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Every Child, Every Day, Without Exception

Our SCHOOL mission is to promote student learning

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Character Trait:

From the Principal

Our school year is moving right along. It's hard to believe that we have completed our first 9 weeks. Report cards will be sent home on October 25th. Also, our Title I compacts will be sent home this month. Please review these with your student and send back signed. Students will receive a special treat when they return their compact. Be looking for a special invitation for our Title I Assessment Night. Teachers will be explaining the different assessments we take during the year and what the results really mean. We hope you will join us for this important night.

Last year in the Battlefield Banner, I tried to highlight each BES staff member. I ran out of time and wanted to make sure I highlighted a very important part of our staff, our office staff. These ladies make my job a lot easier. The office staff consist of Mrs. Sherrie Flores (Receptionist), Mrs. Sandy Dorn (Secretary), Mrs. Lorie Edwards (Bookkeeper), Mrs. Michelle Blevins (Nurse), Mrs. Kelly Wolfe (Counselor), and Dr. Melissa Travillian Travillian (Assistant Principal). These ladies do a great job helping keep our school running each day and they are a great asset to the BES team. If you see them, thank them for all they do for our students.

I'm asking for your help with morning and afternoon traffic. Please make sure you circle the building to enter the front parking lot. Even if you need to park and come in, please do not enter the side parking lot. We leave this lot open for our buses in the morning (7:00 - 8:00) and afternoon (2:00 - 3:00). Of course, this is for the safety of our students. Also, we have someone on duty out front each morning from 7:00 until 8:00. At least four students should be able to exit the car at the same time to keep the line moving. The line begins to back up between 7:40 and 7:45. If you will help us keep us by letting your students out earlier, it will help keep the line moving. I would also ask that you please watch your speed in our parking lot. We have teachers, parents and students walking through the parking lot and we definitely don't want anyone hurt. Thanks for your help in the matter.

Catoosa County is in need of bus drivers. If you are interested, please contact the transportation department at (706) 965-2913.

From the Guidance Counselor

October is always a busy month with it being Bully Prevention Month, Red Ribbon Week at the end of the month, and Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Bully Prevention - This month in guidance, students will focus on making appropriate decisions in dealing with conflict and preventing bullying. Students will review over our county wide STOP, WALK, & TALK approach to preventing conflict and bullying. Students will also discuss how their words and actions can have positive or negative consequences so they should always try and say and do things that build people up not tear them down. So that you can review with your child at home below are the steps:

STOP – If a classmate is causing a conflict students can give the stop signal to let them know that they don't want to be bothered.

WALK - What if a student gives another student the stop signal, but the problem behavior continues? Students were then taught to "Walk" away or ignore the behavior.

TALK – after trying stop and walk if the conflict is still taking place, the child is encouraged to talk to the closes adult.

Exception to STOP, WALK & TALK is when a child is being physically hurt then “Stop” and “Walk” is skipped and the student immediately “TALKS” to the closest adult.

In honor of National Bully Prevention Month we are asking students to wear blue on October 17th.

Video Link for STOP, WALK, & TALK <https://vimeo.com/99269237>

Red Ribbon Week – There will be messages on the morning news explaining why it is important to live a healthy lifestyle and reminding them to live a life free of substance abuse. October 29, 30, & 31st will be dress up days for Red Ribbon Week. A flyer will be coming home soon explaining those dress up days. Please talk with your student at home about the importance of living a drug free life.

Parent Resource: <https://drugfreegeneration.org/parent-resources/downloadable-prevention-education-tools.html>

From the Nurse

Fall is in full swing and we are working hard to keep our classrooms healthy and ready to learn! With the changes in weather, we often see an increase in contagious illnesses. Remember to review school health policies for guidance regarding when it’s best to keep your child home and when it’s the right time for your child to return.

Here are some ways to try to stay healthy this Winter: Drink plenty of water, Get plenty of sleep, Eat healthy, Talk to your doctor about vitamins. Get at least 30 mins of exercise a day, Turn off T.V. and video games at least 1 hour prior to bedtime and WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN.

Cough and sneeze? Elbow please!! Please remind your child to cough and sneeze into the bend of their elbow verses their hands.

CDC is urging everyone to get their flu shots before Halloween. Flu season will typically peak from November to December.

If you have any questions we are always happy to speak with you.

From the Parent Coordinator

Drafts of the 2018-2019 Family School Compacts are now available at the front desk and in the Family Resource Center for any BES family member to review and suggest changes. We will be accepting input regarding the Compacts until our PAC meeting on Oct. 11th @ 10 a.m. The PAC is open to any parent, guardian, grandparent, or caretaker of any student at BES. If you have input about our school, YOU are invited to be part of the PAC! At the PAC meeting we will ask you to review and approve the School/Family Compacts. We can not do this without your input!

Once approved the grade level Compact will be sent home along with a signature page. Please review the compact with your student, sign the signature page indicating that you have read it and ask your child to write his or her name on the signature sheet as well. Please send those signature sheets back to school as soon as they are signed. Keep your Compact in a prominent place in your home and use as a reminder that we have all agreed to do our part to promote student learning!

Calendar of Events

10-26 - 11/9	Fall Sale - Great American products	11/13	LSGT @ 3:30
Week of 10/22	Safety Drill this week	11/19 - 11/23	Thanksgiving Break
10/26	PTO Glow Party 6:00 - 9:00	12/11	4th Grade Parent Lunch
11/8	3rd Grade Parent Lunch	12/19	Christmas Parties @ 9:00
11/9	Veterans Day Program 9:00	12/20 - 1/4	Christmas Break
11/12	PTO 5:00	2/21	5th Grade Parent Lunch
