**Battle Creek Elementary Bi-Monthly Newsletter**

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

**Winter Benchmark Assessment**

On Tuesday and Wednesday last week students were assessed over the DIBELS winter benchmark. This will be the mid-year assessment with one more to follow in April. The teachers use the data that is recorded from this activity to help group students for reading activities. This data is also used to monitor students for growth in reading and different phonemic activities. When report cards are sent home in January, a report on how your child is doing in reading will accompany the report card.

I will have more information in my January newsletter for students that fell below benchmark and what is required of the school due to Nebraska Reading Improvement Act that went into effect this school year.

**Holiday Season is here!**

Last week, the “Tree of Love” was delivered from Community Pride Care Center, which only means that the holidays are fast approaching. Parents/Guardians I know that teachers sent home notes about what will be taking place in your child’s classroom. The notes will contain important information about gift exchanges, party events, and special classroom activities. The classroom holiday parties will be taking place on December 20. Please understand that these activities are **voluntary** and students don’t have to participate. Many of the classes have scheduled time to visit the CPCC this week to take gifts and sing carols with the residents.

**December 20 – 1:20 Early Dismissal for All BC Students**

On December 20, Battle Creek Elementary students will be dismissed at 1:20 for bus students and 1:25 for all remaining students. School will resume for the 2nd semester on Monday, January 6 beginning 8:10.

**Lunch Balances**

Mrs. Lee has been sending home lunch balance notices for those students that have a negative lunch balance. I would like to have all negative lunch balances moved to the positive side before the holiday break. Thank you for taking care of this matter if it affects your student.

Sincerely,

Mr. Finke, Elementary Principal

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

**12-20 School Dismisses @ 1:20 for Holiday Break**

**1-6 School Resumes, WELCOME BACK doors open at 7:45, 7:30 for breakfast**

**1-20 NO SCHOOL – Staff Development Day**

**2-10 Parent-Teacher Conferences**