

## **From the Principal**

It's hard to believe we are already in February. The next few months will be very busy at Battlefield. I have included an updated calendar of events on the back of the newsletter. Several of our dates have changed since my last calendar update. Please take note of these changes. Also, since our last edition, we've had a few changes in our office staff. Mrs. Christy, our school secretary, left us to take care of her parents. Mrs. Sandy, (who sat at our front desk) has moved to our secretary job. Mrs. Sherrie Flores has stepped in and taken over our front desk. We wish Mrs. Christy the very best and welcome Mrs. Sandy and Mrs. Flores to their new positions.

As I mentioned above, we still have three months until summer break, but that doesn't mean we are not already looking ahead to next year. If you attended our Title I meeting earlier in the year, you learned about our additional funds we receive from the government each year that helps us hire additional staff, as well as buy additional materials for our students. The majority of our Title I money is used to hire additional staff to help our students. As we prepare our budgets for the 2018-2019 school year, we welcome your input into how you feel these funds should be spent.

As with the past few editions, this month I want to highlight our fifth grade teachers. Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers consist of Ms. Colbie Wilson, Mrs. Lisa Edds, Mrs. Lynda Fowler, Mrs. Norma Payne, Mrs. Kristen Otting, Mrs. Michelle Garcia, and Mrs. Gay Burton-Cox. As a former middle school teacher, I know the importance of students being prepared for middle school. These ladies do a wonderful job preparing students for their next challenge. They do an awesome job and we are fortunate to have them on our staff.

The 2018-2019 school calendar has been released and can be found on the county website. You can find it at [www.catoosa.k12.ga.us](http://www.catoosa.k12.ga.us) under the Parents and Students section.

## **From the Counselor**

This month's Character Trait is KINDNESS. Battlefield Elementary has designated the month of February as Kindness month and students and staff are working to spread kindness throughout the school and community. Students have the opportunity to write "shout outs" to each other when they witness or experience an act of kindness. Drawings are done at least twice a week on the morning news, from the shout outs, to win prizes for their random acts of kindness. From those shout outs, a paper chain is being made and we are hoping to see the chain stretch throughout the school with all of the acts of kindness. Parents, please continue to encourage your student to share and spread kindness. Nothing can brighten a day more than receiving a random act of kindness.

**No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted ~Aesop**

## **From the 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.

Primary Health Care has a mobile unit set up at Tiger Creek Elementary. Tiger Care offers a dentist on staff every Wednesday. PHC accepts patients with or without insurance coverage. They accept Medicare, Medicaid and most all private insurance plans. The Center has a sliding-fee scale for individuals who qualify. You will need to talk with a receptionist at the time of your appointment to obtain an application. If you or your child needs to be seen you can call 706-516-1814 to set up an appointment. If you need any assistance please do not hesitate to call Nurse Mindy at 706-866-9183.

### From the Parent Coordinator

Last month we held a Title I parent workshop about the Georgia Milestones test. For those of you who missed it, the information that was shared at that workshop is currently available on the school's website. That would be a good place to start if you have questions about what to expect and how to prepare your child for the test that they will take in April. If you have additional questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school and we will be happy to help!

As most of you know, our Media Center underwent a major renovation over winter break and is now all new and fully operational! We would like to show it off, so there will be a Library Open House during our next parent workshop scheduled on Thursday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, from 6-7pm. This workshop will also give you a chance to learn about some of the tools and skills your student is using on their Google Chromebook. You will get information about the Google "Classroom," online safety practices while at home, how to do custom searches, and more! All are invited so make plans to come with your child to this exciting and informative workshop!

### Calendar of Events

2/15	Google Training for Parents/Media Center Open House 6: 00 – 7:00
2/16 & 2/19	No School
3/8	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> 9 Weeks
3/9 & 3/12	No School
3/16	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Lunch
3/20 – 3/27	APEX Classroom Lessons
3/22	Spring Musical: 101 Dalmatians
3/23	Spring Pictures
3/29	APEX Fun Run
3/30 – 4/6	Spring Break
4/16 & 4/17	Talent Show Tryouts
4/23 – 4/27	Georgia Milestones
4/30 – 5/3	Georgia Milestones Make Ups
5/7 – 5/11	Teacher Appreciate Week
5/10	Talent Show @ 6:30
5/16	Field Day (NEW DATE)
5/17	AR 100 Point Field Trip to UTC Aquatic Center
5/18	Field Day Rain Date
5/21 – 5/25	Georgia Milestones Retakes
5/25	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition @ LFO Gym @ 9:00