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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: Compassion

From the Principal

For the next few months, I want to spotlight the teachers in our building. This month, I will spotlight our 3rd grade teachers. The third grade teachers consist of Ms. Jan Bailey, Mrs. Stacey Abrams, Mrs. Shellie Holland, Mrs. Becky Young, Mrs. Judy Hollis, Mrs. Robin Stallings, Mrs. Leann Maretti, and Ms. Hillary Wilson. These ladies do a great job transitioning our students from the primary school to the elementary school. Third grade can be academically challenging for students and these ladies do a great job preparing students not only for fourth grade, but for life's challenges. Battlefield is fortunate to have these hard working third grade teachers.

December 19th will be our last day before Christmas break. Classroom Christmas parties will begin at 9:00 am. and students are allowed to check-out/leave with a parent (or someone listed on their check-out sheet). This early leave will not count against the student's attendance.

When we return from Christmas break, we will send the student's emergency dismissal form home for you to update. This form is very important because this form tells us how to send your student home in the case of severe weather. Please update this form and send in as soon as possible. Also, make sure you are signed up for text alert. School closings and early dismissals are sent out using the text alert. If you have questions about the text alert or getting signed up, please contact the school.

On the back, I have included a calendar of events for the remainder of the year. Many of these are tentative dates and are subject to change. However, this will give you an idea of upcoming events so that you can plan accordingly.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a blessed Christmas holiday.

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From the Counselor

For the past few months BES has been working on CARING as our character trait. Battlefield has shown this trait through many service projects. Last month the food drive was a great success with over 1700 items collected for families in need of food for the holidays. The students are currently collecting toys for "Stocking Full of Love" that is organized by the Catoosa County Sheriff's Office to help families at Christmas. The school set a goal of collecting over 200 toys and they are well over halfway to their goal in the first week. 5th Grade Leadership team has also raised money for Chick-fil-a's "Feed North Georgia Program" that will provide boxed meals to people in need in the North Georgia Area. The Leadership team is hoping to donate 20 boxed meals to the outreach program. As you can see, BES wants to show how much they care for their community.

The holiday season is a great time for those teachable moments about care and compassion through giving. Teaching about the character of caring doesn't require buying something. Kids can make cards for a neighbor, visit the elderly, or donate their gently used toys. Take this time to share not only the enjoyment of receiving but also the joy of giving with your children.

From the Nurse

Keep Germs Away During the Holiday Season! We want families to enjoy the holiday season, so it's a good time to remind your children about the importance of keeping hands clean at home and on the go. You can do this by washing your hands with soap and warm water, being sure to scrub for at least 20 seconds. On the go when soap and water are not available, use wipes or hand sanitizer.

From the Parent Coordinator

Battlefield Elementary is a Title I school. Being a Title I school means that we are required to make available a yearly updated document that outlines our plan to engage families and provide them opportunities at the school in order to support their students. Copies of this document, which we call the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, are made available at all Parent or Family events as well as being available anytime in the front lobby and in the Family Resource Center. Family members are encouraged to take a copy and return any suggestions for changes to Sara Peterson, the Parent Involvement Coordinator.

The County School System also updates and provides a yearly policy. All parents are welcome to attend the "Parent Café", a District Advisory Council meeting, at which changes to the Catoosa County Family Engagement Policy will be discussed. It will be held January 12th at 8:30a.m. at the Learning Center near the Colonnade. Please R.S.V.P. to Sara Peterson if you plan to attend.

Upcoming Events:

12/12/17	Battlefield Spelling Bee
12/14/17	4th Grade Parent Lunch
12/19/17	Christmas Parties 9:00 a.m.
12/19/17	End of 2 nd 9 weeks
12/20/17 – 1/5/18	Christmas Break
1/8/18	Students return to school
1/12/17	Report Cards Sent Home
1/15/18	No School
1/23/18	Class Pictures
1/25/18	Title I Parent Meeting: 6:30 pm Topics: Georgia Milestones Testing & Parent Portal
2/16 & 2/19	No School (2/16 is a make-up day if needed for severe weather)
3/8/18	End of 3 rd 9 Weeks
3/9/18 & 3/12/18	No School (Both 3/9 & 3/12 are severe weather make up days)
3/16/18	5 th Grade Parent Lunch
3/22/18	Spring Musical
3/23/18	Spring Pictures
3/29/18	APEX Fun Run
3/30/18	No School
4/2/18 – 4/6/18	Spring Break
4/23/18 – 5/3/18	Georgia Milestones Testing
5/10/18	Talent Show
5/15/18	Field Day
5/16/18	Field Day Make Up Day
5/17/18	100 point AR Field Trip to UTC Aquatic Center
5/21/18 – 5/25/18	Georgia Milestones Retesting

