

Battlefield Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you doing well. I believe April was the longest month ever. I'm glad to see May finally appear. I wanted to share a few dates with you as we close out this school year. The county has decided to end new instruction on May 12th. This does not mean school is finished. May 13th through May 21st will be used for students who are behind on school work and allow them to catch up. Teachers will be working with those specific students during that time. Teachers may also post some family fun activities for students to do during that week. School will officially end on May 22nd.

We have set up several days for you to come by school to pick up the student's personal items (medicines included), drop off chromebooks, hotspots, library books, and pay any outstanding debts (cafeteria and ASP). You are welcome to drop by anytime, but we have arranged specific times for each grade level so students have a chance to see and wave at their teachers. Each grade level has two different times (a morning and an afternoon) for drop off. The schedule is as follows:

Drop Off/Pick Up Times

Friday	5/22	5th Grade	9:00 - 12:00
Friday	5/22	4th Grade	1:00 - 3:00
Tuesday	5/26	3rd Grade	9:00 - 12:00
Tuesday	5/26	5th Grade	1:00 - 3:00
Wednesday	5/27	4th Grade	9:00 - 12:00
Wednesday	5/27	3rd Grade	1:00 - 3:00
Thursday	5/28	All Grades	9:00 - 12:00
Friday	5/29	All Grades	9:00 - 12:00

We will ask that you use the drop off/pick up routes that we use each morning and afternoon. As you round the corner, you will stop at the gym and a teacher will bring you a bag of your student's personal items from their classroom and also their report card. After receiving those items, you will drive to the front entrance to return your student's chromebook, hotspot (if you checked one out), and any library books you need to return. We will also have tables available to pick up medicine from the nurse and pay any outstanding debts (lunch or ASP).

Fifth grade students and parents, I'm excited to share some exciting news with you. We have set a date for our 5th grade recognition. It will be a little different this year, but we think students will be excited about what we have planned. We will have the Fifth Grade Recognition at the BES playground on July 23rd from 6:30 - 8:30. Rain dates will be July 24th or July 27th. We will have a short recognition for students and a small reception (cake, cookies, and water). After the recognition, the students will be able to socialize and play with their friends. We will ask you to bring your chairs and blankets and enjoy a fun evening. As with everything else right now, our hopes are that we are able to proceed with this plan. However, all is subject to change depending on the circumstances at that time.

This was definitely a few months we won't forget. I hope Battlefield has shown you how much we love and miss our students. It has truly been a team effort. I couldn't be prouder of our staff in all they have done during this difficult time. A common phrase in the education field is "We didn't learn that in college." Well, we didn't learn how to provide digital lessons in college. However, our staff accepted the challenge, dove right in, and did an exceptional job. We also couldn't have done it without YOU! We appreciate you more than you'll ever know. We hope you will spend the summer getting some rest. You definitely deserve it.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher or email Mrs. Smith (lsmith@catoosa.k12.ga.us) or myself (kmccrary@catoosa.k12.ga.us). Hopefully, we will see you on one of the above days so that we can wave at you one last time.

We are Respectful, We are Responsible
We are Safe
WE ARE BATTLEFIELD,
Dr. McCrary