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# Battlefield Banner

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*Every Child, Every Day, Without Exception*

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

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**Character Trait: Responsibility**

## From the Principal

It's hard to believe we've already completed six weeks of school. We've have had a great start to the year. We want to express a special welcome to our third grade students and parents and all new students and parents to Battlefield. We welcome back our returning 4th and 5th grade students and parents.

This year, we have many new faces at Battlefield. I want to welcome our new staff. Our new staff members consist of Mrs. Paige Goggans (4th Grade), Mrs. CeCe Tillman (5th Grade), Mrs. Kimberly Ray (Special Education), Mrs. Leslie Kell (Special Education), Ms. Whitney Renovich (EIP), Mr. Jeff Roueche (Music), Ms. Victoria Townson (Paraprofessional), Ms. Jill Walden (Paraprofessional), Mrs. Michelle Blevins (Nurse), Mr. Tommy Frye (SRO), Mr. David Webb (Custodian), and Ms. Lisa Cohen (Cafeteria).

We send out a lot of school information through text. If you have not signed up for the county and school text, you'll want to do this soon. All school closings are announced through text. If you have questions about the text service, please call the school and we will help you get signed up. Also, you will find a calendar at the end of this newsletter. We try to keep you updated on important school events. However, many times outside our control, dates must be changed. We will always notify you if changes must be made.

## From the Guidance Counselor

This year in Classroom Guidance we are talking about how to be "Change Makers". We are so fortunate to have a school full of students that strive to be their best and make each day count not only for themselves, but also others. I believe these kids have the potential to make big positive differences in our world for years to come and it all starts with developing character. During the month of September our character trait is Responsibility. Part of being a "Change Maker" means we are responsible in the following ways:

Responsible for:

1. our words and actions
2. our tasks and materials at school and at home
3. our commitments
4. being honest
5. doing our part in our classroom and community

## Talk about it at home:

Being responsible is a learned behavior! It takes time to teach responsibility and it requires patience to teach. With practice and clear expectations, you can teach your child to become a responsible learner:

1. Give chores that your child is expected to complete.
2. Remind your child the importance of asking questions if he or she doesn't understand a direction given.
3. Set a regular schedule for completing school work in the afternoon
4. Model behaviors and attitudes that promote learning, enthusiasm, and curiosity.

Article about how to teach your child to be responsible:

<https://centerforparentingeducation.org/library-of-articles/responsibility-and-chores/developing-responsibility-in-your-children/>

### From the Nurse

Does the school nurse and teachers know about any medical conditions your child may have, particularly food allergies, asthma, diabetes, and any other conditions that may need to be managed during the school day?

Kids don't always listen when you tell them to wash their hands before eating, after using the bathroom, or when they come inside from playing, but it's a message worth repeating. Hand washing is by far the best way to prevent germs from spreading and to keep your kids from getting sick.

Flu season is just around the corner. Flu shots are arriving at your child's doctor's office. Call and schedule your student appointment.

Annual school health screenings for vision and hearing will be on Friday, October 5th. A copy of the results will be sent home with your child. Obviously optimal vision and hearing are necessary for optimal learning. Please follow up on a failed screening. Notify me if you have difficulty accessing a health care provider or if you have any questions. Remember the screenings done at school are just screenings and do not replace an evaluation by a professional. If your student passed the screening, but you notice difficulties or your student complains of difficulties you should have him/her examined by a professional.

Create a daily schedule for: waking up, eating breakfast, arriving to school on time, doing homework, enjoying free time, having dinner with the family, bathing, and packing up for the next day; and post daily chore list on fridge as a reminder.

PLEASE have a current and working phone number in the school office daily in the event your child needs your attention. Feel free to call me if you need assistance with any of the above.

### From the Parent Coordinator

There is a new location for the Family Resource Center this year. We are located inside the Media Center in an office near the loft. The Family Resource Center has good information for parents on a number of different subjects including homework help, discipline, ADHD, building self-esteem, responsibility, good study habits, and lots more! Books and educational videos are available for parents to check out. We also have Games for the entire family available to take home and play! All of these resources are absolutely free! Parents should also check out our school website under the Title I tab on the left hand side of the page for helpful resources.

Parents should know that they may request a meeting at any time to get the information that they need. If you have questions regarding your child's education, your role as a parent or what is happening here at school, please do not hesitate to ask.

### Calendar of Events

10/1 - 10/5	Spirit Week		11/12	PTO 5:00
10/5	Vision and Hearing		11/19 - 11/23	Thanksgiving Break
10/5	Renaissance Pep Rally 1:15		12/11	4th Grade Parent Lunch
10/8 - 10/10	Fall Break		12/19	Christmas Parties
10/15	PTO 5:00		12/20 - 1/4	Christmas Break
10-26 - 11/9	Fall Sale - Great American products		2/21	5th Grade Parent Lunch
10/26	PTO Glow Party 6:00 - 9:00			
11/8	3rd Grade Parent Lunch			
11/9	Veterans Day Program 9:00			