



Battlefield Primary Cub Report



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A Note from the Principal

Let me start off by thanking all of you who were able to give to our service project--collecting food for Christ Chapel. We presented the food to this local organization at an assembly, which was a really cool experience. It is my hope that the food items you donated will provide a little hope and joy to people who might desperately need them at this time of year.

Onto less important items....please remember that our BPS Christmas Musical is on Monday, December 17, at the Heritage High School Theater (6:30 start time). Our kids have been working hard with our music teacher, Mr. Gillespie, to give you quite a show that evening. By the way, be prepared to sing a little yourself that night!

A here's a little something else to let you know about that will not be on the school calendar. If you happen to be in the area of the school the morning of December 19, we would love to give you a cup of hot chocolate! Just a little something to say thank you.

Finally I would like to encourage you to take a survey on our school. The survey is from the state of Georgia. The state uses this survey to measure the climate of a school. The measurement comes in the form of the number of stars a school can earn. The most a school can earn is five stars. Currently we are a four-star school! While this is good, we will always strive to be better. If you have a couple minutes, please log onto <http://gshs.gadoe.org/parents> and take the brief survey.

That's it for now. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!



Geoff Rhodes



Upcoming Events

- December 3-13 Toy Drive (see below)
- December 4 Half of 2nd grade to Raulston Tree Farm
- December 5 Half of 2nd grade to Raulston Tree Farm
- December 6 Pictures with Santa (during school day)
- December 11 1st Grade to IMAX Theater
- December 11 PTO Spirit Night at Pizza Hut (Ringgold & Ft. Oglethorpe locations)
- December 17 BPS Musical - 6:30 pm at Heritage High School Theatre
Students need to be there by 6:00 pm.
- December 18 Pajama Day / Movie Day
- December 19 Classroom Parties
- December 20 - January 5 - Christmas Break!

January 7, 2019 Students return to school



BPS Annual Christmas Toy Drive

Our annual toy drive benefits families in our BPS community and the *Stockings Full of Love* Program.

BPS will be collecting toys now through Thursday, December 13th.

If you would like for your child to participate, he/she can simply bring in a new unwrapped toy and place it under our Christmas tree.

Thank you for your generosity, and for all you do to make BPS so special!

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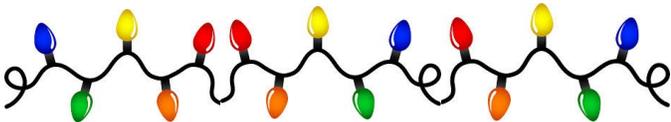
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The Character trait for December is CARING

To be caring is to show concern, compassion, and sympathy to others; to be generous and giving, kind, friendly, and helpful to everyone.

The holiday season is a wonderful time to teach your children about care and compassion. You can make special cards or handmade ornaments for loved ones, visit the elderly, or let your child choose a toy to donate to others in need. Teachable moments like these are special for both the giver and the receiver!



We just wanted to thank everyone who gave during our Thanksgiving Food Drive. The Kindergarteners were the winners of the drive with 539 items collected! 2nd grade came in 2nd with 526 items! With a total of over 1,500 items collected, our school will be helping those in need this holiday season. The nice people from Christ's Chapel were very grateful and asked us to be sure to thank everyone for participating. The PTO parent volunteers did an awesome job of running the food drive; and the generosity of our students, families, and faculty made it all possible. ~ Thank you!



Santa's Coming to Battlefield Primary on Thursday, December 6th to visit students! We will be selling 5 X 7 pictures with Santa. The costs will be \$5 for one picture and \$3 for additional pictures. Santa will only be here for one day!

Remember to send your picture form and money back to your child's teacher **NO LATER** than December 5th.



From The Music Room

Our BPS 1st & 2nd grade musical is only a few weeks away. The musical will be December 17th at 6:30 p.m. at Heritage High School. A letter was recently sent home explaining all the details, so please refer to that for more information. I hope you will make every effort to attend this performance of our BPS students. The musical can only be successful with your cooperation. Thanks and hope to see you there!

Mr. G



Pajama Day!

December 18th is Pajama / Movie Day!

Students are encouraged to wear pajamas to school and enjoy watching Christmas movies in their classrooms!

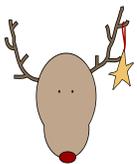


Field Trip Do's and Don'ts

- ◇ **Do** be aware of field trip days that are posted in the Cub Report's *Calendar of Events*.
- ◇ **Do** line up earlier than normal if your child is an afternoon car-rider. Many students are checked out after field trips which makes our car-rider line shorter.
- ◇ **Do** park in the upper parking lot if you will be following field trip buses to their destinations. You will be able to see the buses from this location and your vehicle will not interfere with buses entering and exiting the bus loading zone.
- ◇ **Don't** go to the classroom to wait with your student for the start of field trips. It is a hectic time for teachers and students as they prepare for departure. An over-crowded classroom is a distraction.
- ◇ **Don't** come into the school to sign in. Simply wait outside in your car to follow the buses.
- ◇ **Don't** plan on riding the bus with your student. This is not allowed due to insurance and liability restrictions.
- ◇ **Don't** bring younger children with you.

Remember to write your child's name on jackets, coats, and hats. We have

numerous items in our lost and found. If they had a name on them, we could return the items to the owners. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of December.



Spirit Store will be open
December 14th from 7:15-8:00.
Great stocking stuffers!



**Withdrawing and Transferring Students
Within the
Catoosa County School District**

If you are withdrawing your child and he/she will be attending another school in Catoosa County, you must register for the new school at the Enrollment Center.

Please bring the following items with you:

- Parent/Legal Guardian's photo identification
- Current utility bill with new address (or turn on statement)
- Custody (if applicable)
- Withdrawal form from current school

The Enrollment Center is located at
407 Cleveland Street
Ringgold

Enrollment Center Hours
8 - 4 pm

Holiday Hours: Closed 12/20/18 - 1/2/19
706-965-8725



NO SMOKING

Please remember that it is the policy of Catoosa County Schools that **no one is allowed to smoke anywhere on our school grounds**. This no smoking policy also applies to the car-rider line. Thank you for your cooperation!

**BPS Read and Share
Library**

Do you need any books to read during the holidays? Stop by the BPS Read and Share Library and see what is available! Just give one and take one! The little library is located outside the media center doors.



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



BPS Parent Involvement



Upcoming Events:



• Christmas Musical at Heritage High School
Monday, Dec 17th @ 6:30 pm

Learning around the house

Children often like to play school at home. With winter break coming up, encourage your youngster to set up "learning centers" just like her teacher has at school. She'll enjoy being both teacher and student—and she's sure to learn a lot. Here are ideas.

Dig and find

Help your youngster pour rice into a wide, shallow container, such as a baking dish. He could bury magnetic letters in it and dig them up one at a time until he can make a word. Or he might estimate how much rice a bucket will hold and use measuring cups to check. Finally, have him hide small items (paper clip, coin, plastic toys) in the rice and move a magnet through it—he'll discover which items are attracted to it.

Read and perform

Suggest that your youngster pick a few of her books and collect items to act out the stories. She can put each book and its props in a zipper bag. *Example:* For a story set in a forest, she may get plastic animals. Add paper and pencil so she could write a new opening or an alternate ending. She'll practice reading for meaning as she visualizes the action or thinks of different plot twists.

Order and arrange

Let your child gather things to put in order. For instance, have playing cards that he can stack from 1 (ace) to 10. Have Scrabble tiles for him to line up from A to Z. Write decimals (0.05, 0.7, 1.5) on separate slips of paper for him to arrange from smallest to largest.♥



The Parent Advisory Council meeting will be coming up in December 2018, stay tuned for more information.

A great big **THANK YOU** to our PTO for decorating our Christmas tree in the lobby this year.

Our District Advisory meeting will be Thursday, January 10 2019, at 8:30 am. Please RSVP by December 18th to Cherry Stephenson at cstephenson.bps@catoosa.k12.ga.us or 706-861-5778. Everyone is welcome!

