



Battlefield Primary Cub Report



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A Note from the Principal

Welcome to November. The time sure is flying by. :) So many things happened last month! One of the big events was our APEX fundraiser. It was so much fun having APEX here and learning character lessons from them. The race day was exciting as well. The students tried so hard in their running and really did a great job. I appreciate all the adults who helped our kids get pledges for the race because we could not operate this school without the APEX fundraiser money. Let me stop and say a big THANK YOU to all of you who supported BPS during the APEX fundraiser!

During this month of November, I would like for us to turn our attention back to a service project. Actually, it not a new one but one that we decided to extend. The project is Bill's Backpacks and it was announced last month. Due to the timing of the APEX fund raiser, we felt we should give this project the time it deserves. Please remember that these items will be collected for people that are homeless to help them get by during these upcoming cold winter months. Some of the items to be collected will be identical to the ones that we are collecting for our Thanksgiving canned food drive. This will be a perfect time to combine both events into one so that you, the parent, will not have to think of two things to do. Please join us in helping those people who may be less fortunate than we are.

Finally, I would like to give you a heads up on some cool things we will be doing on Friday afternoons. We have some hard working students here at BPS! We already have some celebrations going on, but we upping our game. :) On Friday afternoons, around 2 p.m., we will celebrate those students who showed good behavior and tried their best on their school work by having a mini dance party in the hallways! Feel free to come join us dance. Just don't check your child out or they might miss seeing the office staff doing the electric slide. :)

Happy Fall,
y'all!

Geoff Rhodes



Upcoming Events

- Nov. 5 Daylight Saving Time ends
- Nov. 6-10 PTO Food Drive
- Nov. 7 Fall picture orders due
- Nov. 9 Picture Re-takes
- Nov. 10 Veteran's Day—wear red, white, and blue
- Nov. 13 Midterm for second nine weeks
- Nov. 14 Title I Math Night
- Nov. 15 2nd Grade Field Trip
- Nov. 16 Renaissance Football Day
- Nov. 16 LSGT Meeting—5-6 p.m.
- Nov. 17 Kindergarten Parent Lunch
- Nov. 20-24 **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 REQUIRE a copy of your current and dated electric, gas, or land-line phone bill. If bills are not in the parent/guardian's name, please complete a Residency Affidavit form from the office.



PTO Food Drive
November 6th-10th
More information coming soon!

Please remember when paying for school lunches, **only cash or checks** are accepted. No debit or credit cards.



From The Music Room

It's that time of year again! Our Christmas Musical will be at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11th, 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! Look forward to seeing you there!

Mr. Gillespie, Music Teacher



Hey BPS! Let's shine the light and make the world a better place!

Our October service project is "Bill's Backpacks."

Bill's Backpacks is an organization started by one of America's veterans after his return from Afghanistan. These backpacks are given to homeless persons in the North Georgia and Chattanooga areas. Bill's Backpacks' ultimate goal is to assist individuals with getting permanent housing. Currently, this organization is struggling to acquire everything needed to fill backpacks. Would you please consider donating one or more of the following items listed below? **No donation is too big or too small.**

Homeless Care Pack:

- ◆ new or gently used backpack
- ◆ sleeping bag, tarp
- ◆ beanie/toboggan, scarf, gloves, and/or coat
- ◆ socks (thick)
- ◆ blanket
- ◆ micro fiber towel
- ◆ personal hygiene products such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap bar, wet wipes, razor, comb, Chapstick
- ◆ basic first aid kit
- ◆ peanut butter or some type of canned food (Vienna sausages)
- ◆ bottled water
- ◆ plastic eating utensils
- ◆ fast food gift card

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.



A great big THANK YOU to everyone who had a part in our recent fall festival. It was a huge success!

The winners of the PTO Membership Drive are:

PK-K= Mrs. Pickens class
1st Grade=Ms. Morgan's class
2nd Grade=Mrs. Bradford's class

Congratulations to these classes!

Our next upcoming event will be the **Food Drive**. Bring in your non-perishable food items and collect turkey feathers for your class. The class with the most feathers will win breakfast!!

Join us on Twitter "@bpscubs"



The BPS School Spirit Store, *Cub's Corner*, will be open Friday, Nov 3rd, 7:15 - 8:00 a.m.

**MATH NIGHT**

Tuesday, November 14
6pm

Come for
family fun time!

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



Upcoming Events:



Food Drive
November
6—10

Math Night—
November 10
@ 6:00 pm



Kindergarten
Parent
Lunch—
November 17

Santa Shop
December 5—9



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 9th



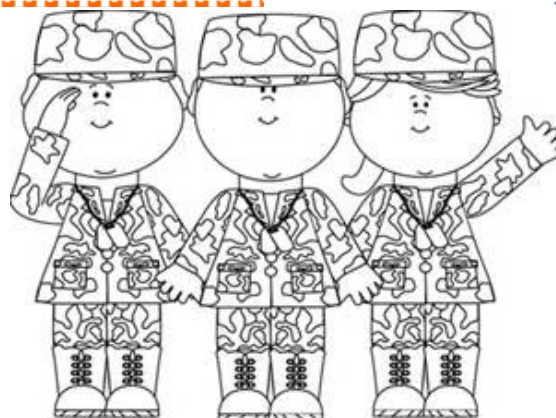
Set your clocks
back one hour on
November 4th.



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.

Also, if you need to come inside the school the morning of the field trip, or 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.



Thank YOU, Veterans!