



Battlefield Banner

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Principal
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Our SYSTEM Value Promise: *Every Child, Every Day, Without Exception*

Our SCHOOL mission is to promote student learning

Date: January 2017

Character Trait: Trustworthiness

From the Principal

It's hard to believe our first semester is in the past and that we are approaching the mid-point of the third nine weeks. The school year seems to be flying by!

I want to brag about our students – for the second nine weeks, we had ninety-six percent of our students meet their AR goal. In fifth grade, every single student met their goal. I think this is amazing and I am so proud of our students. The reason we offer so many incentives for students to meet and exceed their AR goal is to encourage students to read outside of school in the hopes that they begin to view reading as a life-long habit. Thanks to all the parents and teachers that remind students to keep on track with their AR points.

I cannot express enough how important it is for students to maintain good attendance. It can be a challenge, especially during the winter months, to keep children healthy and able to be here. At school, we emphasize the importance of proper handwashing and covering sneezes and coughs. At home, you can do the same, as well as avoiding contact with anyone you know is sick. From now until test time in late April, good attendance is crucial. We have a celebration each semester for students that had Exemplary Attendance. That is defined as up to two excused absences and up to a combined total of three unexcused early dismissals and tardies. Students with an unexcused absence are not eligible for this celebration. Please make sure you child is here when possible and gets to school on time.

If you haven't visited our Title I Family Resource Center yet, please do so the next time you are in the building. It is full of books, pamphlets, and DVDs that you might find useful. It is a big job to be a parent! We strive to offer workshops that parents need. If you have an idea for one, contact me or our Title I Parent Involvement Coordinator, Sara Peterson.

DID YOU KNOW?

- One component of our Title I program is to involve you, as parents, in your child's education.
- We try to accomplish this in several ways: asking for your input into matters that relate to school improvement, getting your input on how to spend our Title I funds, and offering workshops to help you work effectively with your child at home. Be sure to let us know anytime you have a suggestion about how we can make BES a better place for our students!

Newsletter Highlights



- ❖ Info on Parent Education Resources
- ❖ Student Growth Model
- ❖ AR Information
- ❖ Communication Tips
- ❖ Good Health Tips
- ❖ Importance of Good Attendance

Mark Your Calendar Upcoming Dates



FEBRUARY

- 7 Mid-term
- 7 BES Spirit Night at Moe's
- 13 Progress reports sent
- 14 Valentine's Day Parties
- 17 No School *
- 20 No School

**Possible inclement weather make-up day*

March 1st

Individual & Class Pictures

March 16th

Fifth Grade Parent Lunch

REMINDER: Please do



not have deliveries (flowers, balloons, etc.) made here for students. They cannot be taken to the classroom and are not allowed on county buses. Thanks!.

WE APPRECIATE OUR BUSINESS PARTNERS

Blood Assurance
Bojangles
Capital Bank
Chick fil A
CiCi's Pizza
Coca-Cola
Creighton's Flowers
Fantastic Sam's
Fazoli's
Ft. Oglethorpe First Baptist Church
Georgia Book Company
Home Depot
Beth Stockman, Insurance Rep
Logan's
Lowe's
McDonald's
North GA Family YMCA
Northwest GA Bank
O'Charley's
Office Depot
Parkway Baptist
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

Counselor's Corner

Kelly Wolfe, School Counselor

As we continue working on the 7 Habits of Happy Kids in classroom guidance we are currently working on Habit #5 "Seek first to understand then to be understood".

Communication is the most important skill in life. You spend years learning how to read and write, and years learning how to speak. But what about listening? Like most people, students often seek first to be understood; they want to get their point across. And in doing so, they may ignore the other person completely. With such a variety of personalities, skills, and interests among students we are trying to help our students learn the value of listening. This skill can be of benefit when working in classroom groups, completing group projects, and with peer relationships. All of which help them in developing better leadership skills that will continue with them throughout their education and in the work place. Please practice those effective listening skills with your child at home.

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.

Nurse's Notes

Mindy Wright, School Nurse

Starting a new year is a great time to make some changes toward bettering our health. One good place to start is by eating a balanced healthy diet. Please visit www.choosemyplate.gov for some great tools for you and your family.

Title I News

Sara Peterson, Parent Involvement Coordinator

Do you or someone you know need to get your 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? Help is available! Catoosa Citizens for Literacy, located in the Learning Center next to the library, offers FREE classes, as well as FREE childcare and FREE transportation to participants of the GED classes who live in Catoosa County. CCL will even pay the \$160 testing fee to take the GED. Go to www.catoosacitizensforliteracy.org or come by the Family Resource Center (Rm. 103) and speak with Sara Peterson, your Parent Involvement Coordinator for more information.

The Student Growth Model Reports are designed to help educators, parents, and other stakeholders better understand and analyze the progress students make year to year. An informational video on "How to Read Your Child's Georgia Student Growth Model Reports" is available on our school website at www.bat.catoosa.k12.ga.us/ and click the link on the left sidebar entitled "Title I Parent Resources."



5th Grade Leadership Team

Hard at work for their Leadership Academy at Ringgold United Methodist helping with packing snack packs.