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Every Child, Every Day, Without Exception

Our SCHOOL mission is to promote student learning

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Character Trait: Perseverance

From the Principal

A lot has been happening at BES. Our students are putting Battlefield on the map. After placing third in the Catoosa County Spelling Bee, Anderson Sasada went on to place seventh in the Georgia Regional Spelling Bee. Great job Anderson! At the first annual Catoosa County Technology Conference, Jake Collett, Camden Denton, Christopher Williams and Will Burgess placed first in their area of competition. These fellows went on to compete in the regional competition. Jake and Camden placed third in Multi Media while Christopher and Will placed second in graphic design. Great job gentlemen! Emmalee Homberg recently placed first out of all Catoosa County third graders in the Georgia Young Authors Competition. We are proud of you Emmalee!

With all the recent happenings in the country, I wanted to give you a few safety updates for both Catoosa County and Battlefield Elementary. Safety is our upmost concern in Catoosa County and at BES. We are always looking for ways to improve. In the most recent Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (E-SPLOST), updating our safety equipment and drills was the number one goal of our school system. All schools in our county conduct regular safety drills throughout the year. Over the last year, all schools have installed and implemented the buzz-in system. For anyone we don't know, we are able to check their identification through the camera before allowing them into the building. Our schools have also been wired for the new Sielox system. Teacher trainings are currently taking place for this new system. The system should be fully implemented for the 2018/2019 school year. If an intruder were to enter our building, an alarm would sound. At this time, teachers would be able to view the cameras outside their classroom through either their phone, or a computer in the classroom and then make a decision to either "Run/Hide/ or Survive".

Just a few weeks ago, Mrs. Reese, our school superintendent announced that starting in the 2018/2019 school year, resource officers would be added to the elementary schools. We will be sharing an officer with Battlefield Primary. I'm extremely excited about this decision as both a parent and administrator.

I hope you feel secure in sending your child to school. We work hard to make sure our school is safe and students feel safe. A safe environment helps create a better learning environment.

From the Counselor

We just finished our pet supply donation drive to support two of our local animal shelters. Battlefield Elementary students collected 458 items that will be divided and donated to McKamey Animal Shelter and the Catoosa County Animal Shelter. Way to go Battlefield students! This service project was completely planned and put together by our 5th grade Leadership Team. What an awesome way to give back to your community. Parents thanks for all you did to make this possible!!

BES Students also did such an amazing job during our month of kindness in February. We have extended our month of kindness through March. Please come by the school and see the kindness paper chain that is made from shout outs to students for their acts of kindness.

This month in Classroom Guidance we will be focusing on career clusters and student career interest. Students will complete career interest surveys and learn about the career clusters listed below to find out what possible careers that fit within their interests and abilities. Through identifying their interests and career opportunities, students can then begin to gain exposure about the many post-secondary options and plan for those options as they continue their journey through elementary, middle, and high school. We will work on determining what type of career interests your child has and from that determine the most appropriate career clusters for them to further explore.

Parents please take time to talk with your students about their interest and skills and what they picture themselves doing for a career in the future.

3rd Grade – Energy, Hospitality and Tourism, & Human Services

4th Grade – Architecture and Construction, Business Management and Administration, Manufacturing, and Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics.

5th Grade – Finance, Government and Public Administration, Information Technology, and Marketing.

From the Nurse

March- National Nutrition Month

Healthy eating and physical activity don't become habits overnight. Parents can help children improve their eating habits by making healthy changes a part of the daily routine. Start by making breakfast important and not an option. Make the most of family mealtime. Eating meals together provides the opportunity to help children develop a healthy attitude toward food. It also enables parents to serve as role models, introduce new foods and establish a regular meal schedule.

Active kids need planned, healthy snacks. Think of them as mini-meals that contribute nutrient-rich foods. Keep a variety of nutritious ready-to-eat fruits, vegetables, whole grains and low-fat dairy foods on hand. Every child needs appropriate amounts of calories, protein, minerals and vitamins to grow. For more healthy tips and recipes try checking out www.eatright.org.

From the Parent Coordinator

I would like to say a big "Thank You" to those of you who filled out our spring surveys. We had over 300 that were completed and returned! We appreciate you sharing all your comments and opinions. The data from these surveys is used to guide our plans for the coming year. If you would like to give us more input, please attend our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting on May 3rd at 11:30a.m. ANY parent or guardian is welcome to attend the PAC meeting! I will share the results of the spring survey at that meeting. We will also be reviewing our school's Parent Involvement Policy and I need your input and approval for any changes that should be made to it. At this meeting, we will also be selecting representatives to attend the District Advisory Council (DAC) meeting on May 9th. Remember that you are welcome at any time to visit the Family Resource Center and check out any of our resources or leave a comment or suggestion in our feedback box. We welcome your input at any time! Thanks for being a part of our school.

Calendar of Events

3/30 – 4/6	Spring Break
4/12	Track Meet 5:30 @ Heritage High School
4/16 & 4/17	Talent Show Tryouts
4/20	Track Meet 5:30 @ LFO
4/23 – 4/27	Georgia Milestones
4/30 – 5/3	Georgia Milestones Make Ups
5/7 – 5/11	Teacher Appreciation Week
5/8	5 th Grade visits to LMS or HMS
5/10	Talent Show @ 6:30
5/11	5 th Grade to Lake Winnie
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
5/24	NEW DATE: 5 th Grade Recognition @ LFO Gym @ 9:00