



# Cub Report



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## A Note from the Principal

Happy new year everyone! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to an awesome 2019! In fact, this new year is already a little different from previous years, it seems like the rain will never stop! With that in mind may I please suggest for you to make sure that your child's teacher has the most up to date contact information for you. What does contact information and rain have to do with each other? Well...throw in a little cold air on top of that rain and you get snow!! In the event that Catoosa County Schools would call for an early dismissal from school due to inclement weather, we would desperately need to get in touch with you. A few years ago this happened and there were a few car rider parents we could not get in touch of! At that point the school was faced with the very real possibility of some children being stuck at the school overnight (along with some adults who would be supervising them). Happily, everyone eventually got home safe that evening. All this to say, if your phone number or place of residence has changed please let the school know. Thanks in advance.

At this time I would also like to talk to you about Title I. As you know, this is a federally funded program that focuses on improving student's knowledge primarily in the areas of reading and math. Based upon input from several groups (parents, business/community leaders, educators, etc.), BPS chose how to best use these funds. The majority of the money went into adding additional personnel, Interventionist teachers were employed to assist students who were behind grade level, an academic coach was also employed to instruct the teachers on the best ways to teach students and to guide the school through any academic changes required by the district or state, a parent involvement coordinator is being employed as well to help foster the relationship between the school and home. Additional funds were spent on curriculum materials and teacher training that will help to increase

academic achievement. We have seen great benefits come from the use of these funds in the past and we hope to see positive results in the future. If you yourself would like to have input into how Title I funds are used, you may do so at any Title I sponsored event/parent program, or LSGT meeting. If you are unable to attend school events just give us a call and ask for myself or Cherry Stephenson, our parent coordinator. We also have a box in the front office where you can drop off any suggestions you have.

The future is bright here at BPS! We look forward to joining you as parents in taking care of and educating your child! Once again ....Happy New Year!!!

Geoff Rhodes



**Please put your child's name inside all sweaters, jackets, coats, hats, and gloves. We don't want anyone to be cold due to lost winter clothing.**

### Upcoming Events

- Jan. 7 Report back to school
- Jan. 10 Benchmark testing begins
- Jan. 11 Report cards go home
- Jan. 15 Doughnuts with Dad at 7:15 a.m.
- Jan. 21 **NO SCHOOL**—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan. 24 Renaissance Crazy Hat Day
- Jan. 24 Math STEAM Night - 6:00-7:00 pm
- Jan. 29 LSGT meeting 9:00 a.m.
- Jan. 31 100th day of school!!!

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is the character trait for January.

**When you are trustworthy, you can be depended on, won't let anyone down, reliable and honest.**



**HAVE YOU MOVED OR CHANGED YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER?**

We understand that sometimes families move. If you have moved, in order for us to update your new address, we will need a current power bill. Please send this to Ms. Kari in the office. Also, please make sure the office has updated telephone numbers in case we need to get in touch with you.



*Chick-fil-A Biscuits on sale most Thursday mornings in the car-rider line.*



*The BPS Christmas Musical was a great success! Thanks to everyone who attended. We couldn't have done it without you! DVD's are still available to order for*

*\$13.00. All profits go to the BPS music program. Thanks again! - Mr. G.*



**Parents,**

Please send correct change whenever possible when making cash payments to the school for ASP, field trips, Spirit Shop, etc. We are not allowed to keep cash on hand and making change can be problematic. When paying by check, payments for ASP, cafeteria, and other items **can not** be combined as these are deposited in separate accounts.

Please make checks payable to the appropriate account - BPS, BPS Cafeteria, BPS ASP, BPS PTO, etc.

**Please include the student and teacher's names with ALL payments. Thank you!**



We just wanted to send a special thank you to everyone who supported our annual Christmas Toy Drive. We truly appreciate your kindness and generosity.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION**



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In the event of inclement weather causing early release from school, we will send your child home the way they are typically sent home unless you have told us otherwise. If you want your child to be sent home a different way, please make sure the emergency dismissal form you filled out at the beginning of the year is still accurate. **The after school program (ASP) does not operate on emergency dismissal days.**

If you come to the school to check out your child on an early dismissal day, please make sure you have your car tag and/or your ID ready, and know the teacher's name. If your student's last name starts with letters A-L, you will go to the main office for check out, if your student's last name starts with letters M-Z, you will go to the media center for check out.

We ask for your patience and understanding on days such as these. It is best for all concerned to have your dismissal plan in place beforehand, and then stick with that plan if at all possible.

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