

# BES Newsletter

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## Welcome Back, Buchanan Elementary Families!

Happy New Year to all of our BES families! I hope you had a wonderful break filled with rest, relaxation, and quality time together. The promise of a new year brings excitement, and I'm thrilled about the possibilities it holds for our children here at Buchanan Elementary and their bright futures.

The New Year has brought a renewed sense of energy and dedication. I hope all of our staff and students come back from their holiday break feeling excited and rejuvenated, ready to take on the learning ahead. We remain deeply committed to meeting the needs of every student at BES, ensuring they have the tools and support they need to succeed.

Thank you for all that you do to support and contribute to your child's educational journey. Your involvement and encouragement make a world of difference.

As winter is now upon us, please ensure your child comes to school with proper winter attire. We also recommend writing your child's name on their belongings to prevent any items from getting lost.

Warm regards,  
Mrs. Campbell



1/9 Report Cards

1/10 AR 10 point celebration

1/17 PBIS BINGO (during school day for those with 90% positive on DOJO).

1/24 First Semester Awards  
(Invites will be sent home)

1/31 Winter Princess 6 pm



## Truancy:

Below is a reminder of our 2024-2025 Attendance Policy. The following information was in your child's enrollment packet at the beginning of the year.

- If your child is sick and misses school due to a doctor's appointment, please continue to provide medical excuses. All medical excuses must be turned in, or the absence will remain unexcused.
- If your child is sick and does not require a trip to the doctor, please write a note stating that your child was sick. Parents/guardians may write an excuse for up to 4 absences per year.
- 3 unexcused absences will require a School Attendance Team (SAT) Meeting. Attending SAT meetings is mandatory unless prior arrangements are made with Ms. Lena, school counselor.
- Complaints will be filed with the Haralson Magistrate Court for all identified truant students (5 or more unexcused absences) resulting in possible probation, arrests, fines, and/or DJJ involvement.

Reminder: If your child forgets to turn in parent notes when they are absent, you can email Ms. Lena the note @ [lena.mullany@haralson.k12.ga.us](mailto:lana.mullany@haralson.k12.ga.us)

These have to be turned in within 3 days of them returning to school.

Remember each student that has perfect attendance (no absences, no checkouts, no tardies), passing all subjects, and no behavior referrals will be entered into a drawing. Five students from each grade level will be chosen randomly and each of the five students will be the winner of a \$10 bill. This opportunity is being provided by a community sponsorship with LAMP (Literacy Assessment and Monitoring Program).

Please remember to use DOJO, email, and the Parent Portal in Infinite Campus for communication (tardies/grades etc.)

