



# Battlefield Banner

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Our SYSTEM Value Promise: *Every Child, Every Day, Without Exception*

**Our SCHOOL mission is to promote student learning**

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Character Trait: Cooperation

## From the Principal

This year is my eighteenth year here at Battlefield Elementary after spending fourteen and a half years teaching at Graysville Elementary. I have enjoyed my career in Catoosa County so much, but I have decided to retire at the end of this school year. I'm very happy to let you know that Dr. Kent McCrary, our current Assistant Principal, has been named as the next Principal here at BES. He has chosen Dr. Melissa Travillian as the next Assistant Principal. I'm sure they will make a wonderful team and will carry on the good things happening here at Battlefield. Thanks to everyone who has helped make my time here so rewarding.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- As a Title I school, parent input is a top priority for us. We want to hear from you!
- This month, you have an opportunity to meet with the Parent Involvement Coordinator and Principal to tell us what you think we can do to make BES a better place for our students.
- On April 21<sup>st</sup> at 11 a.m., please bring a sandwich and join us in the Family Resource Center here at BES. We will furnish sides, drinks, and dessert. If you are able to attend, please RSVP to Sara Peterson, our Parent Involvement Coordinator @ [speterson.bat@catoosa.k12.ga.us](mailto:speterson.bat@catoosa.k12.ga.us)

## Do You Have A Child Served in Special Education?

If you do, please take a few minutes to participate in an online survey to provide feedback to the Georgia Department of Education. Go to [www.p2pqa.org](http://www.p2pqa.org) to gain access to the survey. The survey will be available until May 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Testing Information

Our students will take the GA Milestones (state test) beginning on April 24. Teachers have been discussing testing tips at school for the past several weeks and teaching them the standards they will need to know all year. There is a state requirement that students in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades meet minimum requirements in reading; additionally, 5<sup>th</sup> graders must meet a minimum score in math in order to meet state promotion requirements. Students who don't make the minimum score will have the chance to retake that portion of the GA Milestones May 22-23.

You can help by making sure your child gets plenty of rest on the nights before testing and that they eat a good breakfast either at home or at school. Encourage your child to do his or her best but not to stress!



## Newsletter Highlights

- ❖ Parent Input Sought
- ❖ Testing Update
- ❖ PTO Officers for 17/18
- ❖ Health Tips
- ❖ Changes at BES

## Mark Your Calendar



## APRIL

- 21 11:00 Parent Advisory Lunch
- 24 Testing Week Begins

## MAY

- 1-5 Staff Appreciation Week
- 8 Book Fair Opens
- 10 Identi-Kid Pictures
- 16 Book Fair Closes
- 18 Field Day (rain date 5/19)
- 22 Retesting
- 23 Retesting
- 23 6:30 Talent Show
- 26 Last Day of School

## Counselor's Corner

*Kelly Wolfe, School Counselor*

This month in classroom guidance we are focusing on our last habit, habit #7, *Sharpen the Saw*, of the seven habits of happy kids. This habit encourages kids to have a balance in their lives. Students must remember that if they want to be happy kids as well as good leaders they must not only work on the other 6 habits but also stay happy, healthy and safe. This can be done by eating healthy foods and getting exercise, making sure to get enough sleep each night, spending time with people they love, enjoying learning new things, and making sure they are taking proper precautions to stay safe. As part of teaching this final habit BES will welcome Kids on the Block next month. They will be talking about personal safety to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students, bullying and self-esteem to 4<sup>th</sup> grade students, and making right choices to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students as they prepare to go to middle school.



## Nurse's Notes

*Mindy Wright, School Nurse*

### Earth Day and Your Health

Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, reminds us of our personal and collective responsibility to preserve and protect our environment. The first Earth Day led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Acts. All of which is good for us individually, because our bodies and minds are affected deeply by our surroundings. The quality of our environment can enhance or delay healing.

For many the word "environment" means the natural world—mountains, forests, rivers, oceans, animals, and the air around us. But the environment is really everything in the world surrounding us—from conditions affecting our basic physical needs to conditions affecting our needs for safe communities and for personal satisfaction. The conditions of all our environments often determine whether we can live safe, healthy, and satisfying lives. Just think of how the Earth provides us with basic physical needs that are required for life: breathable air, drinkable water, sanitary food, and safe shelter. So let us reflect on this day how we can do our part in securing a healthy environment for ourselves and our future generations.

## PTO News

*Kelly Jo Dye, PTO President*

The BES PTO met on April 18 and elected officers for next school year. They are: President, Kelly Jo Dye; Vice President, Ashley Walls; Secretary, Tiffany Watson; and Treasurer, Amanda Elmendorf.

Please attend the next PTO meeting on May 8 at 4:00 to help plan next year's fundraisers and events.

Thanks to all the volunteers who made all of our fundraisers possible, we raised over \$15,000 to put right back into your child's school!

Be on the lookout for information regarding Teacher Appreciation Week. Help us let all of our teachers know how much we love and appreciate all the time and effort they put into our children's education!

## Title I News

*Sara Peterson, Parent Involvement Coordinator*

I would like to say a big "Thank You" to those of you who filled out our spring surveys. We had over 200 completed surveys returned! We appreciate you sharing all your comments and opinions. The data from these surveys is used to guide our plans for the coming year. Many of you had very good things to say and made a lot of good points. If you would like to give us more input please attend our Parent Advisory Council Meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 11 a.m. Any parent or guardian is welcome. We will be reviewing our school's Parent Involvement Policy and need your input and approval for any changes that should be made to it. At this meeting we will also be selecting representatives to attend the District Advisory Council meeting in May. Remember that you are welcome at any time to visit the Family Resource Center to check out any of our resources or leave a comment or suggestion in our feedback box.

## We Appreciate Our Business Partners!

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<i>Lowe's</i>	<i>Zaxby's</i>