

**November 17, 2023**

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## **Important Dates!**

- Tuesday, Nov. 21 - **Choir 8-8:35 am**
- Monday, Nov. 20 - **Newspaper Information Meeting 8-8:30 am**
- Wednesday, Nov. 22 - Friday, Nov. 24 **No School!**



## **From the Desk of Mr. S**

Good afternoon Poplar Creek Families,

Earlier this week, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction released district and school report card information for all 378 school districts and thousands of schools across the state.

We are happy to share with you that we received a 90.4, which means our school **SIGNIFICANTLY EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS**, as defined by the state. What's more, the School District of New Berlin was one of just nine K-12 districts in Wisconsin to significantly exceed expectations.

District and school report cards are intended to offer accountability of how well schools and districts statewide are preparing students to graduate. Report cards provide an accountability index score from 0-100 based on performance in four priority areas:

- Student achievement, or how well the students performed on state assessments using a points-based proficiency system with the score a result of a multi-year average of English language arts and mathematics subscores;
- Growth, or year-to-year student progress on statewide tests;
- Target Group Outcomes, which examines outcomes for students with the lowest test scores and is designed to promote equity by helping districts focus on learners who need the most support while also improving outcomes for all students;
- On-track to graduation, or how successfully students are progressing toward completing their K-12 education.

While we are incredibly proud of our score and the distinction that it carries, we are also anxious and excited to dive deeper into the information and find areas where we can improve.

We encourage you to learn more about Poplar Creek's and the SDNB's report card by visiting

[www.nbexcellence.org/district/school-report-cards.cfm](http://www.nbexcellence.org/district/school-report-cards.cfm).

If you have any questions, please email or call me. Thank you for your continued support of Poplar Creek!

## **Some of Today's Paw Winners!**





# Spelling Bee

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 on Tuesday, Jan. 16, at New Berlin West at 6:30 p.m.

Study/practice information is available at [www.spellingbee.com](http://www.spellingbee.com).

Any questions, contact Nancy Baumann at [nancy.baumann@nbexcellence.org](mailto:nancy.baumann@nbexcellence.org).

## Mrs. LaHaye's 5th graders and their Kindergarten Buddies!





## PTO Information and Activities

**Join us for a Meeting! Next Meeting is Next Tuesday, Nov. 21**

Meeting Dates: **11/21, 2/5, 3/7, 5/6**

Time: **6 pm**

Where: **School Library**

## After School Activities

### Newspaper Informational Meeting



When: **Monday, November 20th from 8:00 am - 8:30 am**

Where: **Poplar Creek Library**

Who: **5th and 6th Grade Students**

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Do you enjoy creative writing?

Do you have a flair for speaking your mind?

Do you like to provide your readers with facts and details?

**Then our School Newspaper Club is for you!**

Poplar Creek French Club

**MAKE EIFFEL  
TOWERS OUT OF  
MARSHMALLOWS!**

**Free !!!**

**NOVEMBER 21  
3:50-4:45  
MAKERSPACE**

sign up  
here:



[bit.ly/3QCb5bf](https://bit.ly/3QCb5bf)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME - SIGN UP USING THE QR CODE ABOVE



# Community Activities

## Pancakes

With *Santa*



Breakfast includes: pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit, milk, juice, and coffee.

Children – 10 and  
under  
\$6  
Adults  
\$12

Join Santa for a Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday November 19th**

**New Berlin Eisenhower High School**

**9am –12pm**

**Sponsored by Eisenhower Bands**

# Holiday **CRAFT FAIR**

**Sunday**

**Time:**

**November 19**

**9am –3pm**



**New Berlin Eisenhower High School**

OVER 60 CRAFTERS AND VENDORS

Adults-\$3

Children-Free

RAFFLE

**Sponsored by Eisenhower Bands**

BAKE SALE

**Sign up for our Free Fall Parent  
course: Cultivating Positivity**

[Cultivating Positivity](#) is a 60-90-minute, self-paced online course.

It's easy to feel exhausted by the negativity that surrounds us every day.

Learn to recognize and overcome the innate negativity bias to elevate your sense of inner richness and enduring contentment.

By making conscious choices to notice the positive, you will learn to broaden your perspective,

intentionally strengthening the part of the brain that looks for the good.

- Register today! [Click here to Register](#)
- Registration opens 11/1/2023 and closes 11/30/2023 and is limited to the first 150 participants district-wide.

The School District of New Berlin invites you to delve into this self-paced online Parent University course for free, exploring its relevance in your life and creating a community focus on well-being.

## Cultivating Positivity

*Did you ever wish you had a steady stream of positivity in your life to balance the exhausting negativity that surrounds us every day?*

Learn to recognize and overcome the innate negativity bias to elevate your sense of inner richness and enduring contentment.

Discover how to intentionally strengthen the part of the brain that looks for the good around you.

### REGISTER TODAY!

- ❖ Registration window opens 11/1/2023 and closes 11/30/2023 or when full.
- ❖ Limited to the first 150 parents and guardians within the School District of New Berlin.

"This had a big impact on me. I notice my attitude with my kids can create a powerful positive or negative ripple effect. I love when I am able to notice a negative loop and change things up with a joke or a hug. Today, this made me want to connect with my community even more."

*Cultivating Positivity participant*

GrowingMindsToday.com



Sign Up Here ↓



Registration Form Link  
<https://forms.gle/2IumPFDe7YLzGcyw7>



## “Light the Lights” Ceremony

The New Berlin Veterans Memorial Society's Board of Directors is pleased to invite all of you to our “Light the Lights” Ceremony. This event will take place at our beautiful Veterans Memorial located at the corner of National and Casper. This ceremony will be on November 18th at 6:30pm. Please join us for holiday music, brought to you by Ms. Sarah Lemon and the New Berlin West Chamber Choir, holiday dancers from Ms. Becky's Dance Studio, hot chocolate, candy canes and a chance to visit with everyone's favorite Santa Claus, assisted by Santa's Elves from Cub Scout Pack 68 from Orchard Lane School.

Wait until you see Santa’s sleigh!

We look forward to seeing all of you on the 18th as we welcome in the 2023 holiday season.



New Berlin DECA invites you to our...

# FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

**Friday, December 1**  
**6:00-8:30**  
**at Elmwood Elementary**  
**K3-6th Grade**

**\$25 PER  
COUPLE**

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT FILLED WITH:

- MUSIC
- DANCING
- CANDY TABLE
- CRAFT TABLES
- PHOTOS!



**\$5 for each additional  
daughter**

**All proceeds go toward New  
Berlin IKE and West DECA  
chapters**

**If dad is unable to attend, grandpas, uncles, and father figures  
are more than welcome!**



**Please Pay with the QR Code  
or with cash at the door**

**Contact Information For Questions:**  
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