**Battle Creek Elementary Bi-Monthly Newsletter**

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

**NO SCHOOL, Thursday, November 7**

Congratulations to the Bravette Volleyball team on their sub-state victory Saturday. The ladies punched their ticket to the state volleyball tournament that will be played in Lincoln from November 7-9.

Battle Creek will be playing St. Paul at Lincoln North Star High School at 1:30 on Thursday. Due to this game, there will be NO SCHOOL on Thursday for PK-12th grade students. Should the ladies win their first round game, there will be NO SCHOOL on Friday as well, with the Bravettes taking the floor at 1:00 on Friday. Stay tuned to the school app for updates throughout the day on Thursday.

**Family & Friends Painting Event**

Mrs. Nelson would like to invite families and friends to her annual painting event that will be held in the High School Art Room. The painting event will take place on Saturday, November 16 beginning at 10:00 and ending at 2:00. The cost this year will range from $4-$20 depending upon the ceramic piece you chose to order. Attached to this email is the information flyer from Mrs. Nelson. If you have questions please email Mrs. Nelson at [snelson@bcpsne.info](mailto:snelson@bcpsne.info) .

**Elementary Music Concert – November 21**

I would like to invite everyone to the Fall Music Concert that will be held on Thursday, November 21 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Elementary Gym. Mrs. Lade, Mrs. Fink, and Ms. Johns will be putting on another outstanding collection of musical numbers for everyone to enjoy. Ms. Johns has included the following information about the upcoming concert:

It’s program month! I am asking that students wear cowboy clothing for the concert such as nice jeans (no holes) with a western-style shirt. Cowboy accessories like a belt buckle, bandana worn around the neck, boots, or sheriff’s star are great! I do ask that students do NOT wear hats to the concert and please no pistols/weapons. Please do not feel that you must go out and buy something special.  Whatever you have at home will work! You can email me with any questions at [ljohns@bcpsne.info](mailto:ljohns@bcpsne.info).

**Student Council Annual Food Drive – Begins Monday, November 18 (#BeKind)**

The Elementary Student Council will once again be conducting the annual food drive for the Battle Creek Lions’ Club food pantry during concert week. Last year the elementary students gathered over 1,500 items to donate to the Lions’ Club. It will be challenge to get there again this year, but knowing the generosity of the community I believe we are up to the task. On Thursday night of the Fall Concert, there will be totes in the gym lobby for those that wish to bring a donation that evening as well. Mrs. Sheppard is planning a challenge as the food drive week gets closer so stay tuned.

**One School, One Book**

Attached to this email is information from Mrs. Becker about the school-wide project of One School, One Book. The 4th grade piloted this project last year and it was a huge success. Mrs. Becker was awarded a grant from the Battle Creek Public Schools Foundation and along with the profits from the Book Fair last spring, she was able to purchase one copy of the book, Save Me A Seat, for each family in the district. Please take the time to read all of the information she has included in both the letter and get ready for some pleasurable reading and a fun family project!

On Monday, November 11 the oldest child of each family will be bringing home the book to get started on this project. The following are the assigned pages for each of the five weeks of the One School, One Book (this is also included in the attachments):

Nov 11 – read to page 43 (page 45 is the end of a chapter)

Nov 17 – read to page 86 (page 86 is the first page of chapter 16)

Nov 24 (2 week period with Thanksgiving Vacation in the middle) read to page 129 (page 129 is the end of chapter 23)

Dec 8 – read to page 172 (page 171 is the beginning of chapter 32)

Dec 15 – read to the end of the book page 215

Sincerely,

Mr. Finke, Elementary Principal

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

**11-7 NO SCHOOL – State Volleyball, Good Luck Bravettes!**

**11-11 Veteran’s Day Program, 10:00 a.m. in the Elementary Gym**

**11-11 Save Me A Seat book will go home with oldest of each family at BCES**

**11-21 Fall Music Concert, 7:00 p.m.**

**11-27, 28, 29 NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK**