announcements

The logo for care-solace, featuring the word "care" in a purple sans-serif font, a thin purple line that curves from the end of "care" to the start of "solace", and the word "solace" in a purple sans-serif font.

Happy December! With the holidays upon us, there are many reasons to be joyful. It's a time for sharing, laughter, giving back, and creating memories with family and friends. The holidays, however, can also be stressful. We may be making plans to visit loved ones, managing our budget for gifts, or coordinating events with our community. With an already-packed schedule, these additional tasks can add stress to our lives.

Celebrating and connecting with family is important during the holiday season, but it's also essential to care for your mental health. National Stress-Free Family Holidays Month

brings awareness to the harmful effects of stress and reminds everyone to take care of themselves as they approach the holidays. Here are some helpful tips for a more stress-free holiday season:

Make modifications to holiday traditions. Consider ways to modify traditions that may negatively impact your mental health. It can be nice to stick with holiday traditions, but your mental health should take priority.

Don't forget the power of "no." It's okay to say no to plans if you are feeling overwhelmed.

Plan ahead. Keeping a calendar of events can help you stay on track and prepare for events. It can be stressful to shop on the same day as an event, so keep a list of tasks to prevent the rush.

Talk about your feelings. You might be overwhelmed or missing a loved one. Talking about your feelings with a trusted friend or family member is okay. You are not in this alone.

Take time for self-care. It's important to take care of ourselves before caring for others. This holiday season, make time for yourself.

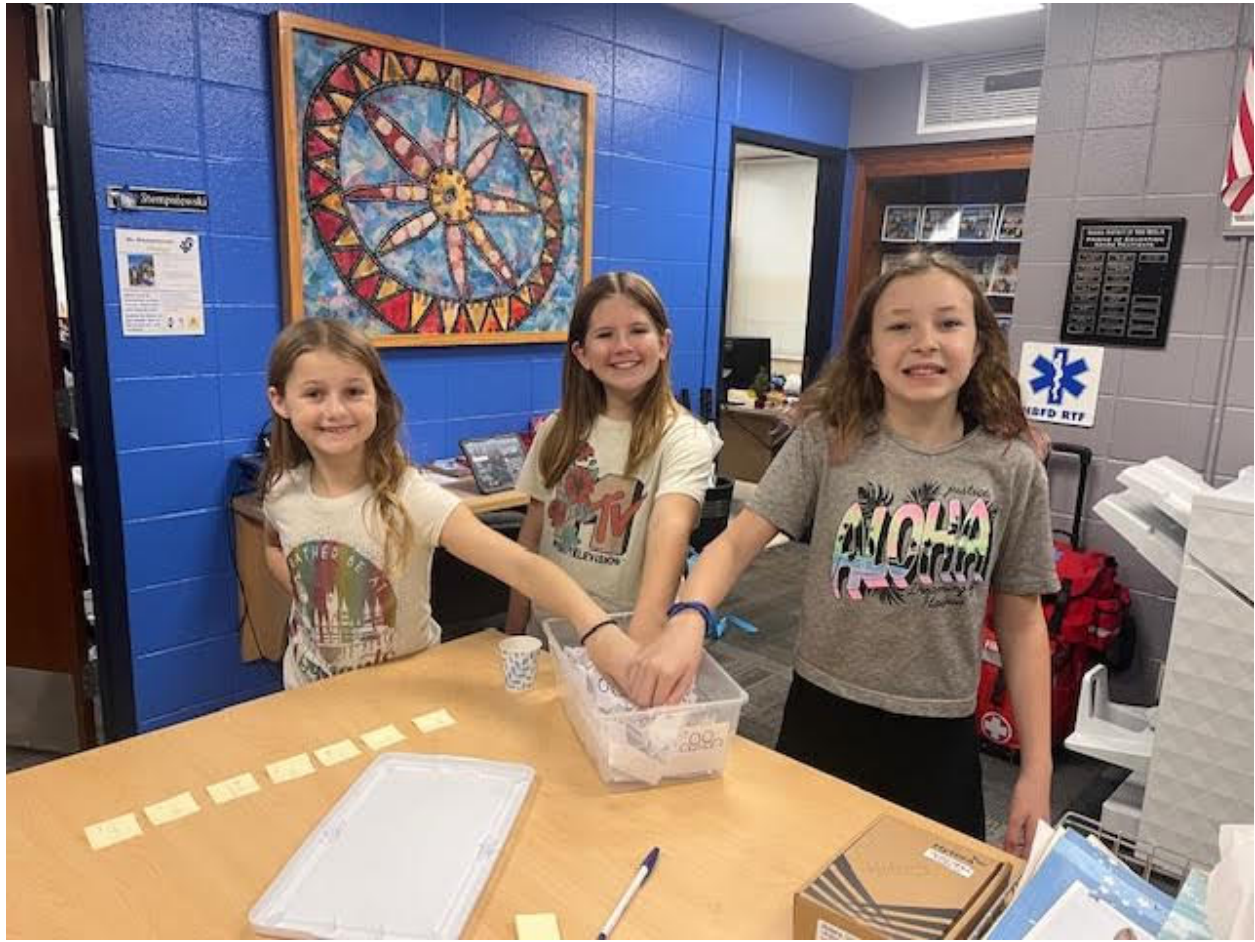
Find a therapist. Acknowledge your feelings and talk to a professional when needed. If you would like help finding a mental health care provider, use Care Solace, a complimentary and confidential coordination service provided by School District of New Berlin:

Call 888-515-0595. Multilingual support is available 24/7/365.

Visit www.caresolace.com/newberlin and either search on your own or click "Book Appointment" for assistance by video chat, email, or phone.

We wish you a joyous and stress-free holiday season!

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