



Battlefield Primary Cub Report



Happy
Fall, Ya'll!

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A Note from the Principal



I am going to try and contain my excitement as I write this note to you. Some huge, fun events are happening at BPS this month! The first events I would like to talk about are the assemblies we are having at the end of every month. These assemblies take place to honor students and accomplishments they have achieved during the month. Some of the efforts we celebrate are good attendance, following our school rules (the Bee-Attitudes), and showing compassion to those who are less fortunate. A lot of cheering, music, teachers in costumes, and sometimes even cheerleaders from the local schools are in attendance. At our last assembly, Staff Sergeant Porter came to thank BPS for all the items we donated to the hurricane relief effort! If you ever want to come to one of these assemblies, just check out our calendar. We would love to have you!

Another event happening this month is our APEX fundraiser. If you had a student here last year, I bet you remember this event! It was tons of fun!! For those parents who are new to BPS, let me briefly explain. APEX is a group that will come in for about two weeks and do character lessons with the kids during class time. At the end of their time here, we will have an APEX run day. Hopefully, during that two-week time frame, you and your child have been able to get people to sponsor or pledge your child for every lap they run. If you would like to see APEX in action, you can go to youtube.com and search for "APEX fun run." You will see lots of examples there.

The last event that I would like to write about is the event that will actually take place first in the month. This event is known as Grandparents' Day. It will be taking place on Friday, October 6. The main thing to tell you about that day is that it is fun and busy! Parking will be at a premium on that day. We hope to have some golf carts here to assist people because many of you will have to park in areas away from the school parking lot. However, it will all be worth it for the grandparents when they see their

grandchildren's faces
light up with smiles
when they see each
other :)

Mr. Rhodes



Upcoming Events

- Oct. 2-6 Book Fair
- Oct. 5 Picture Day
- Oct. 6 Grandparents Day 10:00-11:30
- Oct. 9-10 Fall Break NO SCHOOL!
- Oct. 12 Pre-K Parent Lunch
- Oct. 13 1st Grade to the Pumpkin Patch
- Oct. 14 Fall Festival
- Oct. 16 APEX Fun Run fundraiser begins
- Oct. 20 Fitness Gram
- Oct. 23-27 Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 26 APEX Fun Run Event
- Oct. 26 Report Cards go home
- Oct. 27 We Not Me Assembly
- Oct. 27 LSGT meeting at 5:00
- Oct. 30 Kindergarten to Pumpkin Patch
- Oct. 31 Super/Pixar/Princess Costume Day *(Dress up like your favorite Super Hero, Pixar character, or Disney Princess)*



**Please be aware...Important reminders
for our parents, grandparents, and care-givers.**

1. **We strongly discourage fast-food items being brought into the cafeteria, either at breakfast or lunch.**
2. **Please refrain from sending flowers or balloons to your child at school. If sent, they cannot be delivered to the classroom, and must be picked up after school.**
3. **If you would like to send cupcakes to your child's class,**



**Cubs' Corner Spirit Store will be open on
October 20th and November 3rd 7:15—8:00.**



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Salto Buzz-In System

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As many of you know by now, we have started using the new buzz-in system for entrance into our school. This system is being used in all our Catoosa County Schools. Here are a few things you need to know:

- Ring the door bell by pushing the silver button. The system will not automatically sense your presence.
- Stand on black X near the buzzer. This will place you in the perfect spot.
- Face the camera in the buzzer box. We need to be able to see your face. If you push the button and step away, or turn and look at the doors, we may not be able to identify you.
- Have your identification ready. We want to see either your picture ID, or your car hanger.
- Wait for someone to acknowledge your request to enter. Listen for "May I help you?"
- State the purpose of your visit. "I have a conference with the teacher" for example.
- Please be patient. While we will make every effort to help you promptly, we may perhaps be on the phone or momentarily away from our desks, and not able to answer you immediately.

It is a Catoosa County Schools policy that an adult who is on the child's school check-out card needs to be visible in order to allow a student to be dropped off at their bus stop. If no adult is visible, the bus driver is required to bring the student back to BPS. After school fees will be applied to the child's account. Thank you for your help!



PTO October Events

10/6—Grandparents' Day

We will be having a spooktacular photo booth this years. Pictures are 1 for \$3, or 2 for \$5. (Discount for PERKS members)

10/10—Pizza Hut Spirit Night

Mention BPS when you order!

10/14—Fall Festival

Come on out for food and fun. We are adding even more games this year, lots of new vendors, face painting from Faces by Deb, petting zoo, barrel racing, and tons more fun!!!



Saddle Up and Read a Good Book from the Scholastic Book Fair!

October 2 - 6



7:30-3:00 on Monday – Thursday
9:00-Noon on Friday*

**On Friday, Grandparents' Day, the book fair will be set up in the gym.*

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The Character trait of focus for October is loyalty.

To be **Loyal** is to:

*Be faithful to a person, an organization,
or to your country;
or to take pride in doing your best.*

We celebrate **Red Ribbon Week** during the month of October. During this time, we emphasize the importance of being loyal to oneself by living a safe, drug free, and healthy life.

In your child's folder, you will receive more information about special events during National Red Ribbon Week October 23-27.

Great Attendance = Success!!!

Regularly attending school propels students to meet their full academic potential. Our school is a primary school and we definitely understand that students within our age group may have a decreased immunity. We will reward students having perfect attendance throughout the school year by announcing their names during morning announcements, with certificates, and with gift cards. In the event that a student is absent from school, please turn in a doctor's note within three days of returning. If the student did not see a doctor, then please write a parent note and send it in to your child's teacher. After five (5) absences, an attendance letter will be sent home. Continual, unexcused absences will result in a social worker contacting the parent and/or a referral to the Catoosa Attendance Review Team meeting.

Thank you for sending your child to school on a regular basis! Please contact me should you have any questions regarding our attendance policy (details on pages 10-11 of the BPS Student-Parent Handbook).

Hiram Celis, Assistant Principal

Nurse's Notes



It's October again and mixed in with the images of ghosts, goblins and witches is another scary subject: **the flu**.

It is a good idea for most children to receive the flu vaccine. If your child has a chronic medical condition, he or she might *require* the flu vaccine to prevent becoming seriously ill. Your child's pediatrician will be able to make specific recommendations. Listed below are some important facts to remember about the flu and the flu vaccine.

Flu Guidelines

- Children who have never before had a flu vaccine will require 2 doses, one month apart.
- Signs and symptoms of the flu include: fever, headache, extreme tiredness, sore throat, cough, stuffy/runny nose, muscle aches, *nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea*. (The last 3 are especially common in children. If these symptoms occur, take your child to the doctor.)



- Frequent hand washing, sneezing or coughing into the elbow, and avoiding sick people are all excellent ways to prevent getting sick this winter. (Information from the Center for Disease Control)

**If your child does become ill,
please follow these guidelines.**

A child may return to school when he or she:

- does not have a temperature (100.0 degrees or greater) for **24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication**.
- has been on an antibiotic (if prescribed) for more than **24 hours**.



Chick-fil-A biscuits on sale
every Thursday morning in the
car-rider line. \$3.00 each



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



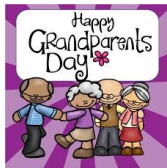
Upcoming Events:

Fall Book Fair:
Monday, Oct. 2-
Friday, Oct. 6



Fall Pictures:
Thursday, Oct. 5

Grandparents Day:
Friday, Oct. 6
10:00-11:30



Pre-K Parent Lunch:
Thursday, Oct. 12

Fall Festival:
Saturday, Oct. 14
4-7pm



APEX Fun Run:
Thursday, Oct 27

Fall Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
Friday, Oct 27



BPS Parent Involvement



OH! Those sight words!...

Sight words making you CRAZY?! You're not alone. Many students, and parents struggle with learning sight words.

Why are sight words important? They are important because without learning sight words students won't be able to put words together to read. Many of the sight words are words that are not easily sounded out. That's why they are called **SIGHT WORDS**. We learn them by sight alone.

Here are a few **FUN WAYS** to help your students learn the dreaded sight word list.

1. Make flash cards.
2. Write them in shaving cream with their finger on a table.
3. Try writing them with sidewalk chalk.
4. Try spelling them with letter magnets.
5. Try associating the words with pictures. As an example, for "brown" draw a brown crayon or picture.
6. Play sight word bingo.
7. Set the words to music. Ex., "Hickety Pickety Bumblebee...Will you say the word with me? (red)...Say it (red)...Clap it (one clap)...Spell it (r e d)...Let's shout it (RED)...Let's whisper it (red)"
8. Play sight word musical chairs.
9. Play sight word water balloon pop.
10. Play "Go-Fish" using sight word cards.



Catoosa County Literacy Center

Our mission:

To help all families of our community achieve life-long learning through literacy, enabling them to reach their individual goals while providing our businesses with a better-educated, productive workforce.

Adult Literacy Programs:

- **GED® Classes**
- **Reading Classes**
- **Computer Classes**

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