**Battle Creek Elementary Bi-Monthly Newsletter**

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

**WELCOME to the 2nd Semester and 2020!**

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**

Last week on Wednesday, students in grades PK-6 brought home their report card for the second quarter/first semester. **Please return the report card envelopes by January 17.** 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) progresses 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.

**Lost and Found**

The amount of hats, gloves, sweatshirts, and coats is starting to mount in the hallway by the nurses’ station. The amount is getting so large we are about to move the items to a table. If you haven’t seen some of your child’s clothing items please feel free to stop into the school and look through the lost and found table. I want these items to go back to their owners and not donated to the Goodwill.

**Box Tops for Education**

Mrs. Sheppard wanted to remind everyone of the new procedures for turning in Box Tops to Battle Creek Elementary School. With many items, the ability to cut out and send the **10¢** coupon to school no longer exits. So please look at the information about turning in Box Tops or click on the link which will direct you to a YouTube video. Thanks, Mrs. Sheppard, Elementary Student Council Sponsor

Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Top label. If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. **Box Tops are still worth 10¢ each for your school.**The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qWuXDKejVEg&feature=youtu.be&disable_polymer=true>

**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 only a week. However, looking at the calendar, Parent-Teacher Conferences are just three and a half weeks away. On Monday, February 10 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. I will be sending home an informational letter requesting times that will work for you during Parent-Teacher Conferences around January 28.

Sincerely,

Mr. Finke, Elementary Principal

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

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

**2 – 10 NO SCHOOL – Staff Development in AM; P-T Conferences 1:00 – 8:00**

**2 – 21 NO SCHOOL – Winter Break**