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# Battlefield Banner

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*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: October 2020

Character Trait:

Loyalty

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## From the Principal

It is hard to believe that October is here. I'm loving this fall weather. The start of school has been awesome and our students have done a PHENOMENAL job. I hope you will read the information in this newsletter. Even though we don't have a lot of school activities to share, there is a lot of important information to share with you.

I want to start by thanking our janitorial team. Mr. Brock, Ms. Pam, Mr. Mark and Ms. Donna have done an awesome job keeping our building clean and safe. This team works extremely hard each and every day to make sure our building is clean and safe for both students and staff. We appreciate each member and the role they play.

As the weather gets cooler, I know there is a tendency for students to want to stay in the warm car as long as possible each morning during drop-off. We make sure our front drop-off area is supervised from 7:00 until 8:00 each morning. If students will exit their cars before getting to the very front spot, it will keep our morning car line running quicker and smoother. We know you have places to go so we want you to be able to get in and out as quickly as possible. Make sure your student has all their belongings ready before leaving home so they exit the car quickly and safely when arriving to school.

We will have our first fundraiser starting the first of November. We will be selling Krispy Kreme Doughnut coupons again. This will be a safe and easy fundraiser for students. We depend on these funds to help us purchase different items and supplies for our school. Please help us by selling the Krispy Kreme Coupons. More information will come home the last week of October.

If your child is a digital student and plans to return to BES, please make sure you have called us to let us know you will be returning on October 26th. Someone from the school will call you the week of the 19th to let you know your child's teacher.

I want to end the newsletter with awesome news. In March of 2020, Battlefield Elementary was named a Model PLC School. What are Model PLC schools? Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) are schools and districts in which educators recognize the key to improved learning for students as on-going, job-embedded learning for the adults who serve the students. The three big ideas of a PLC call upon educators to:

1. Focus on learning.
2. Build a collaborative culture.
3. Create a results orientation.

Starting several years ago, BES started the professional learning process with our teachers and we made a commitment to helping all of our students achieve at high levels. Teachers meet several times weekly to plan, assess student data, and group students according to their specific learning needs.

Model PLC Schools are recognized based on strict criteria, including demonstration of a commitment to PLC concepts, implementation of these concepts for at least three years, and clear evidence of improved student learning over that period. Once measurable results can be seen, the school must explain its practices, structures, and culture and submit its application for consideration by the PLC Review Committee.

One out of about 200 schools and districts in the United States and Canada receive this honor. Currently, there are sixteen schools in Georgia that have achieved this honor. Out of those sixteen schools, NINE are Catoosa County Schools. Recently, our school system was named a Model PLC School System. For a list of Model PLC schools or to see the state breakdown, you can visit [www.allthingsplc.info](http://www.allthingsplc.info).

We will gladly display our banner with pride for all the hard work that was put into receiving this honor. What makes me the proudest is that we have made it our mission to meet the needs of ALL of our students. Over the last few years, we have moved from “My Kids” to “Our Kids”. I’m very proud of the BES staff. They have a heart for students and learning. It’s an honor to work alongside these awesome teachers and students each and every day. As our county value promise says, “Every child, every day, without exception.”

**WE ARE BATTLEFIELD.**

Dr. McCrary

### **From the Guidance Counselor**

October is always a busy month with Bully Prevention Month and Red Ribbon Week. We are also doing our personal safety lessons this month in classroom guidance. Students will focus on making good choices when keeping themselves safe and the steps to take when they are in unsafe situations. They will also learn how to deal with conflict and prevent bullying. The curriculum we will be using to teach personal safety and bully prevention is Child Safety Matters by the Monique Burr Foundation. You can find out more about the curriculum and program at [www.mbfpreventioneducation.org](http://www.mbfpreventioneducation.org).

**Bully Prevention** -Students will review our county wide STOP, WALK, & TALK approach to preventing conflict and bullying. Students will also discuss how their words and actions can have positive or negative consequences. Review with your child at home by reinforcing these steps:

**STOP** – If a classmate is causing a conflict, students can give the stop signal to let them know that they don’t want to be bothered.

**WALK** - What if a student gives another student the stop signal, but the problem behavior continues? Students were then taught to “Walk” away or ignore the behavior.

**TALK** – After trying STOP and WALK, if the conflict is still taking place, the child is encouraged to “Talk” to the closest adult.

An exception to STOP, WALK & TALK is when a child is being physically hurt. Then “Stop” and “Walk” is skipped and the student immediately “TALKS” to the closest adult.

**Red Ribbon Week** – We celebrate Red Ribbon Week during the month of October. During this time we emphasize the importance of being loyal to oneself by living a safe, drug free, and healthy life. We will have the following dress up days during the week of **October 26th - 30th**.

**Monday** - “Follow your Dreams and be Drug Free” (wear pajamas)

**Tuesday** - “Life is your Journey, Travel Drug Free ” (dress like a tacky tourist)

**Wednesday** - “Too Bright to Use Drugs” (wear neon colors)

**Thursday** - “From Head to Toe, We are Drug Free”(wear a hat and/or crazy socks)

**Friday** - “Say “Boo” to Drugs (wear your Halloween Costume--no scary costumes or masks)

A flyer will be coming home soon explaining those dress up days. Please talk with your student at home about the importance of living a drug free life.

## From the Nurse

### **FLUency Program--FREE THERMOMETERS**

Linked here is a great informational video that explains a bit more about the FLUency program.

<https://vimeo.com/443078837/5b103dc44f>

TEXT: FLUENCY to 900900 to begin your order for free thermometers.

STEP 1 Text FLUency to 900900. Open the link to download the free Kinsa app.

STEP 2 Finish signing up with your school in the Kinsa app to get your free thermometer- it's quick and easy!

STEP 3 Check your email to confirm your free thermometer has been ordered, and you're done!

### **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.

***It's time for FLU shots!!*** Contact your pediatrician for an appointment.

I realize this school year will be tough for all involved, but I believe it can be done. 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.

The Dental Van has been postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions at this time and it is unknown if this service will be available for the 2020-2021 school year. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Please contact me if you need a copy of a health plan sent home to send to your child's doctor to have on file for this school year.

~Nurse Michelle

## From the Parent Coordinator

Our Fall PAC (Parent Advisory Council) meeting was available online Thursday, October 1st, 2020. Thank you to all who viewed the meeting online. The presentation is still available on our website under the main Title I tab if you want to take a look at the information discussed.

Thank you to everyone who returned our Fall Surveys. We had around 175 surveys returned with some great feedback. I will be working throughout the year to get out some of the information parents requested. Some will be posted on the BES Parents Facebook page, on the website, and some will be sent home with your students. I will be noting additional information on the Title I section of our school website.

Family-School Compacts have been sent home to each student. Keep the compact at home to review throughout the school year as a reminder of the commitment to work together to help your child succeed in school. Be on the lookout for information regarding our upcoming WIN night!!

~Andra Herpst, Parent Involvement Coordinator

## Calendar of Events

10/12 - 10/16	Fall Break		11/23 - 11/27	Thanksgiving Break
10/21	End of 1st 9 Weeks		12/18	End of 2nd 9 Weeks
11/2 - 11/13	Krispy Kreme Doughnut Certificate Sale		12/21 - 1/6	Christmas Break
11/3	Picture Retakes			