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# Battlefield Banner

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*Every Child, Every Day, Without Exception*

**Our SCHOOL mission is working together to promote  
high levels of learning for all students.**

**Date: January 2019**

**Character Trait: Trustworthiness**

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## From the Principal

Battlefield recently had students participate in the second annual Catoosa Technology Competition. We had several students who won their division and will move on to the the regional technology competition in Rome. Our winners were Wyatt Womack and Spencer Boydston (Audio Production); Kaiden Emahiser (Digital Game Design); Maliya Banks and Paisley Brooks (Productivity Design) and Caden Watson and Cooper Stallings (Project Programming). We are proud of all the students who participated in the local competition. Good luck to those moving on to the regional competition.

As winter continues to raise its weary head, please make sure you have signed up for our text alert. County and school text alerts are sent out to notify parents of school closings. If you have any questions about receiving texts, please contact the school and we will be glad to help you get the text alert set up. Also speaking of cold weather, please help us with morning drop-offs. If we have at least 4 cars dropping students off at the same time instead of waiting to drop your student off at the front, it sure does help our morning drop-off lines run smoother and a lot quicker.

Box Top News: The school's next deadline for box tops is March 1st. Please send in all box tops by **February 15th**, so we can get them sorted, counted, and packaged and make the March 1st date. This is free money for our school. Please help support this project. The classroom turning in the most box tops will receive a special treat, courtesy of PTO.

Recently, you received a text asking you to complete a school climate survey. The Georgia Department of Education uses this data to help improve our school. If you have not taken the survey, please use the link below and complete the survey. We appreciate your feedback to make BES a better place. The link for the parent survey is:

<http://gshs.gadoe.org/parents>

## From the Guidance Counselor

For January in classroom guidance 4th grade classes will meet with Mrs. Wolfe twice this month in the Media Center to do their Speak Up Be Safe lessons. These lessons teach students about the importance of personal safety. It is the adults responsibility to keep children safe but students can help by being aware of their surroundings, as well as knowing who their trusted adults are they can talk to if ever they are in a situation that is unsafe.

3rd and 5th grade classes will continue their lessons on friendship, but this month they will be focusing on perspective-taking skills. **Perspective-taking skills** are skills to help us understand where a person is coming from. Using this skill might help them predict what the person will do next, how to respond to how they are feeling, or how to respond in a particular situation. Each individual experiences the world from their own unique perspective. Two people can experience the same event and have completely different experiences. Ours students do not live in isolation and must engage with others different than themselves at school and will later in the workplace. In order to work effectively with people, it's incredibly important that we are able to engage in perspective taking. For more information on how to help your student develop that essential skill here is an online resource:

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/the\\_importance\\_of\\_perspective\\_taking\\_for\\_young\\_children](https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/the_importance_of_perspective_taking_for_young_children)

Thank you to all of the students and parents that helped by bringing in toys for our Stocking Full of Love Toy Drive. There were over 100 toys collected that benefited students in Catoosa County. Your generosity was much appreciated. We also had seven staff members and three students who helped with Stocking Full of Love over the break.

### From the Nurse

As you know Dental Health is very important. By making sure your child brushes twice a day will help prevent cavities. CDC reports "tooth decay (cavities) is one of the most common chronic conditions of childhood in the United States. Untreated tooth decay can cause pain and infections that may lead to problems with eating, speaking, playing, and learning." Help A Child Smile is a mobile dental program that works with the school to provide dental care to students. Please be looking for the permission forms that is being sent home If you are interested in this program. You can simply sign up by returning permission form to the school or go to their website [www.MySchoolDentist.com](http://www.MySchoolDentist.com)

Stay Healthy!! Flu and other illnesses are going around. Wash your hands often. Make healthy food choices, be active, make an appointment for a check - up, vaccination, or screening. Get enough sleep.

Stay Warm!! If your student needs a jacket, gloves, toboggan, or a scarf please feel free to contact me.

### From the Parent Coordinator

It is 2019! The New Year is a good opportunity to make a fresh start. You may want to make some changes or improvements in your life. Do you or someone you know need to get a GED to be eligible for a job or other advancement opportunity? Do you wish you could get help with reading, English as a second language or basic computer classes? Well, help is available! **Catoosa Citizens for Literacy** exists "to help all families of our community achieve life-long learning through literacy, enabling them to reach their individual goals." They are located in the Learning Center next to the library and they offer FREE classes, as well as FREE childcare and FREE transportation to participants of the Reading and/or GED classes who live in Catoosa County. CCL will even pay the \$160 testing fee when you are ready to take the GED. Find out more by going online to: [www.catoosacitizensforliteracy.org](http://www.catoosacitizensforliteracy.org) or come by the Family Resource Center (in the Media Center) and speak with Sara Peterson, your Parent Involvement Coordinator.

### Calendar of Events

Date	Activity		Date	Activity
1/18	Class pictures		3/1	Board Member Susan Gibson visits BES
2/5	LSGT @ 11:30		3/29	APEX Fun Run
2/11	PTO @ 5:00		4/14	PTO @ 5:00
2/13	Club Day @ 1:15		4/22 - 5/2	Georgia Milestones Testing
2/14	Valentine Parties @ 9:00 am		5/13	Field Day (Rain Day will be 5/14)
2/20	Mrs. Reese visits BES		5/15	UTC Aquatic Center field trip for 100 point AR students
2/21	5th Grade Lunch		5/17	5th Grade field trip to Lake Winnepesaukah
Week of 2/24	County Safety Drill - Run/Hide/Survive Drill		5/23 or 5/24	5th Grade Recognition (we will notify you once a date has been set)

