

August 25, 2015

Battle Creek Elementary Bi-Monthly Newsletter
From the Desk of: Kyle Finke, Principal

Setting a Routine

I would like to thank all of the parents/guardians and students that attended the open house on August 12. Students are starting to get back into the routine of classes, recess, specials, and of course their favorite, homework. At the school assembly on the first day of school we talked about the two rules we have at BC, Be Responsible and Be Respectful. If the students follow these two rules it will be an AWESOME YEAR!

Please take the time to talk with your child(ren) about the importance of homework and returning it the next day. Teachers of students in grades 3-6 will use planners to communicate information to parents/guardians and students should have circled what their homework is for the night. It is best to get off to a great start so there are no concerns when it comes to homework later on in the year.

Crossing Guards / Picking-Up and Dropping-Off Students

With start of a new school year, the first few days are rather hectic and students are excited about see familiar faces. Once again I would like to review the picking-up and dropping-off of students for new students and also a review for the experienced students.

This year in the Student Handbook on page 7 an addition was included for procedures for dropping off student and picking them up in the p.m. Here is the information as added in the handbook:

Parents/Guardians, when dropping off your children before school, please make sure you pull into a parking stall if you are dropping students off on the south side of the school to let students out of the vehicle. If you are dropping your child off or picking up a student on the west side of the school, please make sure they are ready to exit the vehicle, otherwise find a parking stall so that traffic will not be backed up. At the end of the school day, be sure to wait behind the busses if the busses are picking up students, failure to do so can lead to a \$500 fine per bus that you pass.

As in the past, there will be crossing guards posted at all four corners of the school block. Students need to make sure they are following the directions of the crossing guards in order to avoid any accidents. **Parents when picking up your child(ren) please walk your children to the corner and use the crossing guards. If you are going to pick your student up by vehicle after school please find a parking stall or use the lot across the street from the school and park, rather than stop along the street.** . There have been some instances where parents have walked their children across the middle of the street and I don't want to have any problems later with students trying to cross the middle of the street without parent help. I want to avoid any type of accidents that may occur and by following the crosswalk rules for students and parents this will ensure the safety of all the students.

Breakfast Program

A letter was sent home detailing the breakfast program at Battle Creek Elementary School. Breakfast times run from 7:30 until 7:55, a student will not be allowed to eat breakfast after 7:55 unless a bus is late. At the bottom of the informational letter was a sign-off portion indicating whether or not you give consent for your child(ren) to eat or not. Each family needs to return consent form if your child wishes to eat breakfast. I asked for those to be returned last week, if you haven't done so please return the forms immediately. For students that wish to eat breakfast in the morning, the doors on the south side of the school by the fenced in playground will be opened at 7:30 for students to enter straight into the lunchroom for breakfast. As the winter approaches this door may change.

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Free and Reduced Lunch Information

Title I is a federally funded program, allotted money is dispersed to districts based on the percentage of families receiving free or reduced lunch within that district. Although, students do not qualify for services based on the lunch program but rather by academic need.

Information for qualifications for free and reduced lunch was in the Battle Creek Public Schools district newsletter which was sent to patrons of the district. Be sure to complete those informational forms and return them to the office. If you misplaced your forms, please contact Mrs. Shelly Lee in the Elementary office. **For those that qualified last year a new application must be completed by September 25.**

Parent Notification: Parents of students attending any school in a District receiving Title I funds may request, and the district will provide to the parents in a timely manner, information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's teacher(s). The notification that parents can request this information must be shared annually.

K – 12 Activity Fee

This fee will admit students into any home game of any level at Battle Creek Public Schools excluding tournaments. When comparing prices, the \$10 activity fee would be cheaper than attending four home varsity contests which would be \$12. Thank you to those parents who have already submitted this fee to the classroom teacher, if you have any questions please contact Mrs. Lee or Mr. Heimes' office at 402-675-2235.

If the parents/guardians don't want to purchase the activity pass for your student(s), please write a note to the school saying you don't wish to purchase the pass. The students not purchasing an activity pass will then be placed on a list and not allowed to enter an event without paying the full price.

Fall Pictures

On Wednesday, September 2 Lifetouch Pictures will once again be in the district conducting fall pictures for all students. An informational sheet was sent home last week outlining the pictures and order procedures of purchasing on-line pictures or paying by check/cash. If you wish to order on-line the photographer will need to see the on-line code that you will receive when purchasing on-line.

BC Booster Club Apparel

The Battle Creek Booster Club is selling Battle Creek clothing and hats to the public. If you weren't able to make it to the Kick-Off Potluck, information has been sent home with your student with merchandise that is available for sale. A colored order form is now available at <http://nebraskascreenprinting.com/product-category/team-apparel/battle-creek/#.Vct607HxlpI.email> The Booster Club will have a table set up at the first home football game if you would like to see the merchandise. The first order will be sent in on September 1.

Sincerely,

Mr. Finke, Elementary Principal

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

8-26 & 27 DIBELS assessment for grades K-6

9 – 2 School Pictures, 8:00 a.m.

9 – 7 No School – Labor Day

9-28 & 9-30 Parent – Teacher Conferences, school times will be sent next newsletter