

Dr. Kent McCrary
Principal

Battlefield Banner

Mrs. Lauren Smith
Assistant Principal

Every Child, Every Day, Without Exception

**Our SCHOOL Mission is working together to promote
high levels of learning for all students.**

Our SCHOOL Vision is: Building Exceptional Students

Date: December 2020

Character Trait: Compassion

From the Principal

I will have to admit, I was very skeptical when we started this school year. I thought we would be in school for a few weeks and then we would have to shut down. I don't like to be wrong (my wife and kids can tell you that), but I'm so glad I was wrong in this situation. We have made it half a year and it's been a great year. The kids have done a phenomenal job. Our staff have worked extra hard and gone the extra mile to make sure our building is extra clean. I appreciate all you have done to ensure that students were well before sending them to school and erred on the side of caution if you were in doubt. This has helped keep our numbers down.

This is the time of year where weather becomes an issue. I think most of you have signed up for our text alert, but if you haven't, please make sure to sign up. All closings and delays will be sent through the text alert. If you haven't signed up, you can sign up by texting "Y" or "Yes" to 67587. Speaking of weather, I know it's cold (our building is warm), please help our morning drop off by dropping off your child along the sidewalk instead of waiting until you arrive at the very front door. We try to keep our line moving to get you back to the main road and to work as soon as possible.

As we enter our next grading period, it's very important to keep track of your child's grades, attendance, and cafeteria balance. If you have not joined parent portal, please call the school, or send a note to your child's teacher, and Mrs. Sandy will get you set up. This is a great way to keep track of your child's progress daily.

You should have received a letter by now about our 10:30 dismissal on 12/18 (our last day before Christmas break). Since parents are not allowed in the building for parties, we wanted you to have a chance to pick up your child after the parties. We will run the normal afternoon car dismissal route. Please line up in the car rider line, and please do not come to the front door. For those of you that can't pick up your child at this time, we will also operate our normal afternoon bus and car rider dismissal.

Students will return on Thursday, 1/7/21 from Christmas break. This will start our second semester and third nine weeks. Mrs. Smith and I, along with the entire Battlefield staff, would like to wish you a wonderful, peaceful holiday.

WE ARE BATTLEFIELD.

Dr. McCrary

From the Guidance Counselor

BES Parents and Students, thank you so much for all your support of our Food Drive last month. There was a very big need at Christ Chapel Food Bank to have enough to take care of all the families they serve, and your generosity helped meet that need in a great way. Battlefield Elementary School donated over **3,000 food items**. Way to go Battlefield!!



BES Annual Christmas Toy Drive December 7th-18th

The Toy Drive benefits our BES families and the Sheriff's Department "Stocking Full of Love" Program. Your child can bring in a new, unwrapped toy and have the opportunity to be on the morning news. Please help us reach our school goal of **200 toys**. Thanks for your generosity!

From the Nurse

Tis the season for germs. Please make sure you are discussing the importance of handwashing with your student. I want the kids to be able to be at school to learn. Please note that students must be free of fever 100.0 degrees or higher, vomiting and diarrhea for 24 hours following an illness before returning to school. Follow good health guidelines: eat right, exercise, and get plenty of rest to help boost your immunity to fight the effects of colds and flu. Wash hands frequently, do the elbow cough, and disinfect hot spots at school, work, and home. Treat the symptoms if you must, but avoid giving aspirin to children because it may cause a rare but serious illness called Reye syndrome.

COVID-19--*It is more important now than ever to keep your student home if they are sick. Also if someone in your household is being tested for Covid-19, all students must stay home until the results are in. If someone in your home tests positive for Covid-19, please do not send your student to school and notify the school nurse immediately.*

Students have been going outside for recess almost every day. As it starts to get colder, we remind students to put on their sweatshirts and jackets before heading outside. Soon they will need hats and mittens too! **Please let me know if you need help providing these for your child.**

REMIND for the NURSE

Text @43a9kfdbhf to the number 81010

You should receive a welcome text from Remind.

If anyone has trouble with 81010, you can try texting @43a9kfdbhf to (757) 325-9902.

During this season of hustle and bustle take the time and step back to be in the moment. Make wonderful memories! Remember their only little once!!

From the Parent Coordinator

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Christmas will be here before we know it!

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend our district Parent Cafe January 7th 2021 at 10:00 am via google meet. We will be learning what birth order says about your child's learning and personality. Please email me at aherpst.bat@catoosa.k12.ga.us if you would like to attend this virtual meeting.

Here are more links for additional information requested in our fall survey. I hope these have been helpful to you. These links are all available on our school website under the Title I Resources for Parents tab. Please remember you can contact the school any time to schedule a meeting with your child's teacher or to request any Title I information. I hope you and your family have a safe and wonderful Christmas!!!

- Andra Herpst, Parent Involvement Coordinator

Developing Storytelling Skills: <https://getgeorgiareading.org/2020/07/29/georgia-storytellers-series/>

Discipline Strategies:

<https://www.parents.com/toddlers-preschoolers/discipline/tips/smart-discipline-for-every-age/>

Teaching Responsibility for Learning and Behavior:

<https://www.parents.com/kids/development/intellectual/7-ways-to-establish-good-homework-habits/>

ADHD/ADD: <https://mosswoodconnections.com/activity/can-your-child-focus-and-pay-attention-2/>

Calendar of Events

12/18	End of 2nd 9 Weeks		2/12, 2/15, & 2/16	No School for students
12/18	Dismissal at 10:30 and 2:35		3/12	End of 3rd 9 Weeks
12/21 - 1/6	Christmas Break		3/15 - 3/25 (Tentative)	Apex Fundraiser
1/11	Send home report cards		4/19 - 4/29	Georgia Milestones
1/18	No School			