

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: November 2020
Citizenship**

Character Trait:

From the Principal

As November rolls around, we always think of the word “Thanksgiving.” As I count my many blessings, I am very thankful for my wife Carla and my kids Cole and Kailey. I am also thankful for a wonderful Battlefield family. This includes our amazing staff and students. BES has the best students in the county. They definitely keep me young and on my toes. I love seeing their warm smiles each and every day. As for our staff, I have never worked in a building where the staff cared so much for the students that they serve. I am blessed to work alongside this awesome faculty each and every day. During November, I hope you will express your “thankfulness” to our staff with a short note, message, a phone call, or email of appreciation.

If you have not signed up for parent portal, this is something you definitely want to consider. Once you sign up for parent portal, you are able to keep daily checks on your child’s grades, attendance, and cafeteria balance. Once grades are posted, you are also able to see your child’s report card. I also know many of you have attendance questions. Parent portal is a great way to keep a check on your student’s attendance. If you have more than one child, you are able to see all of your children under one account. This is a great tool for parents. If you are interested in signing up for parent portal, please give Mrs. Sandy a call at (706) 866-9183 and she will send home the required paperwork.

As many of you are aware, we have had a few cases of Covid-19 in our building. I wanted to take a minute and explain the process that we follow once a positive case has been discovered. Mrs. Reese, Dr. Lamar Brown (Director of Student Services), and Denise Self (County Head Nurse), are all actively involved in our process. At the school level, the administrators and Nurse Michelle are involved in making sure all procedures are followed. Once we are notified of a positive case (staff or students) we begin contact tracing. We must contract trace back 48 hours. This includes bus, breakfast, lunch, class, and dismissal. Once all the students and/or staff are identified, a direct contact is made with each person/parent. A Remind is sent by the teacher to the classes involved letting them know that a student/or staff has tested positive in their class. A text is followed up by one of the administrators notifying everyone of a positive case at our school. Lastly, an email is sent to all faculty notifying them of the positive case.

Mrs. Smith and I want to wish all our students and their families a very Happy Thanksgiving. I hope you are able to enjoy time with family and friends and most importantly, count your many blessings.

WE ARE BATTLEFIELD.

Dr. McCrary

From the Guidance Counselor

We will talk about gratitude in classroom guidance this month. With 2020 being such an unpredictable year and causing so many changes in the lives of people, it is important to stop and remind ourselves that there is still a lot we can be grateful for.



We will also kick off our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive November 9th-13th. We appreciate any and all food donations. All food donations will go to Christ Chapel which provides food baskets at Thanksgiving, as well as food throughout the year to our local families. We appreciate your support in sharing kindness in our community. If you have a need for food during the Thanksgiving holidays please contact Kelly Wolfe at 706-866-9183 or email at kwolfe.bat@catoosa.k12.ga.us and she can get you a food voucher.

Christmas will also be here before we know it. Our local Sheriff's department is dedicated to helping local families through their Stocking Full of Love toy drive and give away. Our school will participate in the toy drive. If you or your family would like to donate toys, we will begin that in December. If your family could use help through Stocking Full of Love at Christmas, please contact Kelly Wolfe (School Counselor) no later than November 30th.

From the Nurse

Brrr! As the cold weather rolls so does sickness. Handwashing is one of the most important steps we can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Remember to scrub your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice. Cough and sneeze? Elbow please!! Please remind your child to cough and sneeze into their elbow versus their hands. *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 child to school and notify the school nurse immediately.*

It's not too late for Flu shots. Please contact your Pediatrician to see if a Flu shot is recommended for your child.

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.**

Students will begin practicing for the Pacer test in PE. Please be sure I have an inhaler on your child if they have an Asthma diagnosis, even if they do not have Exercise Induced Asthma.

Please keep me updated with any changes to your child's health.

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.

From the Parent Coordinator

I hope you all had a wonderful Fall Break and we are now fast approaching Thanksgiving! Thank you to all the parents who completed our Fall Surveys and viewed our Fall Parent Advisory Council Meeting. The results of the

survey and the fall PAC meeting are still available on our school website under the Title I Parent and Family Resources tab. I am including some links below for additional information you, as parents, requested on our Fall Survey. This information is also available on the school website under Title I. I will be including Fall Survey information requested in the next few Battlefield Banner's. Please don't forget you can reach out to me at any time for any additional information aherpst.bat@catoosa.k12.ga.us.

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Andra Herpst, Parent Involvement Coordinator

How to Use Parent Portal

<https://content.infinitecampus.com/sis/latest/documentation/campus-parent-portal/>

What My Child Should Learn This Year

Math Standards - k-5: <https://www.georgiastandards.org/Georgia-Standards/Pages/Math-K-5.aspx>

English - Language Arts- k-5:

<https://www.georgiastandards.org/Georgia-Standards/Pages/ELA-K-5.aspx>

Social Studies - k-5:

<https://www.georgiastandards.org/Georgia-Standards/Pages/Social-Studies-K-5.aspx>

Science:

<https://www.georgiastandards.org/Georgia-Standards/Pages/Science.aspx>

Building Self-Esteem

<https://mosswoodconnections.com/activity/encouraging-children-to-have-healthy-self-esteem-2/>

Calendar of Events

11/2 - 11/13	Krispy Kreme Doughnut Certificate Sale		12/18	End of 2nd 9 Weeks
11/23 - 11/27	Thanksgiving Break		12/21 - 1/6	Christmas Break
11/17	Mid Term		3/15 - 3/25 (Tentative)	Apex Fundraiser
12/1	Mid Terms sent home		4/19 - 4/29	Georgia Milestones