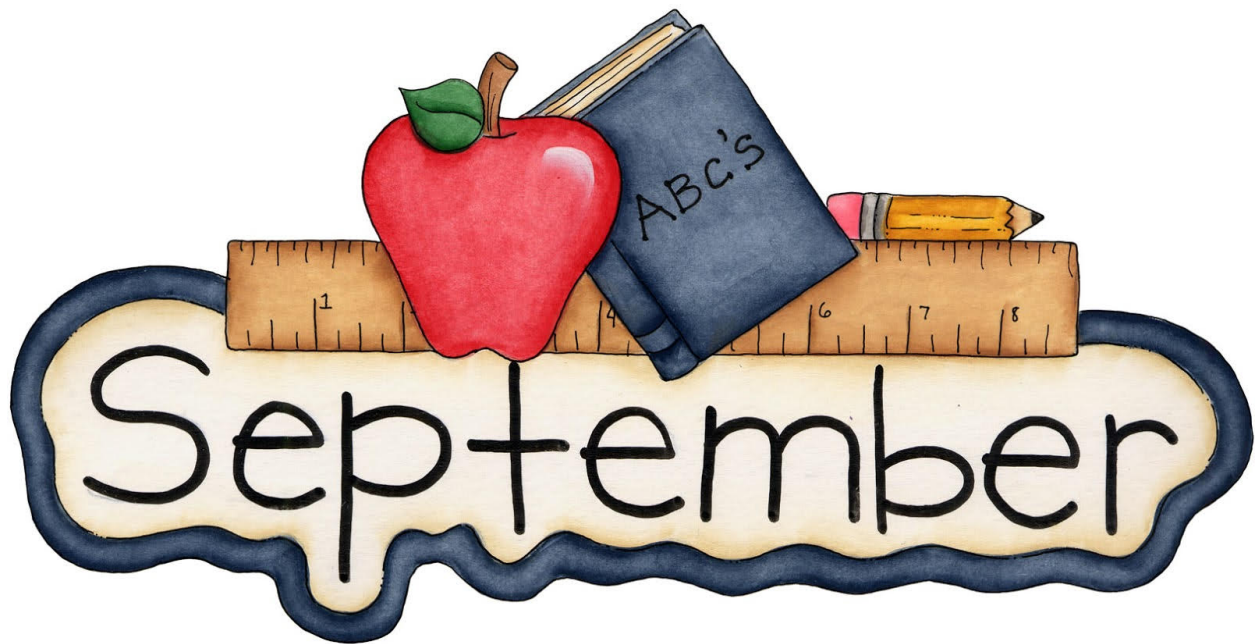


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## **Important Back to School Dates!**

- Tuesday, Sept. 12 - **Girls on the Run 3:50 - 5:15**
- Thursday, Sept. 14 - **Girls on the Run 3:50 - 5:15**
- Monday, Sept. 25 - **Mad Science Begins! 3:55 - 4:55 pm**

- Friday, Sept. 29 - **Creek Crawl!**  
**5-8** (look for flyers in your student's backpack!)
- Thursday, Oct. 19 - **Photo Make Up Day at Poplar Creek**



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

Happy First Week of School Poplar Creek Families!

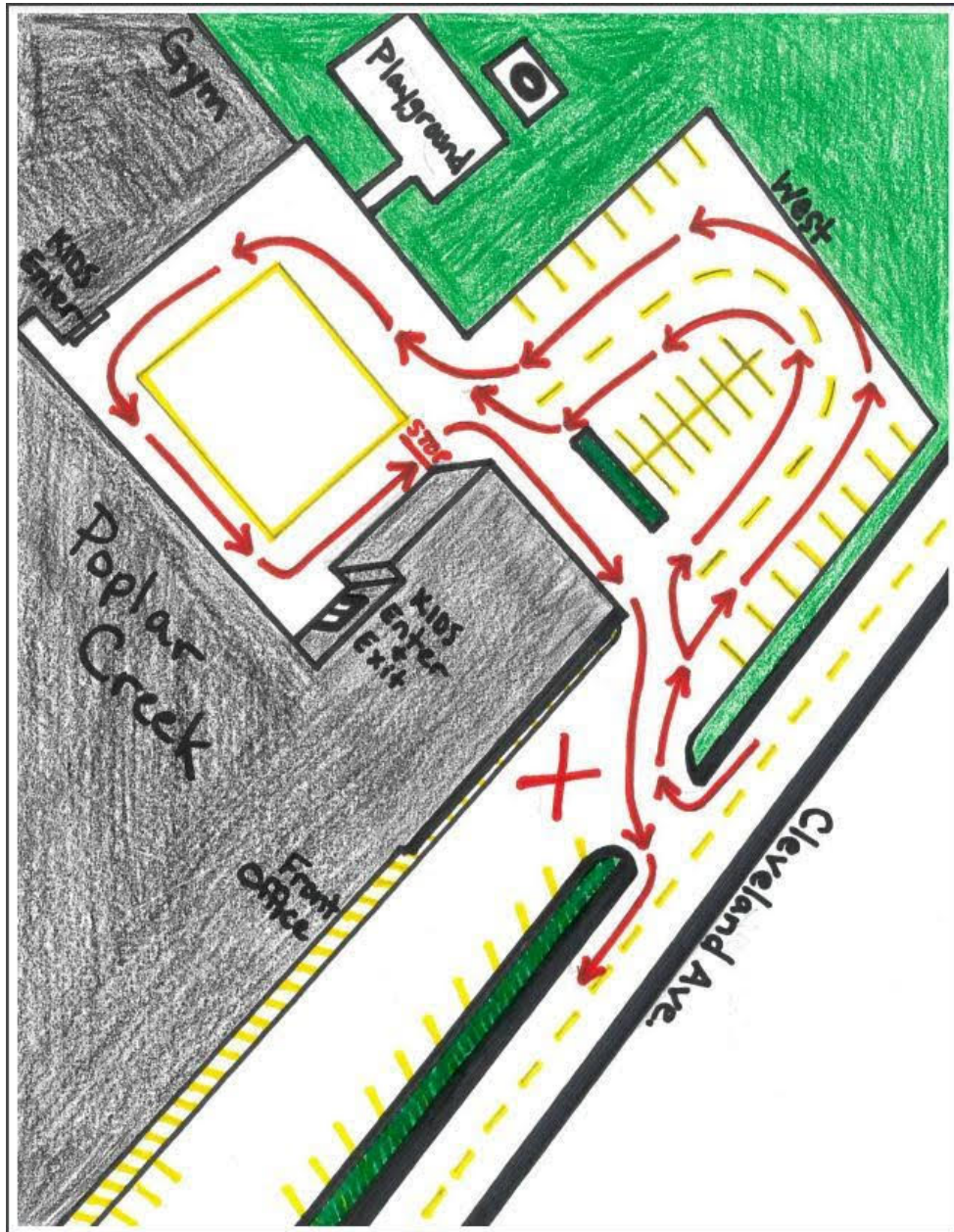
Students are quickly figuring out the routines and expectations, getting to know new friends and staff members, and jumping right back into learning!

The best kid quote of the week is from a kindergartener during their 1st day of school tour of the office:

“That’s Mr. S. I know him already. He meets with all of the naughties.”

**Student Drop Off and Pick Up  
Procedure Reminders**

Thank you everyone for your patience, and for not running over Mr. S., as we all navigate the family drop off and pick up line safely!



- 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



# **PTO Information and Activities**

## **Join us for a Meeting!**

Meeting Dates: 9/11, 10/5, 11/21, 2/5, 3/7, 5/6

Time: 6 pm

Where: School Library

**All Are Welcome!**

## **The Creek Crawl**

**Friday, Sept. 29, 5-8 pm**

**Today we had our Kick-Off Assembly! Please look for flyers in your child's backpack tonight!**

This is our main school fundraiser and a lot of fun for our students & families!

All students receive a free t-shirt! Students will get sponsors to donate money and win cool prizes!

On the night of the Creek Crawl students will walk the path through the nature center attached to our playground!

Families will gather to enjoy a hot dog dinner and entertainment, and the night ends with a school dance!

More information to come in the following weeks!

## **Creek Crawl t-shirt design winner!**

**This year's Creek Crawl t-shirt design winner  
is Bethania in 2nd Grade!**



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# Teacher Spotlight

Meet our Kindergarten and First Grade Teams!



**Kindergarten: Mrs. Hurab, Mrs. Kartes, Mrs. Alwaissi, Mrs. Nowak**



**First Grade: Student teacher Ms. Regner, Mrs. Knepprath, Ms. Fleming, Mrs. Ferschl, Mrs. Baumann**

# Parent University

Dear New Berlin Families,

Many of you now have a year of experience with the school district's new approach to teaching reading. Maybe you have heard about the new state legislation called Act 20 or have read or heard about "The Science of Reading" or evidence-based literacy instruction in the news or on a podcast. You might be wondering what it is and how you can help your child at home.

This year the School District of New Berlin will host a series of seven Parent University sessions focused on understanding literacy development and how to help children at home. During each session, a presenter will unpack part of early literacy. Parents will get a picture of what this looks like in their child's classroom and leave with activities to help their child at home.

Each elementary school will host an identical session so the event will be close to your home. All of the sessions will start at 6 p.m. and will last for an hour with an additional 30 minutes of question-and-answer time. The dates and topics are listed below.

Date	Topic
Sept. 20	Theoretical Models Guiding Evidence-Based Reading Instruction
Oct. 19	Building Skills: Phonological Awareness &
Nov. 15	Building Knowledge: Vocabulary
Jan. 18	Building Skills: Syllables
Feb. 21	Building Skills Multisyllabic Words and
March 21	Building Knowledge: Background
April 17	Building Skills: Simple View of Writing and the Importance of Penmanship

More information will be coming soon, but we wanted to make sure you got these great learning opportunities on your calendars as soon as possible!

## Allergy Awareness

There are children at our school who have extreme allergies to raw eggs, dairy, peanuts/peanut oil, tree nuts/tree nut oil and sesame/sesame oil. Tree nuts include almonds, Brazil nuts, cashews, hazelnut/filbert, pecan, pine nut, pistachio, walnuts, chestnuts and macadamia nuts. This also includes any food that has been prepared with raw eggs, dairy, peanuts, tree nuts or sesame; peanut, tree nut or sesame oil, or peanut or tree nut flour. The allergies

of these children are so severe that it could be life threatening.

Our staff has been made aware of this situation and has been instructed in the correct emergency procedures. Prevention, of course, is the best approach and therefore we are requesting your cooperation in observing the following guidelines to make our classroom and lunch room safe for this student.

- NO sharing of food in the classroom during snack time or in the lunchroom.
- Please contact your classroom teacher before bringing treats to school for distribution.
- Hand washing before and after eating will be emphasized.
- We kindly request that your child not bring products with nuts or dairy into classrooms if there is a child with severe nut or dairy allergies in their class.
- Individual classroom teachers will be informing families if they have a nut/sesame free or dairy/egg free classroom.

Peanut/tree nut butter, peanut/tree nut/sesame products and dairy products may be packed in your child's lunch but must be kept outside of the classrooms that have students with these severe allergies.

We appreciate your cooperation as we endeavor to make Poplar Creek Elementary a safe environment for all students!

## **How to report an absence**

If your child will not be in school at the start of the day for any reason, a parent or guardian must notify the main office before the first bell at 8:50 AM. You can do so by **calling 262-789-6520 and leaving a message with your child's name and reason for absence.** This line is accessible 24 hours a day. You can also email [anita.jares@nbexcellence.org](mailto:anita.jares@nbexcellence.org).

If you know ahead of time that your child will be absent, please send a note to your child's teacher.

There is also an online option for reporting an absence in Infinite Campus.

Log in to Infinite Campus,

Click **More** (near the end of the menu in black)

Click **Absence Request** and fill out the form

**Please do not use the online request system for picking up students early.**

**If you need to pick up your child early from school please send a note or call 262-789-6520.**

## **Recess Fun!**



# **Before and After School Activities Register Today!**



## **New Berlin West Boys Basketball Tryouts**

Who: Grades 3 - 8

Where: New Berlin West Fieldhouse

When: Sunday, Sept. 10

12:00 - 1:30 7th & 8th grade

2:00 - 3:30 5th & 6th grade

4:00 - 5:30 3rd & 4th grade



to register go to: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/385126>. Registration closes Friday, Sept. 8. at 11:59 pm

Bring a basketball and a water bottle

Questions: email [ashleyp0326@hotmail.com](mailto:ashleyp0326@hotmail.com)

## **New Berlin West Girls Basketball Tryouts**

Who: Grades 3 - 8

Where: Poplar Creek Gym

When: Friday, September 8th

5:00 - 6:15 pm 3rd & 4th

6:30 - 8:00 pm 5th & 6th

Monday, September 11th

6:00 - 7:30 pm 7th & 8th

Please arrive 15 minutes prior for check in and bring a basketball and water bottle.

to register go to: <https://forms.gle/V9F2N5vNg2a7mHLV8>

Questions: email [president.nbwygb@gmail.com](mailto:president.nbwygb@gmail.com)



## **Mad Science:**

Mondays 3:55 - 4:55 pm, Sept. 25 - Oct. 9

Grades K-5

[Click Here For Registration Information](#)



**Cub Scout Pack 140 is open to all girls and boys in grades K5-5,** and it offers ready-made opportunities for you and your child to bond and get involved in the community.

Cub Scouting is fun with a purpose and teaches your child to be helpful and “do your best”.

We welcome new scouts to join us this year for service projects, field trips and special outings, the annual Pinewood Derby and Blue & Gold Banquet, camping and adventures that promote character development, physical fitness, good citizenship and confidence.

**Learn more in person Wednesday, Sept. 13, from 6:30-7:30 in the Poplar Creek Cafeteria.**

Please email Cubmaster Steph Russ at [smruss2@yahoo.com](mailto:smruss2@yahoo.com) to sign up or ask questions.

**CHARACTER KIDS**

# **AFTER SCHOOL THEATRE CLASSES**

Sing! Dance! Act! **Join Character Kids for a fun-filled after school theatre class at Poplar Creek on Thursdays, 3:50 - 4:50 pm.**

**This 8-week session runs Sept. 28 - Nov. 16 (7 weeks, no class 11/2).**

Students will learn the basics of acting, singing and musical theatre dance while having a lot of fun!

Come play theatre games, explore stage skills and learn a group song or scene from a popular Broadway musical.

Parents are invited to a special performance on the last day of class.

Focus is put on developing imagination, social skills and a positive self image through the performing arts. [\*\*Click here to learn more or to register.\*\*](#)



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EMBARK ON YOUR LANGUAGE JOURNEY!

# SPANISH

All NEW material for 2023/24! Enroll today!

Register your

student

today!

The road to Spanish language learning success begins with this all new and exciting 16-week Spanish adventure! In the fall session, Vamos por el Pueblo, (**Let's go to the Town!**) the class amigos, Dani and Beto, share the culture and daily life of a small town in Mexico. After break, the journey continues with Vamos a la Ciudad, (**Let's go to the City!**) to the bustling city of Madrid, Spain. Students will learn practical conversation skills as well as vocabulary related to the home, community, health, sports, and pastimes-- all in Spanish! This stimulating class environment energizes and motivates students to explore the enriching cultures and passion of the Spanish language. Act now to ensure your child is a part of this comprehensive bilingual experience!

**REGISTER ONLINE:**

[HTTPS://FUTURAADVENTURES.COM/WISCONSIN-REGION/](https://futuraadventures.com/wisconsin-region/)

## Poplar Creek Elementary

**Day & Time:** Wednesdays, 3:50p-4:50p

**Dates:** 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, (skip 11/22), 11/29 – Winter Break – 2/14, 2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, (skip 3/27), 4/3, 4/10

**Tuition:** \$245 for 16 classes and access to online portal resources and practice tools

**Optional Materials:** Spanish Club T-Shirt; Musical CDs (Available on website)

► Open to Grades KG - 6th and appropriate for students with or without previous Spanish experience.

► Parent Portal: Pre-recorded lessons, newsletters and optional homework available online for immediate access. Password will be emailed with class confirmation 48hrs before 1st class.

► Families should register by September 20th. If the class does not meet the minimum enrollment, it may be cancelled. All registered participants will be notified of changes via email. Families who enroll after the deadline will be assessed a \$20 late fee.

► Payment Plans & Grant Assistance Available – To request an application please contact [sandyo@futuraadventures.com](mailto:sandyo@futuraadventures.com) (at least one week before the first class).

► Cancellation policy: Tuition is non-refundable. To cancel a class, 30 days written notice must be given to [sandyo@futuraadventures.com](mailto:sandyo@futuraadventures.com). A \$50 cancellation fee will be assessed for all cancellations.



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