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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: April 2021**

**Character Trait: Cooperation**

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## From the Principal

First, a **BIG THANKS** for your support of our APEX Fundraiser! We are still calculating our final numbers, but overall, it looks as if we did very well. Due to the weather, we were unable to do the fun run, but we were able to do the APEX remix dance/exercise video. The students (and teachers) had a blast. It was so much fun watching the students participate in the video.

We will begin Georgia Milestones testing on Monday, April 19th. The schedule is as follows:

**Monday, 19th- Writing; Tuesday, 20th-ELA/Reading; Wednesday, 21st-Math; Thursday, 22nd (5th only)-Science**

The following week (April 26-April 29) will be used for make-up tests. We want our students to do their best.

Students and teachers have worked extremely hard all year for this week. Please make sure your child gets a good night's rest. Also, please make sure they receive a healthy, filling breakfast. This is very important because lunch schedules are different during the week of testing. It is imperative that students arrive at school on time during testing week. Once testing begins, a testing session cannot be interrupted. If this happens, the student will go to study hall until testing is completed for that day. They will complete their test on one of the make-up days. Please do not send your child to school if they are sick. We ask students to do their best, but we do not try to add any additional stress. Please leave smart watches at home during testing week. Students will not be allowed to wear them during testing. This is a week for the students to show what they have learned this year, and we know they will do great!

Next month, May 3-7, is Teacher Appreciation Week. I hope you will take a few minutes and send an email or letter or maybe a sweet treat to your child's teacher to let them know how much you appreciate all they do. As you well know, this has been a totally different year. College does not prepare teachers to encounter what they encountered this year and part of last year. The BES teachers have done a phenomenal job this year. They have handled it all with patience and determination. I'm very proud of our teachers and their hard work. They have gone above and beyond every day for their students. The BES Teachers are the BEST!

We are currently planning for end of the year activities. We will be sending home information very soon about our activities.

**WE ARE BATTLEFIELD.**

Dr. McCrary

## From the Guidance Counselor

Our focus will be on careers this month for classroom guidance. Even though it can seem too early, elementary school is a great time to begin exploring future careers. It is also an appropriate time for students to begin examining their own interests and developing self-confidence to achieve their future goals (even if those goals

change many times). To help them discover how their interests align with various careers, students will complete interest surveys.

- **Third-grade students** will complete a fun survey that allows them to determine which career cluster is best suited for their interest at this level.
- **Fourth-grade students** will participate in a Holland Interest Profile and explore careers that match their profile.
- **Fifth-grade students** will complete a survey that allows them to dig a little deeper into possible career choices. Fifth graders will also begin talking about the transition to middle school and will learn how to use a combination lock in preparation for having a locker in middle school.

All grade levels will be introduced to various career clusters. It is never too early to begin talking with your children about their future college/career goals. Below is a website where you and your child can further explore career clusters and specifics about careers of interest to them.

<https://www.onetonline.org/find/quick?s=>

### **From the Nurse**

End of the year testing is coming. Please make sure students are eating a healthy breakfast and getting enough sleep. Keeping a regular bedtime routine is important. An average 3rd-5th grader should get 9-12 hours of sleep per 24 hours. Staying active during the day, monitoring screen time, and avoiding overscheduling will help your child get to bed on time.

As temperatures start warming up, don't forget your sunscreen as you and your family will be outside more. Young, sensitive skin is especially vulnerable to damaging rays. Be sure to protect your child and use sunscreen that is broad-spectrum, SPF 30 or higher, and waterproof.

It's essential to stay hydrated. Everyone should get at least half their body weight in ounces of water daily. For example, if you weigh 100 pounds, you should get at least 50 ounces of water a day.

**5th graders**-It is time to start preparing for middle school!! Your child may be due vaccines if they are 11 years old. Contact your child's doctor to review the next wellness check and vaccines. **You will need an updated 3231 form (shot record) for middle school.** Also, if your child has borrowed any clothing from the school, please wash and return them. We have limited clothing to be able to share as students need them. Thank you so much!

### **From the Parent Coordinator**

I hope you all had a wonderful Spring Break and enjoyed your time off!!!

Thank you to all the parents and students who participated in our virtual STEM night meeting. I hope you all enjoyed it, and the feedback we have received has all been positive. Also, thank you to each and every one of you who returned the Title I Annual Survey. Your responses are appreciated and have been sent on to the county.

Please be on the lookout for an invite to our Spring PAC Meeting. This will be sent out via Remind and on the school website and parent Facebook page. This will be a recorded virtual meeting sent out on April 8th. This meeting is where our Family Engagement Policy and the county policy are reviewed and approved for the next school year. Please take the time to view this meeting and let us know if you have any feedback or questions.

Thank you for all you do! - Andra Herpst, Parent Involvement Coordinator

## Calendar of Events

4/9	Twin Day		5/5	Kids on The Block
4/16	Decades Day		5/6	5th Grade visits LMS and HMS
4/19 - 4/29	Georgia Milestones		5/7	Students dress as teachers; Teachers dress as students
4/22	Mid Term		5/10	Field Day
4/22	Track Meet		5/11	Field Day (rain date)
4/29	Send home progress reports		5/14	Crazy hair and mustache day
4/30	BES Seniors visit		5/21	Last Day of School
5/3 - 5/7	Teacher Appreciation Week			