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

Parent-Teacher Conferences, September 28 and 30

In a little more than two weeks, fall parent-teacher conferences will be held at Battle Creek Public Schools. Next week I will send home a letter asking for preference of date and time to meet with teachers during parent-teacher conferences.

On September 28, THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES PK-6. During the morning, the elementary staff will be involved in an in-service. Parent-Teacher conferences will then begin at 1:30 on Monday and 3:00 on Wednesday. **On Wednesday, September 30 students will be dismissed at 1:30 in order to conclude the fall parent-teacher conferences.**

Free or Reduced Lunch Deadline Approaching

Just a reminder for those families that have been part of the free or reduced lunch program last school year, **families must re-apply each school year** in order to qualify for this federal lunch program. The deadline to apply/re-apply is September 24 and the forms are available through the Superintendent's office or the Elementary Principal's office. After the deadline, those that have not re-applied will be charged full price.

I would encourage any family that feels they may qualify for this program to make application. Battle Creek Public School is eligible for federal and state funds to help with reading and math programs based upon the districts free and reduced lunch percentage. The forms were sent home earlier this year and if you need an application please contact Mr. Finke's office.

PowerSchool Information

Parents/Guardians have you logged into PowerSchool this fall? In checking 3-6 grade students PowerSchool accounts only about 30% of the parents/guardians have check up on how their child(ren) have been doing so far in class this fall. A letter was sent home at the beginning of the year describing the process of accessing all of your children's account from one login. If users navigate through the button bar, items such as lunch balance and attendance can also be viewed. For parents in grades PK-1, the only item available for you to see is lunch balance and attendance.

Thank you to the parents/guardians that are keeping track of their child's academic progress and I encourage more to take 2 minutes and login to see what PowerSchool has to offer parents/guardians.

Picking Up Students

The first few weeks of school can be rather hectic and an exciting time of the day as parent and child reunite. The excitement of telling mom, dad, or grandparents all of the cool things that have happened during the school day can give way to forgetting to cross the street using the crosswalks. Parents if you come to pick up your children and park in the church parking lot, I expect the students to walk to the corner and cross with the aid of the crossing guards. I'm seeing too many parents take their child(ren) and

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cross in the middle of the street. This sets an example that other students may follow when there is no parent/guardian there to assist them across the street. So please use the crosswalk area when picking up your child(ren).

From Mrs. Andrea Wintz, School Nurse

The Nebraska Legislature passed the Medication Aid Act for your child's protection. To comply with the law, parents are required to fill out an authorization form if their child is to receive medication at school. Remember that any prescription medication sent to school should be in the original container labeled with child's name, name of medication, dosage, times medication is to be given, and physician's name. Over the counter medications such as Tylenol, must be sent in the original container labeled with the child's name and accompanied with written permission and instructions. We also suggest that over the counter medications be sent in new unopened (sealed) containers. **No medication will be administered from envelopes, baggies, or pockets under any circumstances.** The school is not allowed by law to disperse any type of medication such as Tylenol or ibuprofen. Thank you for your cooperation and please understand this is to ensure safe administration of medicines for our school students.

Sincerely,

Mr. Finke, Elementary Principal

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

9-18 End of the 5th week of Quarter 1; Mid-Term Reports will be handed out at P-T Conferences

9-28 NO SCHOOL PK – 6; Parent-Teacher Conferences – 1:30 – 8:00

9-30 1:30 Dismissal for K-12 students; Parent-Teacher Conferences – 3:00 – 6:30

10-2 NO SCHOOL – Grades K – 12

10-16 1:30 Dismissal – End of 1st Quarter