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Message from the Administrative Team

We've already seen great promise displayed in the arts, athletics, academics and service to our school and community. Cross country runners and Soccer players have turned in fine performances and they are looking forward to competing in the district events. Our Bobcat boys and girls from grades 6-8, involved in the Student Leadership Committee, have started plans for student activities throughout the year. Teachers have indicated that some students have already distinguished themselves in mathematics, and are looking forward to other academic challenges. We're also proud of grades 5,6,7, and 8 students who volunteer to care for, and assist younger Bobcats during recesses. The efforts of all these students make our school a great place to learn.

Our staff is key to our school's success, and we wish to acknowledge their many efforts. Coaches are extremely busy providing extracurricular activities ranging from Pass- Punt and -Kick, Soccer, S.L.C., Cree Language, and Cross country running. Intramurals have started at noon hour with the focus on soccer. Other staff members have been attending a wide variety of workshops in an effort to meet the needs of students in the classroom.

This is a busy place! We think it's a place of warmth and compassion. We encourage our students to be involved in as many positive ways as they can.

Dates to Remember

September 30	•Gr. 7 Blue Mountain (Leadership activities)
October 2	•Gr. 8 Blue Mountain (Leadership activities)
October 8	•Cross Country Running (District event) at Blue Mountain Spell-A-Thon starts
October 9	•Apple Order deadline
October 12	•No School - Thanksgiving Day
October 15	•GymBlast Grades 6-8 (gym a.m.)
October 19	•Education Week (Achieving My Inner Best) starts
October 20	•Mug and Muffin with staff (7:30-9:00 a.m. in gym) Please stop for coffee and a muffin!
October 23	•Spellathon Pledge's due
October 26	•Staff Inservice (No school for students) First Steps in Math
October 30	•Halloween dress-up from 1-3 p.m.

Meet the Teacher Night / School Community Council elections

Thank you to all parents that were able to attend the meetings with their child's teacher. I realize the timing is not always that great when harvesting is on-going. Thank you to parents willing to let their names stand for positions on the School Community council. Congratulations to Cheri Wallace, Catherine Bartkewich, Aldine Duplessis, Jared Christensen, and Kerri Gosling for filling the new two-year positions.

Spell-a-thon

This annual fundraiser will be held from October 8-23 . All proceeds will be used for playground and school technology. Pledge forms will be going home with students on Thursday, October 8. Students have the Thanksgiving weekend and the following week to collect pledges. On Thursday, October 15 they will write their test. All money collected will be due back no later than October 23. We are concerned about the safety of the children going out for pledges, so we ask you to keep this under control by limiting it to friends and family.

Student Fees

Student Fees of \$25.00 are due as soon as possible. Student fees are used to help pay for a variety of student activities during the school year. All students benefit from these activities directly or indirectly during their years at Battleford Central School. Special arrangements can be made at the office if needed. We realize the beginning of the year can be very expensive. Grade 8 students also pay for a locker deposit fee of \$5.00.

Education Week

Education Week this year is October 19-23 with a theme of “Achieving My Inner Best”. We have a number of activities planned for this special week. Monday –two authors will visit with students from K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. Tuesday – Mug and Muffin from 7:30-9:00 a.m. Wednesday – Buddy time between older and younger students. Thursday – Literary lunch with parents. Friday – Staff vs. Students activity (weather permitting).

Student Leadership Council

Students will meet next Day 8 to determine a list of activities for the school year. SLC members will have input into Spirit Days, dances, seasonal activities, and special events.

GymBlast

A leadership opportunity where students from grades 6-8 are divided into four groups and asked to complete tasks while competing with the other groups. It is a high energy activity that involves all the students within a fun-filled atmosphere. This will be held in our school gym during the a.m. of October 15.

Playground Equipment

We are going to be in a fund-raising mode for a couple years with the intention of upgrading the treated wood borders around the playgrounds and to replace the timber equipment on the grades 4-8 side of the school yard. We spent approximately \$50,000.00 on the four sets of equipment installed last spring.

Safety Concerns

Parents are asked to exercise extreme caution when dropping off or picking up children at school. The bus zone and the north staff parking lot become very congested with traffic and children who do not always proceed with due care.

Parents should pick up children on the north side of the school on 25th street and refrain from using the bus loading zone. There are signs posted directing people to refrain from driving through the north parking lot. Please observe these signs to help us protect our children.

**No vehicles in the bus loading zone between:
8:00 and 9:00 am or 3:00 and 4:00 pm.**

For Child Safety: No through traffic in the north staff parking lot.

Battlefords and District Co-op (Schools For Success Program)

The Co-op Mall has donated \$577 based on parents designating a percentage of their grocery purchases from the 20th day of the month. The money will be used to pay for student activities.

The Battlefords In Motion Committee

The In Motion committee invites all residents of the Battlefords to walk 1 km simultaneously on October 7. Schools, local governments, community groups, workplaces and individuals are encouraged to participate. Battleford Central students and staff will make the effort to walk 1 km on October 7.

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Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
				1 Cross Country Run Meet @ Biggar 8B –PAA @ St. Vital pm Day 2 B	2 Skating 1:00 – Gr 1 2:00 – Gr 2 Blue Mtn. Gr. 8 All Day Day 3 R	3
4	5 Staff Mtg. 3:45 Day 4 B	6 <u>Rec. Swim</u> 1:00 - KR, Gr. 6 2:00 - Gr.3 Day 5 R	7 K Skating 9:30 Deaf Signing 12:10 In Motion 1km Walk Day 6 B	8 Spell-a-thon Starts Cross Country Districts @ Blue Mountain 8B –PAA @ St. Vital pm Day 7 R	9 Apple Order Deadline Skating 1:00 – Gr 3 2:00 – Gr 4 Day 8 B	10
11	12 Thanksgiving Day NO SCHOOL	13 Day 9 R	14 Day 10 B	15 Spell-A-Thon TEST Gym Blast am @ BCS Gym Gr. 6-8 Deaf Signing 12:10 Day 1 R	16 Skating 1:00 – Gr 5 2:00 – Gr 6,S2 8B –PAA @ St. Vital pm Day 2 B	17
18	19 EDUCATION WEEK Oct. 19-23 - 2 Authors for K-2, 3-5 & 6-8 Staff Mtg. 3:45 Day 3 R	20 Co-Op Fundraiser “Achieving Mug & Muffin 7:30-9:00 a.m	21 K Skating 9:30 My Inner Buddy Time Older/Younger Students	22 Cree Culture Club 12:10 Best” Literary Lunch with Parents	23 Skating 1:00 – Gr 7 2:00 – Gr 8 <i>Staff vs Students Activity</i> Spell-a-thon Money Due 8B –PAA @ St. Vital pm Day 7 R	24
25	26 NO SCHOOL STAFF INSERVICE <u>First Steps in Math</u>	27 Day 8 B	28 Day 9 R	29 Day 10 B	30 Skating 1:00 – Gr 1 2:00 – Gr 2 Cree Culture Club 12:10 Day 1 R	31