

The Berlin Bulletin

New Berlin is an "A" School!

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I welcome each of our new and returning students to New Berlin Elementary. I also want to commend and congratulate our teachers and students from last year for achieving an "A" status from the Florida Department of Education. What an awesome job!

Gather your scuba gear as we "Ride the Tide and Discover New Depths" this school year. Our sea voyage begins from the shores of New Berlin Elementary, where we have an exciting year planned for everyone. Join us for our Open House in September, and consider participating in our very active PTA and/or our School Advisory Committee. Your association with these groups is the best way to get involved directly in your child's education.

I look forward to a great year together!

Captain Deidra Johnson, Principal

This year, our school mascot "Champ" will encourage students to "dive in" to our new school theme.



"Ride the Tide and Discover New Depths"!

The "Million Word Campaign" kicks off in September when each child will be encouraged to read

1st PTA Meeting!

**Thursday, September 25th
6:00 p.m. in Cafetorium**

Our special guest speaker this month is School Board Member **Vicki Drake**, who will discuss plans for our school district's growth, based on this summer's community input meetings. The PTA board also will decide how to use your PTA dollars for our school and children this year. Enjoy an additional performance by the **New Berlin Performance Group**, under the direction of Music Teacher Frank Nettles!

Open House Dates

K-2nd: Thursday, Aug. 28th
6:00-7:30 p.m.
3rd-5th: Thursday, Sept. 4th
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Books of the Month and Author Visit!

Our school year kicks off with "Rainbow's Landing", which teaches students that our hopes and dreams can take us anywhere. The book's author, Steve Tiller, will visit New Berlin on Wednesday, August 27th. Students can purchase an autographed copy in hardback (\$16) or paperback (\$8) with 15% of the proceeds going to the NBE PTA. In September, students enjoy "A Story for Hippo", by Simon Puttock, a beautiful tale of friendship and loss.



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Important Dates

- * Aug. 27 Book of Month Author Visit & Early Release
- * Aug. 28 Open House (K-2nd)
- * Sept. 1 Labor Day Holiday
- * Sept. 3 Million Word Campaign Kickoff
- * Sept. 4 Open House (3rd-5th)
- * Sept. 5 Flag Raising
- * Sept. 9 Grandparent's Tea
- * Sept. 9 SAC Meeting 6pm
- * Sept. 10 Early Release
- * Sept. 11 Back to School Dance (K-2nd) 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- * Sept. 12 School Pictures
- * Sept. 12 Back to School Dance (3rd-5th) 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- * Sept. 16 Doughnuts with Dads
- * Sept. 23 Noon Volunteer Orientation
- * Sept. 24 Ident-A-Kid Visit
- * Sept. 24 Early Release
- * Sept. 25 PTA Meeting 6pm
- * Sept. 30 Stupendous Student

Fall School Pictures

Wear your BEST smiles and bright colors on

Friday, September 12th!

(Contact your child's teacher or the front office at 714-4601, if you can help!)



Join the School Advisory Committee!

The School Advisory Committee (SAC) meets monthly to make instructional decisions for New Berlin as well as to discuss future planning for our area schools. Join us Tuesday, September 9th at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center for our 1st SAC meeting of the year!

Join us for
**"Doughnuts
 with Dads"**



**Tuesday,
 Sept. 23rd
 8:00-8:30 a.m.**

Welcome New Teachers!

Pre-K: Valerie Spann
 Kindergarten: Heather Callajas
 and Pam Dorough
 1st Grade: Melissa Hall
 3rd Grade: Arin Johnson
 and Cheri Alphonse
 4th Grade: Jezmyn Kimelman
 Resources: Elizabeth Salter
 and Lacy Harbinson

Stupendous Student

The Stupendous Student Award is presented monthly to one student from each class who represents the month's character trait. Students receive the awards at a special ceremony in the auditorium where they get a goody bag and refreshments provided by the PTA. Come and help us celebrate September's winners with us **Tuesday, Sept. 30th at 2:15 in the Auditorium!**

Ident-A-Kid

Child Identification Program

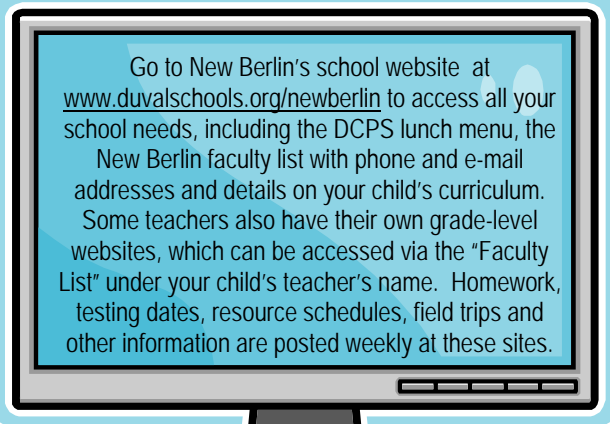
Ident-A-Kid representatives will visit New Berlin on **Wednesday, September 24th** to make laminated ID cards with your child's photograph, fingerprint, weight and measurements on them. Cards must be pre-ordered and no child's picture will be taken without authorization, so please return the completed order form before the event date. The company also has donated its "Complete Campus Security Software" and a computer, so NBE can better manage visitor, volunteer, substitute and contractor traffic by instantly checking ID's against the National Database of Registered Offenders.



**"Catch a Wave" at our Annual
 Back to School Dances**
 K-2nd Thursday, September 11th
 3rd-5th Friday, September 12th
 3:00-5:00 p.m. each day in the Cafeteria



THEY'RE HERE! "Smencils" are gourmet #2 pencils made from recycled newspaper. They come in one of 10 delicious scents and are guaranteed to keep their scent for **TWO YEARS!** Smencils will be sold regularly before and after school for a dollar a piece!



Go to New Berlin's school website at www.duvalschools.org/newberlin to access all your school needs, including the DCPS lunch menu, the New Berlin faculty list with phone and e-mail addresses and details on your child's curriculum. Some teachers also have their own grade-level websites, which can be accessed via the "Faculty List" under your child's teacher's name. Homework, testing dates, resource schedules, field trips and other information are posted weekly at these sites.



Join us for our
**Annual
 Grandparent's
 Tea
 Tuesday,
 September 9th
 at 2:15 p.m. !**

**NEW
 SCHOOL
 THEME ITEMS
 ON SALE!**



We have new "Ride the Tide and Discover New Depths" school shirts for sale at the front office for \$8 each. Buy one, and let your child show his or her school spirit by wearing it every Friday! Matching tote bags also can be pre-ordered for \$10 each.

**New Berlin Elementary
 PTA**
everychild.one voice.

Support New Berlin by joining our PTA for only \$5.00. BOTH parents from each family, as well as Grandparents and friends are encouraged to join. Each class making 100% participation by September 30th will receive a class Ice Cream Dream Party! Visit our new PTA website for more details: <http://sites/google.com/newberlinelementarypta>. The PTA will be hosting a "Volunteer Orientation" Tuesday, Sept. 23rd at Noon, so join us to learn how you can help New Berlin!

Flag Raising Ceremony



Join us the 1st Friday of each month when our entire student body assembles around our flag for our Flag Raising Ceremony! It all starts at 8:40 a.m.. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited; a flag fact is shared, and our character trait for the month is revealed.