

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

**Parent – Teacher Conferences**

I would like to thank everyone who attended Parent-Teacher conferences; attendance was 97%. I'm very impressed each year the Elementary seems to reach the 97% or higher attendance rate. Thank you for your dedication to your children's education. The entire staff thanks you for your attendance and encourages parents/guardians to contact the school anytime you have questions or concerns about your child(ren)'s education, not just during parent-teacher conferences.

**Grandparent's Day – October 16 (next Friday)**

I would like to invite Grandparents' or other family members that have an impact on our students' lives outside of school to our annual Grandparents' Day. An invitation was sent home early this week with students outlining Grandparent's Day 2015.

The staff is inviting all grandparents/special people to show up at 10:30 for a group assembly in the gym. Once the assembly is over, the students will be split into four groups with the grandparents/special people sent to one of the four stations. Once again this year the school has selected an early out day so that the students may spend more time with those that have traveled after school. If a student isn't able to have a grandparent attend, a special person in their lives could accompany them on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The office is asking that pre-payment for lunch is sent to school by Monday, October 12 so the kitchen can have an accurate count and also to keep the lines moving during lunch. After Tuesday, children will be able to have someone attend and do the activities with them, but the school may not have enough lunches. So please sign-up prior to Tuesday. **One other note, Battle Creek Public Schools is not able to take lunch money out of a students account to pay an adult meal. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.**

**A note from The Committee: Grandparent's/special people if you would like to bring a book to read/share during one the reading group, please do so. This would be a great time to share a book that was special to you while you were in school!**

**PK Schedule Change for Next Week**

Just a reminder from Mrs. Fink for her Pre-Kindergarten students, classes will be held next week on Tuesday through Friday so that the students are able to participate in Grandparents Day. If you have any questions please look at the notes that she has sent home in the students folders.

**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Ends October 16 – 1:20 Dismissal**

Along with Grandparent's Day, October 16 will mark the end of the first quarter. Mrs. Lee and I will be running report cards on Tuesday, October 20 with report cards being sent home that day.

### **Homecoming Activities – Next Week**

Next week is homecoming week at Battle Creek Public Schools. The Braves will be taking on the Bulldogs of Ainsworth in the annual Friday night football game. The festivities will take place starting on Monday. Below you will find a listing of days for dress up set by the High School Student Council.

Monday – Pajama Day; Tuesday – Holiday (dress in your favorite holiday wear, any holiday); Wednesday – Retro Day (any decade); Thursday – Neon Nights; Friday – Spirit Day

### **A Note from Mrs. Wintz, School Nurse:**

Flu season is upon us. There are different steps to take encouraged by the CDC to help from obtaining and preventing the spread of influenza.

Here is a list from the CDC of some other everyday preventative actions to take to help from spreading/contracting the disease:

- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you or your child gets sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you (or your child) stay home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. The fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.
- While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs like the flu.
- If an outbreak of flu or another illness occurs, follow public health advice. This may include information about how to increase distance between people and other measures.

Sincerely,

Mr. Finke, Elementary Principal

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

**10-16 Grandparent's Day, Program in the Gym starts at 10:30**

**10-16 First Quarter Ends; 1:20 Dismissal**

**10-19 NO SCHOOL, Staff Development Day**

**10-29 Picture Retakes**