



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: Tolerance

From the Principal

Thanks to everyone who has participated in the APEX Fun Run campaign. Students and teachers have enjoyed the friendly competition between classes for our daily challenges. I hope your child has been telling you about the lessons the APEX coaches have taught them each day. The weather for the Fun Run was wonderful and we were able to use the LFO baseball field. Students met the school goal, so Dr. McCrary and I each had a bucket of SLIME dumped on us at the end of our APEX campaign.

One of my favorite weeks in the school year is coming up – Dr. Seuss Week. You may have heard about Mrs. Hill’s Dr. Seuss game that she created for students to play. They have had so much fun playing, I asked her to make it available for families to play together. We decided to make an entire night of celebrating reading by scheduling our family reading event on Dr. Seuss’s birthday – March 2. Make plans to attend this special evening so your family can play the Jeopardy-style Dr. Seuss trivia game as a team and compete with other BES families. While you are here, you can also follow easy, step-by-step directions to recreate favorite Dr. Seuss characters, listen to celebrities read books to children, and have some time to enjoy reading some favorite books with your child.

Our BES Moe’s Spirit Night earlier this month was a huge success. Thanks to all the families that dined with us. Your participation was impressive! Also, a big thanks to Moe’s for sponsoring Battlefield Elementary that evening.

Have you looked at our school website lately? We have updated the information and want you to get in the habit of using our website as a source to find out what’s going on here at BES. Check it out!

DID YOU KNOW?

- At BES, we want to know what you, as parents or guardians, think about how we are doing and what we could do to improve.
- An opportunity you have right now is to complete the Title I Spring Survey. It is a rather lengthy questionnaire, but we do use this information to plan our Title I program for next year. Please take the time to complete the survey and return it to us. Thanks!



Newsletter Highlights

- ❖ APEX Fun Run details
- ❖ Dr. Seuss Week
- ❖ Title I Dr. Seuss Night
- ❖ Title I Spring Survey time
- ❖ Dental Health Month
- ❖ Updated school website

Mark Your Calendar

**February 27 – March 3
Dr. Seuss Week**

March

1	Class & Individual Pictures
2	6-7:30 Dr. Seuss Night
9	End of 3 rd Nine Weeks
10	NO SCHOOL*
16	5 th Gr. Parent Luncheon
24	NO SCHOOL*
27	6:00 PTO Meeting
30	7:00 Spring Musical

** may be used as make-up day if needed*

LOOKING AHEAD.....

PTO Special Event coming up at the end of March

(watch for details soon)

Spring Break April 3-7

GA Milestones testing begins April 24th

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McDonald's
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Pediatric Dentistry
Pepsi
Pray Chiropractic
Rockbridge Baptist Church
Ed Rose's Tiger Rock Martial Arts
Rosewood Assisted Living Center
Sonic
Susie Mae Creations
Waffle House
Wal-Mart
Wendy's
Dr. Arleen Wyatt, Educational Consultant
Zaxby's

Title I News

Sara Peterson, Parent Involvement Coordinator

One thing that was requested most often on last fall's Title I survey was a Reading Workshop for parents and students to attend together. On March 2 Title I at BES will host "Dr. Seuss Night" beginning at 6 p.m. There will be games and activities for families to do together. Mrs. Hill will host a Jeopardy-style quiz game in the Media Center to test your knowledge of Dr. Seuss's classic stories. Come have fun and READ together! Don't miss it!

Parents should know that they may request a meeting at any time to get information about their child's learning. You may request a conference with your student's teacher or information about the curriculum being taught. Please feel free to contact the school with any concerns you may have.

Counselor's Corner

Kelly Wolfe, School Counselor

This month in classroom guidance students are focusing on Habit #6 of the Seven Habits of Happy Kids. Habit #6 is Synergize which in basic terms, means that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Therefore, students are working on the habit of creative cooperation. Synergizing doesn't happen on its own. Instead, it requires students to use teamwork and open-mindedness. In the lesson students work together as a whole class, in groups, and in pairs and have to use a variety of communication skills as communication is vital to synergy.

Nurse's Notes

Mindy Wright, School Nurse

February is the perfect time to help students brush up on good oral health habits. A healthy mouth is important for overall health. Poor oral health in childhood can cause problems with eating, speaking, and learning. Cavities can cause children pain and serious health problems. Here are some tips to get started:

- Encourage your child to eat healthy foods. Limit sticky and sugary snacks to prevent cavities.
- Brush 2 times a day for 2 minutes (morning and night). Help your child brush until good habits are established.
- Try brushing at the same time as your children to set an example.
- Let your child choose a brush with his/her favorite character, so brushing is always fun.
- Begin flossing as soon as 2 teeth touch. Use floss holders or help your child floss until he/she gains the dexterity to do it on his/her own.

HELP WANTED

We need substitutes for our classrooms and in the cafeteria. Catoosa County Schools also has openings for bus drivers. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Human Resources at 706-965-2297.