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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: February 2021

Character Trait: Tolerance

From the Principal

It is hard to believe that it's already February. Even with all the roadblocks we've faced this year, it's been a great year at BES. We appreciate your support during these unprecedented times. We've tried to make school as normal as possible and, for the most part, I believe we've succeeded. The kids have done a great job.

During the first week of February, we will hold our annual WIN Night. Of course, this year it will look different. On Tuesday (2/2), you should receive a folder of resources and activities explaining WIN Night. On Thursday (2/4), teachers will send you a link with a prerecorded presentation. In this presentation, you will be able to view your child's yearly progress. Several schools have already completed a digital WIN Night and had great success since parents were able to watch the presentation at their convenience. We do ask that you provide us feedback from the presentation. This can be done digitally through a provided link or in paper format which can be found in the take home folder. We value your feedback and I personally read each form. The information you provide is what makes us better. Also, if you need further information or want to set up a digital conference with your child's teacher, there will be an opportunity for you to notify your child's teacher of that request.

Another big event this month is our 5th grade CHAMPS graduation on February 19th. I tell students each year that this is one of the most important commitments they will ever make. Our fifth grade teachers will provide you with more information and a digital link for parents to view this celebration.

We have started Famous Fridays at BES. We highlight a famous American studied in either 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade on our morning news each Friday. We highlight this person through a short video, story, poem, etc. We know we have future scientists, doctors, electricians, teachers, musicians, artists, actors, and more sitting in our classrooms. We want to inspire our students to believe that they can do anything they put their minds to. As a principal and former teacher, I love to see the success of both my current and past students. There is no better reward.

In the March edition, be looking for information on Georgia Milestones testing, APEX Fun Run Fundraiser, and a digital STEM night. Once all the information about Georgia Milestones is released from the state, Mrs. Smith and I will create an informational Georgia Milestones video to provide you more information on the test itself, our schedule for testing, and any other important information. We will also provide a platform to ask questions.

We are RESPECTFUL, We are Responsible, We are Safe because WE ARE BATTLEFIELD!

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Dr. McCrary

From the Guidance Counselor

For the month of February our school is focusing on **Diversity** and Kindness in classroom guidance.

Diversity is the inclusion of people of different races, cultures, etc. in a group or organization.

Diversity is an important concept for students to understand in our world. We each look different, speak different, act different, and have different abilities and interests. Instead of an outlook of "I'm right" and "you're wrong," students can see how our unique talents work together to make a community. We will be challenging our BES students to embrace the unique and diverse school and community we have by encouraging random acts of kindness.

Acts of kindness could include helping an elderly neighbor, volunteering, doing extra chores around the house, donating toys to a charity, donating to a food bank, helping someone with their groceries, writing someone a kind note, picking up litter in a public area, and many more. Students can submit a form when they complete a random act of kindness. There will be a weekly drawing and those acts of kindness will be mentioned on the morning news. Students can also write down when they witness someone else complete a random act of kindness. Please encourage your children to find ways to share kindness with others. We can't wait to hear about how your child is making a difference in the school and community.

From the Nurse

LICE: Head lice are a common community problem. The coats and hats we wear to keep us warm provide an easy way for lice to spread. Lice are seen mostly in ages 3 years old to 11 years old. They are not dangerous and do not transmit disease, but spread easily. The nits (lice eggs) hatch every 7-10 days. Head lice are tiny, wingless insects that live close to the human scalp. They do not fly or jump. Nits are the tiny, teardrop-shaped lice eggs. They attach to the hair shaft, often found around the nape of the neck or the ears. Nits can look similar to dandruff, but cannot be easily removed or brushed off. Remind your child to not share coats, scarves, hats, combs, or brushes. Please make sure you try to do weekly head checks on your child. If you have any questions please contact me.

Staying Healthy: Make sure you are getting enough rest, eating healthy, exercising, and taking vitamins. HANDWASHING plays an important role in keeping germs away. Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Boosting Immune System for Kids:

- Make healthy food choices---serve more fruits and vegetables.
- Be active---fun family activities include bike riding, hiking, skating, basketball, and tennis.
- Get enough sleep---elementary school kids should get 9-12 hours of sleep a night. Sleep deprivation can make you more susceptible to illnesses.

Stay up to date on physicals. Make appointments for a check-up, vaccination, or screening.

Stay Warm!! If your child needs a coat, gloves, toboggan, or a scarf please feel free to contact me.

From the Parent Coordinator

February brings a couple of very informative meetings for parents starting with our virtual WIN Night on February 4th. You will learn about your child's current progress and ways you can help your child achieve through activities at home. 4th and 5th grade parents, be on the lookout for information regarding a virtual internet safety meeting. Sheriff Sisk, from the Catoosa County Police Department, will be hosting this for us. There was a good response from the interest survey I sent out for information on this, so thank you for all who responded.

March will bring our Georgia Milestones testing meeting and possibly a virtual STEM night you can do at home with your child.

Don't forget to check our website under the Title I tab for information, activities, and resources for you and your child. I also post regular information on the BPS/BES Parents Facebook page. I recently added a virtual Family Resource Center - you can click on any image for links to the books available for checkout in our center, Title I documents, School and Family Compacts, and other resources for parents.

Thank you for all you do to support our school and your child.
Andra Herpst, Parent Involvement Coordinator

Calendar of Events

2/2	Catoosa County Spelling Bee		3/15 - 3/25 (Tentative)	Apex Fundraiser
2/12, 2/15, & 2/16	No School for students		4/19 - 4/29	Georgia Milestones
2/19	5th Grade CHAMPS Graduation			
3/2	Spring and Class Pictures			
3/12	End of 3rd 9 Weeks			