**Battle Creek Elementary Bi-Monthly Newsletter**

**From the Desk of: Kyle Finke, Principal**

**WELCOME to the 2nd Semester and 2019!**

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday break and was able to spend some quality time with family and friends. The second semester is off to a good start, some new faces in classrooms, and the students finally seem to be getting back into the daily routine here at school. It is my hopes that everyone will continue to work hard and push themselves in the classroom to become better students as the annual spring assessments are just around the corner. This school year the staff has been discussing with students about being kind, building character, and being the best student you can be. It is my hopes that with the partnership between school and home we can accomplish these goals.

**Report Cards Sent Home with Students Yesterday**

Yesterday, students in grades PK-6 brought home their report card for the second quarter/first semester. Along with the report card there was also a DIBELS report showing a student’s progress over the years the child has been at Battle Creek Public School. The graph indicates how each student has performed in the areas of reading that he/she was tested on for grades K – 6. As your student(s) progress(es) through elementary, the graph will build and hopefully you will be able to see growth in your students reading ability. If you have more questions concerning the report on DIBELS please contact your child’s teacher or Mr. Finke.

**Recess Clothing**

Thankfully Mother Nature has graced us with some sunshine and mild temperatures as we have started out 2019. This is a sharp contrast to the way 2018 ended. I would like to remind parents and students of proper clothing for outside play. On days in which the air temperature is above 20 degrees, students will go outside for recess. All students should be wearing a winter coat with hats and gloves. If there is snow on the ground students wishing to play on snow piles or in the snow will be required to have boots and snow pants/coveralls.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences**

I realize this sounds crazy as this is the first newsletter of the 2nd semester and students have been in school for just five days. However, looking at the calendar, Parent-Teacher Conferences are just three and a half weeks away. On Monday, February 4 there will be NO SCHOOL for students in grades PK – 6 so that parents will be scheduled to meet with teachers and learn how their student(s) have been doing at the start of the 2nd semester.

**Post Prom Soup Supper – January 25**

The Battle Creek Post Prom Committee has asked me to invite all district patrons to the Post Prom Soup Supper that will be held in the Battle Creek Junior High / High School commons area on January 25 from 4:30 – 7:30. Along with the soup, you could also stay and watch the Bravette and Brave basketball teams take on Boone Central / Newman Grove beginning at 6:00. All proceeds from the soup supper go to benefit the Post Prom committee which gives back to the junior and senior students.

**Battle Creek Cheer/Dance Camp 2019 – Registration ends Friday, January 11**

Students in grades K-6 are invited to attend the BC Cheer and Dance camp that will be held on Friday, January 25 beginning at 4:00. The cost of the camp is $20 per child or $30 per family. Those attending the camp will meet in the Elementary Multi-Purpose room after school and walk to the high school. The students will learn cheer and dance routines and perform those routines at half-time of the boys varsity basketball game.

Sincerely,

Mr. Finke, Elementary Principal

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

**1 – 21 NO SCHOOL – Staff Development**

**2 – 4 NO SCHOOL – Staff Development in AM; P-T Conferences 1:00 – 8:00**

**2 – 15 NO SCHOOL – Winter Break**