

**October 18, 2024**

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## **Important Dates**

- Monday, Oct. 21 - **Mad Science 3:50-4:50**
- Thursday, Oct. 24 - **Character Kids**
- Friday, Oct. 25 - **NO School**
- Thursday, Nov. 7 - **PTO Meeting 6 pm in the Library**
- Thursday, Nov. 21 - **Spelling Bee 3:50 pm**



**Save the Date!**

**Poplar Creek Spelling Bee**

**Thursday, Nov. 21, 4 p.m.**

**Winners will advance to the District Spelling Bee on Thursday, Jan. 16. More info and sign up information will be coming soon.**

## **Principal's Message**

As many Poplar Creek families know, Act 20 is a piece of legislation that focuses on literacy instruction. It's goal is to have all students, kindergarten through 3rd grade, reading proficiently by the end of their third grade year. The law was enacted in 2023 and the requirements are being implemented for the 2024-2025 school year. SDNB has always prided itself on being at the forefront of learning about, preparing for, and

implementing instructional strategies that first student learning and individual growth, regardless of grade-level. SDNB has worked tirelessly to ensure instructional staff, support staff, students, and families had all the information needed to make whatever shifts deemed necessary (and due to our preparation, the shifts were not large).

The law's purpose is to provide guidance of evidence-based reading practices, evaluate early literacy skills, ensure all kindergarten through third grade and special education educators are equipped with the proper knowledge to teach reading, and document and enhance communication across stakeholders.

A universal reading screening assessment is administered to students three times per year. Students performing at or below the 25th percentile on this screener are then given an additional diagnostic assessment to determine the need for any further intervention. If further intervention is necessary, a Personal Reading Plan is created for the student which includes goals, interventions, and progress monitoring.

In the upcoming days, some families may receive a phone call from their student's grade-level teacher regarding the implementation of a Personal Reading Plan for their student. As part of that phone call, your student's teacher will provide families with details of their plan, how it will be implemented and monitored, and how data will be collected to measure their student's growth. If you have any questions about your student's Personal Reading Plan,

or how Poplar Creek supports literacy growth in its students, please reach out to myself or Ms. Torosian.

A reminder about Parent-Teacher Conferences: Thursday, Oct. 24, are the final date when instructional staff will be in the building. Please check emails from, and communicate with, your child's teacher to see if they have any available time slots left for Oct. 24. The Parent-Teacher Conference "Window" closes Thursday, Oct. 31.

Thank you for your continued support of Poplar Creek!

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



# PTO NEWS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR POPLAR CREEK'S 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL



Hosted by Poplar Creek's PTO

**When:** Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
6-7:30 PM

**Where:** Poplar Creeks Elementary School parking lot

----- We need Volunteers! -----

**Friday, October 18th, 2024 is our 2nd annual PTO Trunk or Treat. The event will be 6:00pm to 7:30pm.**

**New this year-We are asking for candy donations- this can be dropped off in the office in October leading up to the event.**

Last year many Trunks ran out of candy and treats early, so we are hoping on having a back up stash available.

Sign up to host a trunk:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C084BA5A62EA4FFCE9-51605607-poplar>

## Some of Our Creek Crawl Prizes!

### Limo Ride to IHOP



# Fire Truck Ride to School



# Class Pizza Party!





# Community Sports

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**FOCUS BASEBALL IS LOOKING FOR A  
COUPLE MORE 8U AND 9U PLAYERS  
FOR THE 2025 SEASON**

**FOR ANYONE INTERESTED, PLEASE EMAIL  
FOCUSBASEBALL1@GMAIL.COM**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR  
PROGRAM, PLEASE VISIT  
FOCUSBASEBALL.COM**



## New Berlin Recreation Youth Basketball League

### Registration is NOW OPEN!

#### Tots (K5) \*NEW\*

Saturday games only, no weeknight practices. Game days will consist of 30 minutes of practice, 30 minutes of game play.

Current Season Start: November 2, 2024 (Tots Clinics are held on 11/2, 11/9, 11/16 at the New Berlin Activity and Recreation Center. Games start 12/7)

Cost: \$70

#### Minis (Grades 1st-2nd)

Saturday games only, no weeknight practices. Game days will consist of 30 minutes of practice, 30 minutes of game play.

Current Season Start: November 2, 2024 (Minis Clinics are held on 11/2, 11/9, 11/16 at Ronald Reagan Elementary. Games start 12/7)

Cost: \$70

#### Minors, Juniors, Majors (Grades 3rd-8th)

Current Season Start: December 7, 2024 (Practices will start early November. Games start 12/7.) Practices will be determined by the coach.

Cost: \$70

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**Parents!** We need your help! We need awesome parents like you to volunteer to coach!

If you are interested in volunteering to coach your child's team, please indicate your interest when registering your child(ren). **No Coach, No Team.**

**Please note:** If you have previously registered for NBAA sports before, you can use the same login with our link!

**Questions? Contact us: [youthsports@newberlinwi.gov](mailto:youthsports@newberlinwi.gov)**

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Here is also the link to register: <https://leagues.bluesombrero.com/cityofnewberlin>

# Community Announcements

## The School District Of New Berlin's

# CAREER DAYS

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to share their career experience with our 7th & 8th graders who will use learning gained from this event to assist them with development of their unique academic and career plan.

November 14th, 2024  
11:00am to 2:30pm

Please visit:

<https://www.nbexcellence.org/district/career-days.cfm>

for more information, or reach out directly to:

[Alyssa.Vollkommer@nbexcellence.org](mailto:Alyssa.Vollkommer@nbexcellence.org)



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*New Berlin West, 18695 W. Cleveland Ave.*



**APPLY TODAY FOR  
2024 CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE!**



**Christmas Clearing Council**  
of Waukesha County

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS  
NOV. 15, 2024 AT 11:59PM**

Our online application can be found at:  
[www.christmasclearingcouncil.org/application](http://www.christmasclearingcouncil.org/application)



**Parents: Help Your Child Get Ready for School!**

*The School District of New Berlin is hosting:*  
**Developmental Screenings for 3-5 year olds**

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024 | Monday, Dec. 15, 2024 | Thursday, Feb. 6, 2025 | Tuesday, March 11, 2025 | Wednesday, April 2, 2025 |  
Tuesday, May 13, 2025

*\*Screenings are limited to residents of the School District of New Berlin and resident families attending 4K at Heritage Christian School, Holy Apostles School or Star of Bethlehem School.*

To build foundational skills and support readiness for school, the School District of New Berlin holds "Ready, Set, Go!" screenings for all of our early learners ages 3-5 years old. During this 60-minute screening we will observe the children's skills in the areas of speech/language, motor, self-help, early learning and social development. The goal of the screening is to offer parents feedback regarding their child's development and helpful information to get their child ready for school.

Please go to our website for enrollment information and the necessary forms to register for Ready. Set. Go!  
[www.nbexcellence.org/prospective/kindergarten-register.cfm](http://www.nbexcellence.org/prospective/kindergarten-register.cfm). Contact Amanda Blaedow at our District Office to make an appointment after enrolling your child in Infinite Campus for a screening online. [amanda.blaedow@nbexcellence.org](mailto:amanda.blaedow@nbexcellence.org) OR 262-789-6242



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