

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

**Grandparents'/Special Person Day HUGE SUCCESS!!**

On October 16, Battle Creek Elementary hosted the annual Grandparents/Special Person day. Once again this year a record was set as 264 guests (30 more than last year) entered the building and were treated to crafts, bingo, reading, and lunch. I would like to pass along our thanks to all that attended and look forward to hosting this event again next year.

**Report Cards – Sent Home October 20**

On Tuesday, report cards were sent home with students in grades PK-6. Please take the time to look over the report card with your student and discuss the first quarter and return the report card envelopes by Friday (many have been returned). Included in the report card was also your students' result of the latest MAPS (Measures of Academic Progress) testing for students in grades 3-6 along with a guide on how to read the results. The MAP tests were taken in the areas of Reading, Language Arts, Math, and Science. The report will show results back to the fall of 2012. The results will give a percentile range and the middle number in bold is how the student compares to the other students across the country that have also taken the MAP test. In each subject area there is a breakdown of content areas and how the student scored in those sub-categories. If you have any questions about the results please call my office.

**Picture Retakes, October 29**

Picture retakes were originally schedule for October 20, however due to a scheduling conflict with the high school in which some students were away from the building, the date was changed. Picture retakes will now take place on **October 29** beginning at 8:15. If you wish for your child to have his/her picture retaken, please have them ask their classroom teacher for an envelope from Lifetouch and then return the envelope on Thursday, October 29. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call the office and talk with Shelly.

**Elementary Music Concert – Thursday, November 12 @ 7:00 p.m.**

In three weeks on November 12, Ms. Hess, Mrs. Lade, Ms. Fink, and all elementary students will be hosting the annual fall concert in the elementary gymnasium beginning at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Hess will be sending home a note next week outlining dress and theme for the concert. Ms. Lade has asked band students to be in her classroom by 6:30 p.m. and I'm asking that all other children be in their classrooms by 6:45. **Parents I ask that once your child is done performing that the students return to their seats with their class and parents can pick up their children from their classroom after the concert is over.**

**Halloween and Fall Festival Activities**

On Friday, October 30, classrooms will be holding fall festival parties. **All PK students will be coming to school this day as well.** During the morning, the October student assembly will take place in which the students that would like to dress up for Halloween will be given a chance to parade around the gym at the conclusion of the assembly. Classroom Fall Festival parties will take place in the afternoon, so if a student would like to change out of their costume and put it back on for the afternoon party that would be acceptable as well.

### **Halloween and Fall Festival Activities (continued)**

What is an appropriate Halloween costume? Students and parents need to remember that a normal school day will go on and any costume that detracts from the learning will need to be taken off so that the student can function in the classroom. **This is to be a fun experience. However, masks, face paint, or hair coloring are not allowed during the day.** If at any time during the day a teacher is having problems with the student and their costume, a teacher may have the student remove their costume. Another important factor when dressing up is that some students will have recess, PE, and will need to go to the restroom during the day so please consider this information when choosing a costume.

### **Battle Creek Betterment Halloween Trunk-or Treat**

I have been asked by the Battle Creek Betterment Club to pass the following Halloween information along to the BC students:

On Saturday, October 31 from 4 – 6 p.m. the Betterment Club is inviting all families to a Trunk-or-Treat on Main Street. If families wish to participate, the families are being asked to bring candy and park along Main Street and decorate their car trunks by 4:00 p.m. Beginning at 5:00 p.m. there will be a parade and costume contest beginning in front of Red Bud. In addition to all of the other activities there will be games for all ages, hot dogs and drinks and a group costume category. If you have questions please contact Kyle Lingenfelter or Megan Miller, you may follow and like them on Facebook if you wish.

### **Red Ribbon Week**

Next week Mrs. Bellar will be sponsoring Red Ribbon week. During this time she will have information available during guidance class as well as other items to help the students stay drug free.

### **Annual Food Drive**

Along with the concert on November 12, the Elementary Student Council will also be sponsoring their annual food drive. Mrs. Sheppard and her student council will be getting more information out to the students as time draws near. The Elementary Student Council has always done a tremendous job and donated many needed items to the Lions' Club Food Pantry.

Sincerely,

Mr. Finke, Elementary Principal

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

10-29 Picture Retakes, 8:15 in the multi-purpose room  
10-30 Fall Festival Parties in classroom during the afternoon  
11-11 Veteran's Day Program, Elementary Gym @ 10:00  
**11-12 Fall Music Concert, 7:00 p.m.**  
11-11 Teddy Bear Tuesday  
11-25 1:30 Dismissal – Thanksgiving Break  
11-26 & 27 **NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving Break**