



Cub Report

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A Note from the Principal

Welcome to the first Cub Report of the school year! I am sure there are a lot of exciting items that will be mentioned in this report. Speaking of exciting...let's talk about our coupon book fundraiser that is going on right now! Did you know that the first 200 students that sell a coupon book will receive a gift from Bass Pro Shops? It's true:) The money that we raise from this fundraiser goes straight back to helping your kids in the classroom. In fact, the coupon book sale and the Apex Fun Run are the 2 biggest sources of fundraisers that we have. So please consider helping BPS out. Thanks in advance:)

Another topic I would like to talk about is our Cub Time. Cub Time is a portion of the day set aside for the students to be grouped with other kids that have the same educational need that they have. This need could either be remediation or enrichment in nature. Students will move out of their classrooms to be a part of this group and will typically be taught by someone other than their regular classroom teacher. 1st and 2nd grade students will start this process this month. Kindergarten students will begin Cub Time at a later date once the rituals and routines of going to school have become second nature to them.

Finally, I would like to give you a homework assignment :) Just kidding...kind of. Would you read to your child (and listen to them read back to you if they can) on a regular basis? This simple activity, if done a number of times in a week, can have a TREMENDOUS impact on a child's ability to read. A person being able to read...and read well, is one of the major keys to a successful life!! If you do this at home and we do our job (calling) at BPS, then the future should be very bright for your child. See you in the hallways:)

Geoff Rhodes



Upcoming Events

- 9/3 Labor Day—NO SCHOOL
- 9/4 Coupon Book Sale ends
- 9/11 Patriot Day—wear red, white, and blue
- 9/19 Progress reports go home
- 9/20 PTO/Title I meeting 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- 9/26 Johnny Appleseed Day
- 10/1 Book Fair Begins
- 10/1 Fall Pictures
- 10/4 Grandparents 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 4th. Orders must be turned in by the deadline in order to qualify for prizes.

Meet the School Counselor



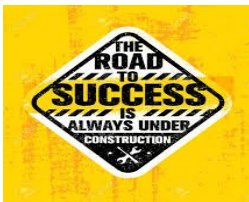
Welcome everyone! My name is Angel McPeters, and I'm proud to be the School Counselor here at BPS. I'm excited about this school year, and I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to work with children and families in our area for 20 years.

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.

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.

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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!

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.

Cafeteria News

	Breakfast	Lunch
Student (full price)	\$1.20	\$2.45
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. Please make checks payable to "**Battlefield Primary School Cafeteria**" and include child's name, lunch number and phone number, on check.

Catoosa County Schools Child Nutrition Department is excited to offer an On-Line Payment system! Go to:

<https://www.k12paymentcenter.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 or cafeteria bookkeeper.





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) unexcused 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

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, at dismissal time, we insist you **do not**. 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.

Coming Soon! Scholastic Book Fair October 1 - 4



Open 7:30-3:00 Monday-Wednesday and during Grandparent's Day on Thursday.

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



Upcoming Events

September 11
Patriots Day—Wear Red, White & Blue



September 12
Volunteer Orientation
12:00 p.m.

September 20
PTO/Title 1 Meeting
5:30–6:30 pm



September 21 @ 1:30
Volunteer Orientation



September 26
Johnny Appleseed Day

October 1–FALL PICTURES!
And Fall Book Fair Begins

October 4–Grandparents Day



Let's see which class collects the most BoxTops beginning now until 9/23!
Make sure to put the students name and teacher name on the baggie or envelope!

Your Box Top Coordinator, Pris Shartle

BPS Parent Involvement



September



- Please email Cherry Stephenson, Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator for **VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES** at cstephen-son.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. Also, 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.

Prevention Parenting Classes

NO COST to you - Focused on building Healthy, Caring, and Rx Drug/Alcohol Problem-Free Families

Beginning: September 13, 2018
Ending: October 25, 2018

Where: Catoosa Learning Center
Thursdays 5:30 to 8:00 pm
36 Muscogee Trail, Ringgold, GA

For more info: call 706-861-5778 or email amcpeters.bps@catoosa.k12.ga.us

2018-2019 BPS Compacts

Kindergarten– Second Grade parents, please be on the lookout for compact input coming home in your students folder. Grade specific compacts and cover letters will be sent home for a signature soon! Please contact Cherry Stephenson for any questions or input you may have...

Thank you!