



Cub Report

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A Note from the Principal

Hi there, everyone! Well, I think the dust has settled after the start of this school year. :) We are starting to get into routines, and some good stuff is going on in classrooms! You may hear people talk about "Cub Time," and be wondering what exactly that is. "Cub Time" is a special time set aside twice a day for students to be grouped with other students that are similar to them from an educational standpoint. In these groups, students will have activities and programs that will challenge them at their specific academic level. In doing this, we expect to see HUGE growth in reading and math understanding.

One thing that may inhibit this growth, however, is absenteeism. Please do not misunderstand me. If your child is sick, he or she needs to stay home. What we will strive to improve here at BPS is reducing the number of early checkouts in the afternoons. Simply put, when your child is checked out for appointments, family trips, birthdays, etc., they are missing important instructional time. Please help us with this, and limit early dismissals for excusable reasons only, and also try to schedule appointments after school hours.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to all of you who were able to bring in cereal bars for our first "We not Me" service project! As of the writing, we have raised over 2,500 cereal bars. This is amazing! Thanks to your generosity, there will be some boys and girls in Catoosa County who will not go hungry. This is a humbling thought. Our next "We not Me" service project will be starting soon. While I can't tell you what it is just yet, I can tell you that what we gather as a school this time will go towards helping kids in hospitals. :)
The sky is the limit at BPS!

Thanks a bunch,
Geoff Rhodes



Upcoming Events

- 9/4 Labor Day—NO SCHOOL
- 9/5 Coupon Book Sale ends
- 9/7 2nd Grade Parent Night 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- 9/11 Patriot Day—wear red, white, and blue
- 9/21 PTO/Title I meeting 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- 9/21 Progress reports go home
- 9/26 Johnny Appleseed Day



Parents, Please send correct change whenever possible when making cash payments to the school for ASP, field trips, etc. We are not allowed to keep cash on hand, and making change can be problematic.

When paying by check for ASP, cafeteria, or other items, amounts **cannot be combined** as these are deposited in separate accounts. Also, do not combine payments for more than one classroom. Please make checks payable to the appropriate account - BPS, BPS Cafeteria, BPS ASP, BPS PTO, etc. **Make sure your phone number is on your check!** Please include the student's and teacher's names with ALL payments.

Thank you!

To receive BPS text alerts, (e.g. information on early dismissals, events, PTO meetings, etc.) text **BPSalert to 91011.**



The deadline for the coupon book sale is September 6th. Orders must be turned in by the deadline in order to qualify for prizes.

Meet the School Counselor



Welcome everyone! My name is Angel McPeters, and I'm proud to be the School Counselor here at BPS. I'm excited about this school year, and I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to work with children and families in our area for 20 years.

As the School Counselor, I get to help students and families in many ways:

- Through classroom guidance lessons, focusing on character traits and life skills;
- By meeting with students in small groups or one-on-one;
- By working with families to inform them of available community resources;
- And through working with parents and teachers to help make sure that every student reaches their full potential.

My door is always open, so please feel free to stop by or call me any time. I look forward to getting to know you and your family this school year. ~ Mrs. McPeters, M.Ed.

Monthly Character Trait...

RESPONSIBILITY



At BPS, we encourage each of our students to be "Students of Character" by emphasizing certain Character Traits.

This month our school will focus on the importance of being **responsible**. To show responsibility means to take care of yourself and others, and to finish your task *carefully and completely*.

There are many ways to help teach your primary student about being responsible.

- Lead by example, and remember that there are many teachable moments throughout your daily lives.
- Consistent daily routines can help instill responsibility.
- Provide them with age-appropriate responsibilities to help with at home.
- Communicate with your child to help them understand when they are using responsible behavior and making good choices.
- Read books together. There are many good books out that relay the importance of being responsible - Arthur's New Puppy by Marc Brown and The Boy Who Cried Wolf by T. Ross are two examples of good books to read and discuss with your child.

Renaissance News

The mission of our Renaissance program is to promote academic excellence. We help each child strive to be the best that he or she can be through encouragement, motivation, and incentives. Students are recognized for perfect attendance, going the extra mile, and working hard at school. More information will come home in the report card at the end of the first nine weeks to explain the recognition categories and requirements.

We will kick off our year of hard work with the school theme of "Scooby Doo" We will have a pep rally to reinforce the concepts of the Renaissance program, and then we will sponsor various activities throughout the year.

Looking ahead, we want to invite all grandparents to join us for Grandparents' Day in October. For those of you who are new to BPS, this is a special time for the children to show grandparents their school and all of their hard work. More information will come home as the date approaches.

Please see the school calendar at the front of the BPS Handbook for other events, and watch your child's class newsletter and future Cub Reports for more information!

Cafeteria News

	Breakfast	Lunch
Student (full price)	\$1.20	\$2.35
Student (reduced price)	.30	.40
Visitor - adult	\$2.80	\$4.25
Visitor - child	\$1.80	\$3.50
Special Event Meals		\$5.00



Money for your child's lunch account may be sent to the classroom teacher. We suggest you pay by the month if possible. Funds that are not used are refunded at the end of the school year. Please make checks payable to "**Battlefield Primary School Cafeteria**" and include child's name, lunch number, phone number, and teacher's name on check.

Catoosa County Schools Child Nutrition Department is excited to offer an On-Line Prepay system! Go to: www.LunchPrePay.com to setup your child's account. You will need your child's Student ID number to setup an account. If you do not know your child's Student ID number you may contact your child's school secretary or cafeteria bookkeeper.

Cubs' Corner Spirit Store will be open on September 15th and 29th 7:15—8:00.

Coming Soon!

**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.*

**A Few Reminders about
Car Pick-up**

During the first couple of weeks of school, the car line is always much longer (and therefore slower) than the remainder of the year.



Over the past couple of years, we have developed an excellent procedure for dismissing students.

To help us ensure that we keep students safe and are as efficient as possible, we ask that you:

- ⇒ Stay in the carpool line rather than come in the building. Someone will bring your child to your car.
- ⇒ Put the hang tag with your child's name on the rearview mirror with the name facing out.
- ⇒ Be respectful of other drivers and take turns at the merge areas.
- ⇒ Drive slowly as you exit the carpool line.

Dismissal starts at 2:15 p.m. Our goal is to have our last car rider loaded by 3:00.

All office check-outs must be prior to 2:00 pm.

This enables us to avoid any confusion when teachers are preparing to dismiss classes. As tempting as it is to park and come in to get your child, we insist you do not. Coming in requires that we interrupt the process of dismissal, which causes those waiting in the carpool line to have to wait longer. Safety is always our primary concern, and if parents walked into the dismissal area, we would have to ensure that the child was going with the correct person. We enlist the help of many staff members for our dismissal procedure and simply do not have enough to assign someone to help with dismissal from within the building.

So, my advice is to bring a bottle of water, a book to read, or a project to catch up on, and lots of patience. Remember, seeing that excited learner after a full day of school will be worth the wait.

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



BPS Parent Involvement



September



Upcoming Events

September 7

TITLE 1 Annual Meeting

6:00-6:30pm
and

Second Grade Parent Orientation
6:30-7:00pm



- Please email Cherry Stephenson, Parent Involvement Coordinator, for **VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES** at cstephenson.bps@catoosa.k12.ga.us.
- **WELCOME BACK!** Our Family Resource Center is located in Room 406. We are open from 8:00-2:00 Monday through Friday. Please feel free to contact Cherry Stephenson with any questions or concerns at (706) 861-5778.
- The Title I County Policy, the Title I School Policy, and the Title I Annual Information Sheet are located in the Family Resource Center, Room 406. Please feel free to come by, pick up copies, and let us know if you have suggestions. Feel free to ask what our school buys with Title I funds, and let us know if you have any other suggestions for Title I spending.

Need to change your child's transportation?

You can do this the following ways:

1. Write it on the *orange transportation form* located in your child's folder.
2. Come to the school and make the transportation change in person. ID will be required.
3. Fax in a note giving the change of transportation along with a phone number so that we can call to verify.

For the safety of your child, we DO NOT allow transportation changes to be made over the telephone. Exceptions may be made with the approval of an Administrator.



September 20

Volunteer Training

9:30a.m. and
1:30 p.m.

September 21

PTO/Title 1 Meeting

5:30-6:30 pm



September 26

Johnny Appleseed Day

September 29

Volunteer Orientation

12:00 p.m. and
3:00 p.m.



COMPACTS

Please watch your student's backpack for the 2017-2018 compact. Please read, sign, and return it ASAP.

We thank you for your help!