**Battle Creek Elementary Bi-Monthly Newsletter**

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

**Report Cards**

On Tuesday, report cards were sent home with the students showing their progress during the 3rd quarter. Please take the time to look over the report card and discuss the progress your child/ren has made throughout the year. After reviewing the report card please send back the report card envelopes by Friday of this week.

**NSCAS Testing for Grades 3 – 6 begins Thursday!**

Beginning today and running through mid- April, students in grades 3 – 6 will be taking the NSCAS – ELA, NSCAS – Math, and fifth graders will also be taking the NSCAS-Science test. Today the 5th and 6th graders started by taking day 1 of the English/Language Arts with day 2 taking place tomorrow. This year all testing will be spread out over a 2 day period with each testing period lasting 45 minutes in length. NSCAS stands for Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System test and will be completed by the students electronically on computers in the elementary computer lab.

I hope that students will get plenty of sleep the night before testing. By getting a good night’s rest and eating a good breakfast I feel that the students will be ready to do their best work. The test results will be reported to the school district next fall and the results will be delivered to the students during the first quarter. GOOD LUCK TO ALL!

**PK in session tomorrow**

For those that have Pre-Kindergarten students, just a short reminder that you will be in session at the normal start time of 8:00. See you all tomorrow!!

**Spring Concert – March 28, 7:00 p.m.**

On March 28, Mrs. Lade, Ms. Johns, and Mrs. Fink are anxious to show off the musical talents of the students of BCES. The concert will begin at 7:00 with Mrs. Lade and the bands, followed by Mrs. Fink and the PK, and the evening will conclude with Ms. Johns and the rest of the students. As always, refreshments will be served in the lunchroom following the program.

**Book Fair – Opening Monday Morning!!**

Mrs. Becker and staff were busy working last night setting up the annual Book Fair. The fair will run from Monday until April 1. We are hoping for another successful year so that we may use the proceeds to fund the One Book, One School project for next school year. The goal of the Book Fair is to sell more than $2,600 worth of books to top last years sales. In the event that we sell more than our goal, the school will receive a stipend to place books back into the teacher’s classrooms.

This is a great opportunity to provide your young child an opportunity to place a book or books in their hands to expand their vocabulary as well as their imagination.

**Bus Students**

At the time of writing this newsletter, the plan is for Friday to once again be a day of bus routes on hard surfaces only. A decision will be made on Sunday if bus routes will be returned to normal or continue with hard surface routes only. The school was contacted by the county commissioner and county roads supervisor advising that bus routes be on hard surface roads only for now. Hopefully they will be able to shore up some of the roads and bus services will return to normal soon.

**PK – 2 Grades – Pete the Cat Play**

On March 28 at 1:00, the PK-2 students will all be attending “Pete the Cat” play at Johnny Carson Theatre in Norfolk. All of the money has been collected for the play and a permission slip went home recently for the play.

**Flood Assistance**

With the recent weather and flood conditions that struck out town, I hope everyone is doing better and getting back to some normalcy. If your family is in need of assistance, please contact the school, your child’s classroom teacher or Mr. Rudloff (guidance counselor) so that we can help point you to organizations that can assist you in your recovery.

Tomorrow from 12:00 p.m. until all meat is gone, St. John Ministries will be picking up fresh and frozen meat from Tyson foods for those affected by the flood. You are able to pick up at St. John church parish hall kitchen back door. The organization has also set up Disaster Relief Assistance for those affected with the criteria of: must be a Battle Creek community member, verifiable loss; limit per person/family is $2,500. The school has contact information if your family fits these criteria.

I would also like to thank the student volunteers that showed up when the community needed help in filling sandbags, helping put sandbags at homes, along with the process of cleaning up after the water receded. This was a great example of being a part of a community and the people of our community thank you.

**Sincerely,**

**Mr. Finke, Elementary Principal**

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

3-21 NSCAS Testing 5th & 6th grade – English/Language Arts (ELA) testing

3-22 NSCAS Testing 5th & 6th grade – English/Language Arts (ELA) testing

3-25 NSCAS Testing 3rd & 4th grade – English/Language Arts (ELA) testing

3-26 NSCAS Testing 3rd & 4th grade – English/Language Arts (ELA) testing

**3-27 PK – 2 Pete the Cat Play at Johnny Carson Theatre**

**3-28 Spring Music Concert, 7:00 p.m.**

**3-29 NO SCHOOL Staff Development Day**

4-10 NSCAS Testing, 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade Math/Science testing

4-11 NSCAS Testing, 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade Math/Science testing

4-16 NSCAS Testing, 5th & 6th Grade Math testing

4-17 NSCAS Testing, 5th & 6th Grade Math testing