



Battlefield Primary Cub Report



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A Note from the Principal

Welcome to the month where we express our thankfulness! We have so many things to be thankful for here at BPS. Two big expressions of gratitude come to mind. We would like to give a BIG thank you to Scott Fiddler from Lowe's! He and his crew from Lowe's planted all the beautiful new plants and bushes around the front of the school. It truly looks amazing. We also would like to thank APEX, the students, and all the wonderful people who pledged money to support our school. Every year we look forward to seeing APEX come, and then we are sad to see them go.

Let me take some time right now to inform you of some other school happenings. We will soon be getting our school score from the state of Georgia. The score from the state is called the CCRPI (College and Career Readiness Performance Index), and it measures how well students perform on the state assessment, attendance rates of the school, discipline rates of the school, and even on surveys. The state needs input from teachers, students, and parents in the form of surveys to judge what the climate is like at a school. Once this information is released to the public, I plan on going over it in detail at the next PTO/Title meeting and Local School Governance Team meeting. You are cordially invited to both.

Speaking of surveys, the state of Georgia would like you to take one on BPS for next year's CCRPI score. If you would kindly consider logging onto <http://gshs.gadoe.org/parents> and answering the questions that follow, our school would greatly appreciate it.

Finally, please allow me to get back on the topic of thankfulness. In the past I have usually focused on being thankful for things that I materially have. Examples of this would be a home, my family, etc. I am still thankful for those things. I am also thankful that I and every other person that works at BPS has the opportunity to serve the students... and I don't necessarily mean from an academic standpoint. It truly brings joy to our hearts when we are able to dry tears, have a child smile, or make them feel safe and loved. It brings a phrase to mind that I saw this past summer - "be the one who never leaves the one behind." That's good stuff right there.



Mr. Rhodes

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 4 Daylight Saving Time ends
- Nov. 5-9 PTO Food Drive
- Nov. 8 Picture Re-takes
- Nov. 9 Spirit Store/Cub Corner open
- Nov. 10 Fall picture orders due
- Nov. 12 Veteran's Day—wear red, white, and blue
- Nov. 15 Renaissance Football Day
- Nov. 15 Moe's Spirit Night
- Nov. 16 Kindergarten Parent Lunch
- Nov. 27 LSGT Meeting—9:00a.m.
- Nov. 19-23 **THANKSGIVING BREAK!**
NO SCHOOL!
- Nov. 30 Progress Reports go home



Catoosa County's policy regarding attendance states, "The learning experiences that take place in the classroom are considered to be a meaningful and essential part of the educational system. Absences tend to disrupt the continuity of the instructional process. Time lost from class is irretrievable, particularly in terms of opportunity for interaction and exchange of ideas between students, and students and teachers. Therefore, classroom attendance is considered to be an integral part of the student's course of study." Our school has many incentives for students that attend school regularly such as: monthly prizes from the treasure box, chance to win a Walmart gift card, school wide recognition for perfect attendance, and monthly rewards coupons.

Please strive to have your child at school on time every day. The school doors open at 7:15 a.m. and the students are released to go to their classes at 7:45 a.m. They are considered tardy at 8:00. If tardies are an issue, we strongly encourage you to allow your child to ride the school bus. For more information about bus transportation contact the Transportation Department at (706) 965-2913.

Please continue to send in doctor's notes when your child is out sick, leaving early, or returning to school late. If a child has excessive absences, he/she may be referred to our school's social worker. A phone call or visit by the social worker may occur after five (5) or more unexcused absences. If attendance does not improve, then the parent will receive a summons through a Catoosa County Sheriff Officer to attend a CART meeting (Catoosa Attendance Review Team) to address these issues.

We are so glad your child attends Battlefield Primary School! Please contact me should you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

~ Hiram Celis, Assistant Principal



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CITIZENSHIP

is the Character Trait
for November.

Citizenship means to show respectful devotion to one's country, school, or community; doing your part to be a good citizen.

There are many ways to model this character trait in your home, school, and community. One way to show citizenship is through giving to others, and during this holiday season, our school will provide a few opportunities to do so.

We will be having the **PTO Food Drive** this month and in December, our annual **Toy Drive!** We are excited to be a part of giving to others, and it is made possible through our wonderful parents, students, and faculty. Thank you.

We Need Your Help with our Clothes Closet!

We need to restock our emergency clothing closet. We are in need of pants sizes 6-12, preferably stretchy pants with an elastic waistband. We are *always* in need of these, so anytime you would like to make a donation of new or gently used pants, please drop them off at the Nurse's Clinic.



Please Keep BPS in the Loop!

Lately we have had several instances where we are finding that families have changed phone numbers or even moved without notifying the school.

It is extremely important that the school have correct contact numbers and current address information at all times.

To update phone numbers, please send a signed and dated note to the school office.

Address changes **REQUIRES two** of the following: Current utility bill, signed lease or mortgage statement, bank statement, voter registration card, driver's license. If the documentations are not in the parent/guardian's name, please complete a Residency Affidavit form from the office.



PTO Food Drive
November 5th-9th

Please remember when paying for school lunches, **only cash or checks** are accepted at school.



From The Music Room

It's that time of year again! Our Christmas Musical will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 17th, at Heritage High School for 1st and 2nd graders. There will be a letter going home after Thanksgiving break with more details. We have already started practicing, and the students are getting excited! Looking forward to seeing you there!



Mr. Gillespie, Music Teacher

All Parents are invited
to take this survey!

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

The Georgia Parent Survey has 20 questions and it should take no more than 5 - 10 minutes to complete it. Survey responses are anonymous and will be submitted directly to the Georgia Department of Education for analysis.

Data results from the Georgia Parent Survey will not be available to the public and will not be posted online.

Nurse's Notes on Hand Washing and Germs

Hand washing is still the best, most effective method to protect from the spread of any viral infection. Below are a few things you can do to help keep your child stay healthy.



Keep your children home if they are obviously ill, or have any of the following:

- Temperature above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit
- Vomiting within the past 24 hours
- First 24 hours of antibiotic therapy for contagious illness

The (4) Principles of Hand Awareness:

1. Wash your hands when they are dirty and BEFORE eating.
2. DO NOT cough into your hands.
3. DO NOT sneeze into your hands.
4. Above all, DO NOT put your fingers into your eyes, nose, or mouth. This is known as the **"T-ZONE,"** the membranes of the eyes, nose, and mouth. **The "T-ZONE"** is the only portal of entry in the human body for all respiratory infections.



Wash hands frequently and effectively:

- Only use hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.
- Turn on the water and get soap (liquid is best, since bar soap can keep bacteria on the surface).
- Count to 20 (sing "Happy Birthday" or "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star").
- Rinse your hands
- Get a paper towel (if you use cloth, do not share with a lot of people).
- Turn the water off with the paper towel.

Besides the "obvious" places, clean the following frequently:

- Door knobs & handles (inside and out)
- Light switches (even in the halls!)
- Handles on sinks, toilets, cabinets, and drawers
- Microwave buttons and doors
- Tops of soap, lotion, and sanitizer dispensers
- Car door handles, steering wheels, etc.
- Computer keyboard & mouse
- Phone receiver, buttons, cell phones
- Video game controls



Basically, if your family handles anything with dirty hands, you should wipe it when you clean.



Articles are turned in to the Lost and Found all year long, but really pile up when cool weather sets in.

To minimize the loss of an item, please write your child's name on the INSIDE label. Then, if found, it can easily be returned.

Lost & Found items such as sweaters, jackets, lunchboxes, eyeglasses and jewelry are first sent to the media center and shown on morning announcements. If not claimed, items are then sent on to the office. Please check at school if your student has misplaced an item.

Sadly, many found items are never claimed. Twice a year, unclaimed items will be donated to charity.



Please remember, the car rider line ends at 3:00. If your child is not picked up by that time, he/she will be sent to ASP and you will be responsible for charges incurred.



It's Fall Festival Time!
Join us November 3rd from 2-6pm for games, petting zoo, inflatables, face painting, Pizza Hut personal pan pizza, silent auction and much more!



The BPS School Spirit Store, *Cub's Corner*, will be open Friday, Nov 9th, 7:15 - 8:00 a.m.

Join us on Twitter "@bpscubs"



WELCOME TO MOE'S!
Join us Thursday, November 15 for dinner at Moe's Spirit Night



You can help out BPS simply by shopping at Publix! Sign up for Publix Partners and select Battlefield Primary. When you go to the store and checkout, enter your phone number & Publix will make a donation to BPS! More information at:

www.Publix.com/partners

Join BPS Parent
Involvement on Re-
mind... text bpspa
to 81010 from your phone!



Upcoming Events:



Food Drive
November
5th–9th

Math Night
November
12—6:00pm



Kindergarten
Parent
Lunch—
November 16

BPS Parent Involvement



Bullying and reaching out!

Even if your child has never participated in bullying or been a bully's victim, odds are he has seen a classmate being teased or threatened. And he can play an important role in helping those who are bullied. Here's how.

Reporting vs. tattling.

He could interrupt a bully by asking the victim to play or read with him. If he doesn't feel

safe doing so, however, he should get an adult's help right away. When it comes to bullying, telling an adult isn't tattling. Make sure your youngster knows the difference: tattling gets someone in trouble while reporting gets a person out of trouble. Then, ask him to think of grown-ups he can go to if he sees bullying (teacher, coach, school counselor.)

"Pull-ups" vs. put-downs.

Encourage your child to say nice things to students who are teased. He might compliment a classmate on a presentation ("Your science project was cool!") or ask, "Hey, want to sit together at lunch?" His friendly words will act as "pull-ups" to help counter the put-downs these kids here.

Picture Retakes November 8th



Set your clocks
back one hour on
November 4th.

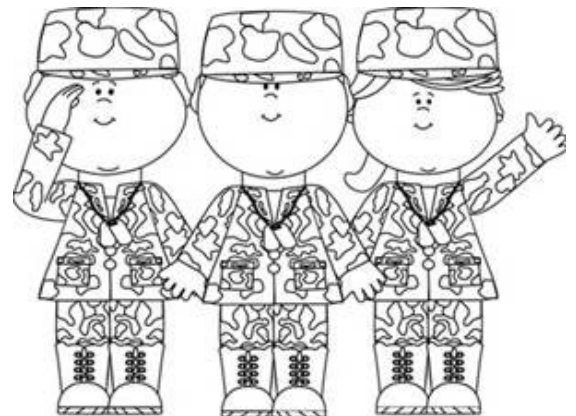


Field Trips

Parents, please be aware of Field Trip days for each grade. These will be posted in the Cub Reports. If your child is a car rider, you may want to be at the school earlier than normal for car rider pick-up on field trip days, as many students are checked out after the field trip or after they return to school.



If you plan to follow the buses, please park your car in the upper parking lot so that buses will have easy access to the bus loading area. Also, please try and not get in between the buses, while driving on the road. They prefer to stay together, if at all possible. ~ Thank you



Thank YOU, Veterans!