

September 24, 2015

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

**Parent-Teacher Conferences Next Week! – September 28 & 30**

On Monday, September 28 and Wednesday, September 30 Battle Creek Public Schools will be holding fall Parent-Teacher conferences. Conferences will be held at the elementary school on Monday from 1:30 to 8:00 p.m. and then again on Wednesday from 3:00 to 6:30. **On Monday students in grades PK – 6 will not have school** and on Wednesday students will be dismissed at 1:20 for bus students and 1:25 for non-bus students in order to hold parent-teacher conferences, please note the early dismissal time on Wednesday.

The staff and I encourage you to attend conferences and find out what your student(s) have been doing since school began. Parent – Teacher conferences are an important time in which teachers will discuss the progress your student has made early in the school year. If you are unable to attend, please contact either the teacher or office in order that another time can be set up to hold conferences. **Parents of students in grades 4-6 you will receive your child's NeSA assessment scores from last year.**

**Measures of Academic Progress Testing**

Beginning September 28 and continuing through October 16, students in grades 2-6 will be taking the fall MAP test in subject areas of Reading, Language Arts, Math, and Science. This is year the students will be taking the test from the on-line website of NWEA. This will be new to the students as in the past the test came from a server that was hosted by Battle Creek Public Schools. This is the fifth year of these assessments and reports will be sent home to the parents. This being the first year of on-line assessments, I'm not sure if the student data from previous testing will be included in the reports when they are sent home. I will keep you posted and let you know when those reports are ready. If you have any questions please talk to me at parent-teacher conferences.

**Parent-Teacher Conference Information**

I would like to thank parents/guardians for returning the PT forms back to school so quickly. Each student had returned a slip or contacted Shelly and I was able to complete the task on Wednesday morning. The students were given the letter detailing the time and date of each students conference. Last year 98% attendance was achieved during the fall conferences, I hope that we can maintain that number this fall.

**NO SCHOOL – FRIDAY, October 2**

On Friday, October 2 there will be NO SCHOOL for students in grades K-12 as this will be fall break for the students and faculty.

Sincerely,

Mr. Finke, Elementary Principal

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

<b>9-28 &amp; 30</b>	<b>Parent – Teacher Conferences</b>
<b>9 - 28</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL PK-6</b>
<b>9 - 30</b>	<b>1:20 Dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences</b>
<b>10 – 2</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL – Fall Break</b>
<b>10 – 16</b>	<b>End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter – 1:20 Dismissal</b>