

# The Berlin Bulletin



We have accomplished so much in just the first 6 weeks of school! Already, we have introduced our new

"Spelling Investigations" program, which individualizes word lists based on your child's level of learning. Benchmark testing for 3rd-5th grade also has begun, as we work towards preparing those children for the FCAT in the Spring. Thank you to all the teachers and students for their hard work so far this first quarter, and to the volunteers who have made our large number of school events a success! Please remember your teacher's and our faculty's doors are always open to discuss ideas and concerns, as we work together to ensure another successful year together!

*Deidra Johnson, Prin-*

**Due to the August storms that closed New Berlin for three days, school will be IN SESSION on the following days:**

**Monday, November 10th  
Thursday, December 18th  
Friday, December 19th**

**Teacher Planning Day, originally scheduled for October 20th, is now October 24th.**

## Literacy Beach Bash

**Tuesday, October 14th  
6:00-7:30 p.m.**



Join us for our 1st family night of the year, where students can receive a FREE

**HOMework PASS and a "Reading Tool Backpack" just for completing the night's literacy activity stations. Our friends from "Pawsitive Pets" will join us, so your child can read to Maggie. Dinner can be purchased from our vendors as well.**



*Principal Johnson is collecting parent e-mail addresses to create a master contact list. Reminders about school events, such as early release days, will be sent to those on this e-mail list. Please let your child's teacher know if you would like to be included in this new communication tool!*

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### Upcoming Dates

- \* Oct. 2 Fundraising Kickoff
- \* Oct. 3 Flag Raising
- \* Oct. 7 SPIKE Nutrition Day
- \* Oct. 7 SAC Meeting 6pm
- \* Oct. 8 Early Release
- \* Oct. 9 Ident-A-Kids Retakes
- \* Oct. 10 Start the Arts Begins
- \* Oct. 14 Literacy Beach Bash
- \* Oct. 15-17 Vision Screening
- \* Oct. 23 PTA Meeting 6pm
- \* Oct. 22 Early Release
- \* Oct. 24 Student Holiday
- \* Oct. 27-31 Red Ribbon Week
- \* Oct. 28 Stupendous Student 2:15 p.m.
- \* Nov. 3 Mock Presidential and Student Council Elections
- \* Nov. 4 Club Pictures/Retakes and Report Cards
- \* Nov. 5 Early Release
- \* Nov. 7 Flag Raising
- \* Nov. 10 Weather Make-up Day
- \* Nov. 17-21 Canned Food Drive
- \* Nov. 19 Early Release
- \* Nov. 25 Stupendous Student 2:15 p.m.
- \* Nov. 26 NO SCHOOL
- \* Nov. 27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday

**October PTA Meeting!  
Thursday, October 23rd  
6:00 p.m. Cafetorium**



Join us for a special presentation by "Live Safe America", and learn how you can keep your child safe during the upcoming holiday season! Also, enjoy a musical performance by our 1st Graders. Parents who bring their 2008-2009 PTA Membership card or join the PTA that night will be entered into a drawing!

**SAC Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 7th**

**6:00 p.m. Media Center**



**100% Class PTA  
Memberships Celebrated!**

Congratulations to the students in Horne/Gonzalez and Soles/White's classes who reached 100% PTA Membership, tying for **FIRST PLACE** in the PTA "Pizza, Twinkies and Apple Juice" Contest! These classes and the ones below will celebrate 100% membership with an "Ice Cream Dream Party": Jenkins, Nolan/Pabon, Williams/W. Dobson, Ryan/Burns and McSwain. More celebrations are ahead for those classes that make



## New Berlin Election 2008

Students will learn more about the voting process November 3rd when they choose the first NBE Student Council! They also will participate in a "mock election" for U.S. President! Look for more details soon!



***It's Time to "Start the Arts"!***  
*Local artisans specializing in visual arts, music, videography, photography, writing and dance will visit NBE October 10th at the PTA kicks off its "Reflections / Start the Arts" program. Look for more information soon on how your child can enter the*

## Stupendous Students

New Berlin congratulates September's "Stupendous Students", who were recognized for the character trait of "Citizenship and Cooperation". Congratulations to Taylor Rhodes, Tanner Blake, Jacob Gill, Trevor Geere, Essa Arab, Natalie Loos, Eric Dickerson, Seth Carroll, Nicole Toms, Lindsey Woods, Mikaela Lambdin, Cody Perry, Shamari Strickland, Richard Bragado, Cameron Daniel, Unique Lake, Neil Magsabay, Chandler Cole, Devon Jarrett, Shea Quinn, Seth Farmer, Thomecia Allen, Katelyn Walker, Hanna Armstrong, Anthony Beasley, Lainey Mashek, Annelisa O'Neal, Allison Fowler, Sebastian Mercado, Kelly Morgan, Daniel Alvarez, Winnie Carlson, Shaqeya Allen, Haley James, Makenna Kirsch, and Jsamarie Valentin.



### RECYCLING EFFORTS

Please send in your old cell phones and empty laser and ink jet cartridges to New Berlin. The school earns extra money for these recycled items, so be sure to tell your family and friends!



### Flashlight Project



Please donate new flashlights with batteries to the Music Department. The flashlights will be used for a special learning unit where students will identify forms of music, tempo changes, and other skills!



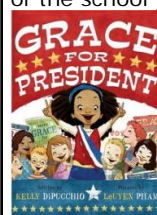
Thanks to the 200+ Dads who attended our first "Doughnuts for Dads" and to the more than 150 Grandparents who joined us for our "Grandparents' Tea" !!!



Congrats to the "Most Grandchildren at New Berlin" winner, Glenda Crews!

## Million Word Campaign

In August, students enjoyed a visit from "Book of the Month" author Steve Tiller, who autographed copies of "Rainbow's Landing" for students to purchase. In September, Jaxson de Ville helped us kick off our "Million Word Campaign" by encouraging students to meet their goal of reading ONE MILLION WORDS EACH by the end of the school year! In October, students will read "Grace For President" by Kelly Dipucchio. In this story, our heroine, Grace, learns there has never been a woman U.S. President. So, she decides to be the first girl to run for President in the school's mock election. Her opponent says he is the "best man for the job", but Grace concentrates on being the best person for the job!



Show your support and school spirit as New Berlin hosts "Red Ribbon Week"!



- \* Oct. 27th Decorate Class Doors Day
- \* Oct. 28th Wear Red Day
- \* Oct. 29th Mismatched Socks Day
- \* Oct. 30th Team Clothes Day
- \* Oct. 31st Sneakers Day

Congratulations to these students who won the Summer Box Tops and Soup Labels Contest:



- \* 1st Place: Kaitlin Day (\$50)
- \* 2nd Place: Noah Fulp (\$25)
- \* 3rd Place: Caliber Williams (\$10)

New Berlin earns money when you collect Box Tops, Tyson Labels and Campbell's Soup Labels, which are found on a variety of products, not just soup. From this contest alone, the PTA donated nearly 15,000 soup labels to the Art Department.



To learn more, visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)!



## Teachers of Tomorrow

Congratulations to the students chosen for the 2008-2009 TOTs (Teacher of Tomorrow) program: Hunter Smith, Shaira Edodoleon, Ariel Shelton, Ayuana Brewster, Morgan Pappas, Savannah Starratt, Samantha Carter, Amanda Winnicki, Natalie Loos, Kathlene Ruiz, Andrew McDonald, Macie Holton, Laneja Patterson, Erin Gooch, Victoria Billera, Allison Fowler, Rayanna Shaffer, Alejandra Johnson, Ciara Thompson, Saingduen Sum, and Jenna Burney. These students had to have excellent grades and leadership skills and were nominated by their homeroom teachers. TOTs will serve New Berlin by helping the teachers in the various classrooms and by mentoring those students who may need help with reading.