



Battlefield Primary Cub Report



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be with you!

A Note from the Principal

Well, this is the last Cub Report for this school year. First and foremost let me wish everyone a happy and safe summer vacation! I hope it is filled with smiles and laughter. :) That being said, I would like to remind you of a few things before the end of the school year.

First, summer months are when our school typically starts to develop its Title I plans for the upcoming school year. If you have been unable to attend any of the Title I meetings or events this year, let me remind you of the Title I Ideas Box located in the main office. Anytime you have a legitimate idea that you feel would benefit the school, especially as it relates to academics, please feel free to drop a note in the box. Your thoughts and ideas are always welcome.

Second, an area of concern I'd like you to consider is checking your child out of school early. There are some days on the calendar that tend to lend themselves to checking your child out of school; for example, after Christmas and end-of-the-year classroom parties. I realize you are at the mercy of a doctor's or dentist's office schedule and must abide by their requests on meeting with your child. However, other early dismissals should be limited to only what is strictly necessary. This would be beneficial for them and the school. We want to maximize the instructional time as much as we can with your child. :)

Finally, you may have noticed that we have new front doors at BPS. This is part of a new safety initiative that is happening at every school in Catoosa County. These doors are "buzz-in" doors. After the school day has started at 8:00 a.m., the doors will be locked. For you to gain entry into the school, you will need to ring the bell that is on the brick wall next to the farthest left-hand door. Once a front office staff person sees you and you are holding up a valid BPS car rider tag, you will be "buzzed" in. I do not expect this to begin this school year, but just in case it does.....

Once again have an awesome summer!

Go Cubs!

Geoff Rhodes



Upcoming Events



- May 1-5 Staff Appreciation Day
- May 2 PTO meeting at 3:30 p.m.
- May 4 Kindergarten field trip to Creative Discovery Museum
- May 5 Pre-K Lottery Drawing at the County Office
- May 5 Special Olympics
- May 8 Kindergarten Registration at the County Office
- May 10 School Nurse Day
- May 11 Poetry Café at 11:00 a.m.
- May 12 Tacky Tourist Day
- May 14 Mother's Day
- May 15 Planting Day
- May 18 Bee Bash
- May 19 Family Fun Day ****NEW DATE**
- May 23 Inflatable Day for 1st Grade
- May 24 Second Grade Water Day
- May 25 Hawaiian Day
- May 25 LSGT at 5:00
- May 26 Last day of school. Report cards go home.



Cubs Corner Spirit Store



The Spirit Store will be open May 12 and May 26 in the front hall from 7:15 - 8:00. We have water bottles, pencils, pens, coin pouches, wrist bands, etc. Most items have the BPS logo. These items would be great for end of the year memorabilia.



End-of-Year Info from the Media Center

Last day to check out library books is Wednesday, May 10th.

All library books are due Friday, May 12th.



Visit the Catoosa County Library and take part in the Children's Summer Reading Program!

Battlefield Primary School

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SELF-CONTROL

is the character trait for May.

To have **self-control** is to be able to:

- *make good choices,
- *be in control of your actions and emotions,
- *and to be polite and courteous with your words and behaviors.

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Kindergarten Registration

BPS Kindergarten Registration will be held on **May 8th** at the **Student Enrollment Center** located at 108 High Street in Ringgold.

The following documents are required for enrollment:

- Student's Birth Certificate
(Must be age 5 on or before 9/1/17)
- Student's Social Security Card
- Valid and current:
Georgia 3231 Form—Immunization Certificate
Georgia 3300 Form— Ear/Eye/Dental Screening
- Current proof of residency
Electric, gas, or land-line phone bill
- Photo Identification of parent or legal guardian
- Legal custody or guardianship papers, if applicable

Registrations forms are available at
www.catoosa.k12.ga.us

If you can not attend this day, the Enrollment Center hours are from 8:00 -11:30 am and 1 to 4 pm, Monday - Thursday.

Closed on Fridays during the summer.

Please call 706-965-8725 or the school office if you need further information.

PTO News

- ◆ Staff Appreciation Week is May 1-5. Make sure you do something nice to appreciate all they do for your precious children!
- ◆ BPS PTO would like to thank everyone for their participation in the PTO events this year! We couldn't have the events and purchase items for the school without your support. Thank you!

LOST AND FOUND



We are overflowing with lost and found items. Please claim your lost items by the last day of school Friday, May 26.

Any left over items will be donated at the end of the school year.

Thank you!



We just wanted to express our gratitude to all of our wonderful parents, students, and faculty. We truly appreciate all that was done to help make this year's **Relay for Life** fund-raiser, benefiting the American Cancer Society, such a success.

Thank you!

End of the Year \$\$\$ Notices

This notice applies to all payments including ASP, Cafeteria, Media Center, etc.

- The last day BPS is allowed to accept checks for **any** account is **Friday, May 12th**.
- All payments must be made in **CASH ONLY** beginning **Monday, May 15th**.

ADVANCE payments by check are welcome on or before May 12th.

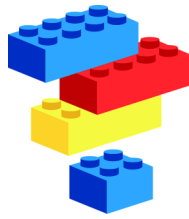
Beginning Monday, May 15, all ASP students will be on a **pay daily, cash basis** only. All accounts must be kept at a zero balance every day in order to use the after school services. Students will need to have another form of transportation on any day that account is not current. End of year report cards will be held for any unpaid obligations.

ASP overages may be applied to registration and/or payments for 17/18 school year (even if child moves to BES). Cafeteria overages will be refunded on last day of school.

Please check your child's folder or agenda daily for notices regarding balances due. For questions regarding your child's cafeteria account, please **check on parent portal** or contact Mrs. Farrow. For questions about your child's ASP account, please call Mrs. Nix.

***We want to thank all the parents who have been so diligent to keep their child's accounts current and paid all year!
You're fantastic!!!***

Legos! Legos! We are Looking for Legos!



The BPS Media Center is developing a **Lego** collection as a part of its initiative to incorporate more STEM (and STEAM) education in our school. STEM refers to the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math. If you add the arts, you get STEAM. With this multi-disciplinary approach to learning, students are learning and applying the skills they will need throughout their lives.

One fantastic way to incorporate STEM is through the use of Legos. Students will have the opportunity to complete challenge activities, develop projects, and build robotic Lego creations (as our collection grows).

If you have any Lego-brand pieces you would like to donate to our collection, it would be greatly appreciated. We need bricks of all shapes, sizes, and colors, as well as wheels, rods, bars, arches, hinges, doors, base plates, etc.

Thank you for your support of STEM learning at BPS!



THE WORLD IS 71% WATER AND YOUR CHILDREN ARE 100% CURIOUS!

Safety Around Water

May 1st – 5th, 5-8 p.m.

One-hour sessions will start on the hour
@ 5 pm, 6 pm & 7 p.m.

Drowning can happen nearly anywhere with standing water. But, as a parent or caregiver, you can't keep your kids sidelined. You need to equip your children with the tools they need to be confident in and around water.

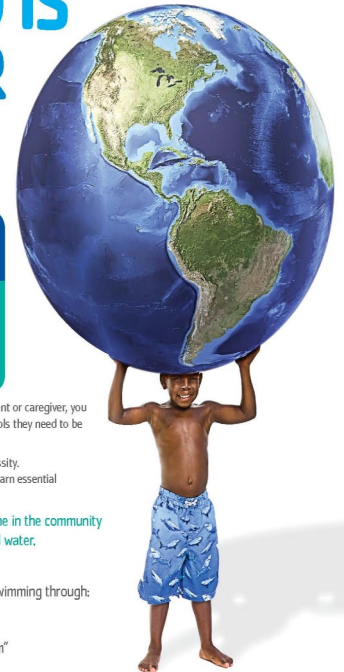
Teaching children how to be safe around water is not a luxury; it is a necessity. The YMCA's Safety Around Water program can help you make sure they learn essential water safety skills, which can open up a world of possibilities for them.

Safety Around Water is free to participants. It is open to anyone in the community who wants their children to learn how to be safe in and around water.

WHAT IS SAFETY AROUND WATER?

A 5-session course that teaches kids water safety and basic swimming through:

- Exercises to help kids adjust to being in water
- Instruction in "Jump, Push, Turn, Grab" and "Swim, Float, Swim"
- Specific safety topics
- Fun activities



NORTH GEORGIA COMMUNITY YMCA
ymcachattanoooga.org

For more information, contact:

North Georgia Community YMCA - 706.935.2226
ngaymca@ymcachattanoooga.org



Nurse's Notes: Preventing Sunburn

Warmer days are upon us and that means more time outdoors, more exposure to the sun, and more risk for sunburned skin. Follow these guidelines to help prevent sunburn:

- Apply sunscreen at least 30 minutes before going outdoors.
- Use a sunblock made for children with an SPF (Sun Protection Factor) of at least 30 or higher. SPF ratings tell you how well the sunscreen blocks the sun's harmful UV Rays. Choose a product that says "broad spectrum" coverage.
- Apply sunblock all over the body and if your child swims, use a waterproof sunblock.
- Reapply sunscreen every 2 hours when outdoors, even on cloudy days. No matter what the label says, you need to put on more sunscreen when it is windy and after being in the water.
- Shield sensitive shoulders and chest with a T-shirt.
- Wear a hat with a wide brim to protect and shade the face.
- Don't let your child stay in the sun too long, especially between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2 p.m.

These measures should be a part of your everyday routine, not just reserved for trips to the beach or a day at the ball field. And remember, children who suffer from bad sunburns have an increased risk for skin cancer as adults.

Have a Safe and Enjoyable Summer!

Join BPS Parent
Involvement on
Remind... text
bpspa to 81010
from your phone!



BPS Parent Involvement



Upcoming Events:

May 1st-5th

**FACULTY
and STAFF
APPRECIATION Week!!**



May 8th

**Kindergarten
Registration at the
County Office**

May 11th

**DAC Meeting, Catoosa
Learning Center 8:30
a.m.**

May 19th

**Family
Fun Day**



Summer Field Trips...

The school year is almost over - but the classroom isn't the only place your youngster can learn new things. Here are suggestions for family field trips that are fun and educational.

Ballpark

Batter up! Attend a local ballgame, and ask each family member to choose a batter and calculate his batting average for that game. Your child will need to track the player's number of at-bats and hits. Then, divide the hits by at-bats. Whose player gets the highest average?

Airport

Explore the science of flight by visiting a regional airport (call first to see if they allow visitors) or going to a viewing point. Beforehand, your youngster can read up on airplanes in a library book or online. Then, watch planes take off and land, and have her point out parts she recognizes, such as the jet engines, wings, cockpit, and landing gear. He/She could time how long a plane rolls down the runway before takeoff or how long it takes to stop once it lands.

Farm

A local farm is a great place for your child to discover where her food comes from. Find one that's open to the public, and take a tour. He/She could see farm machinery, learn what crops grow in your area, or watch cows being milked. Idea: If possible, purchase eggs or farm grown vegetables, and have your youngster help cook them.

Our District Advisory Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, May 11, 2017, at 8:30 am. We will review and approve the 2017-2018 Catoosa County Parent and Family Engagement Policy. Please RSVP by May 5th to Cherry Stephenson at cstephenson.bps@catoosa.k12.ga.us or phone 706-861-5778.

Everyone is welcome!