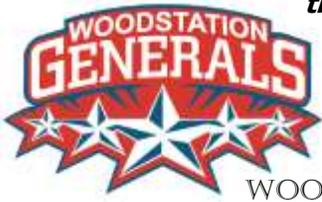


Our Mission

Woodstation Elementary develops lifelong leaders who are respectful, responsible, resourceful, motivated, and prepared.

Our Vision

Woodstation Elementary will prepare every child to reach their full potential, so they graduate prepared to be good citizens and leaders of the future.



THE GENERAL

WOODSTATION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Ernie Ellis
Principal

Amy Still
Assistant Principal

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Dear Woodstation Family,

I want to say thank you to every student, parent, and staff member for another great year here at Woodstation Elementary School. I definitely know why everyone says that Woodstation Elementary is the greatest place on Earth! With your continuous support and encouragement, the staff and students have reached goals and accomplishments that would not have been possible otherwise. As the year comes to a close, it always amazes me how wonderful our students are. Students here at Woodstation are always 5 star generals by being respectful, responsible, resourceful, motivated, and prepared. They have created an amazing atmosphere for learning here at our school.

The 5th grade class of 2017 here at Woodstation Elementary has been a special group of students. These talented and smart students have been great leaders and good examples for our younger students. I appreciate this group of students and their parents for always being great Generals at Woodstation. We will miss this group of students and wish them well on their journey to middle and high school.

Don't miss your chance to order a yearbook to preserve all of the memories created here this year! You may purchase a yearbook online or at the school for \$30 through the last day of school. Students will receive yearbooks in August.

I hope you are able to come and join us during one of the many events we have scheduled during the month of May. Please call the school at 706-935-6700 if you have additional questions concerning these events.

Go Generals!

Ernie Ellis
Principal



IMPORTANT DATES

May 1-5
Teacher Appreciation Week
GA Milestones Make-Up Testing

May 3
Volunteer Appreciation Lunch
11:45 a.m.

May 5
Pre-K Drawing

May 9
Welcome to WES Night
for upcoming PreK and
Kindergarten students
5:00-7:15 p.m.

May 11
Title I DAC Meeting
Catoosa Learning Center
8:30 a.m.

May 12
WES Talent Show at HHS
6:30 p.m.

May 18
LSGT Meeting 3:00 p.m.

May 19
Field Day

May 25
5th Grade Memory Walk and
Cookout at 11:00 a.m.
PreK, K, and 5th promotion at
Peavine Church
5:30-8:30 p.m.

May 26
Last day of school

Catoosa County Vision Statement

Catoosa County Public Schools will prepare every child to reach their full potential, so they graduate prepared to be good citizens and leaders of the future.

Catoosa County Mission Statement

Catoosa County Public Schools is a student-focused learning community, where excellence is expected from staff and students, every day, without exception.

Career Day

Career Day will be held on **Friday, May 5th**. We have great speakers lined up to tell our students about some interesting careers. Thank you to all of the parents who signed up to participate! On this day, students may dress up to represent a career they might plan on doing in the future. We can't wait to see what our students want to be when they grow up!



Spotlight on Partners Spotlight on Partners

A BIG Thank You!

We are very thankful for our partners! All of our Business Partners help make learning possible and we appreciate everything that they do for our school! Please remember our partners when you are out in the community and thank them for supporting our school. If you are interested in becoming a business partner with WES next year, please call the school at (706) 935-6700.

Woodstation Partners:

Boynton United Methodist
Brent Pennington Dental Center
ecocountertopsUSA
Johnson's Auto Repair
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church

News Channel 9
Parkway Baptist
Peavine Baptist
Treasure's Academy
Wallace Tile
Woodstation United Methodist Church

System Partners:

Capital Bank
Catoosa County Sheriff's Office
Chattanooga Coca-Cola Bottling Co.
Chick-fil-A
First Volunteer Bank

Food City
Pediatric Dentistry of Chattanooga
Pray Chiropractic
Ringgold Telephone
Waffle House
Zaxby's of Ringgold



Please remember to return library books to the Media Center by **May 12.** Thank you!



Parent Involvement

Welcome to WES – May 9

Calling all parents of rising Pre-K or Kindergarten students! Come meet our Kindergarten and Pre-K teachers and register for Kindergarten at our Welcome to Woodstation event! This fun evening will take place on May 9 from 5:00-7:15 p.m. You will be able to fully register your child for Kindergarten, tour the school, and participate in a taste-testing in our Dining Room. You will also receive paperwork to help ease your child's transition into school, and some academic tips to work on over the summer. Kindergarten registration forms can be found at www.catoosa.k12.ga.us. Don't miss this exciting evening!

To register for Kindergarten, please bring:

- Proof of residency
- GA driver's license or photo ID
- GA 3231 Immunization Certificate
- GA 3300 Hearing, Vision, and Dental Screening Form
- Child's Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card

District Advisory Council Meeting (DAC) - May 11

Our Spring DAC Meeting will be held Thursday, May 11 at 8:30 a.m. at the Learning Center. All parents are invited to attend. We will be reviewing and discussing changes to the Catoosa County Parent and Family Engagement Policy. Please RSVP to jblack.wes@catoosa.k12.ga.us

Family Resource Center (Room 120)

The Family Resource Center (Room 120) is a great place to meet other parents and pick up important curriculum and testing information. Policies, Annual Meeting information, Student Testing information, and Georgia Standards of Excellence information are always available. We also have community and parenting resources available. The Family Resource Center is open during school hours. We would love to hear your input on our Title I Parent and Family Engagement Program, policies, and budget. Please stop by!

Self Esteem Matters

One of the most important jobs as educators is to enhance student's self-esteem. In everything we do, we try to nurture feelings of self-worth as we guide students to become responsible and caring citizens. When educators and parents work together, your child benefits greatly.

Write a letter to your child and share it with him/her at home. After you have shared the letter, put it in a safe place where your child can read it anytime he/she needs a boost. Here is a sample letter with things you might want to include in your letter:

Dear _____,
I am proud of the way you _____.
You are a good friend because _____.
If you work hard, I bet _____.
I love the way you _____.
When you make a mistake, you can _____.
You mean the world to me.
Love, _____.



Media Matters



Summer Library Storytime

Our school library will be open on
June 20, 2017 and July 18, 2017 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
for story time and a treat!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Read every day for at least 15 to 30 minutes.

Suggested Goals:

- Grades K–2 Students: read 10 books
- Grades 3–5 Students: read 8 chapter books

According to research, reading loss occurs for most children when they are not in a formal learning environment or not engaged in any form of educational activities during the summer, and students can have up to a 2–3 month loss in reading ability over summer.

Find a Book Georgia Campaign: http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum–Instruction–and–Assessment/Curriculum–and–Instruction/Documents/Summer%20Challenge/FAB_GA_Flyer.pdf

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Character Traits

■ **Self-Control:** Control of your actions and emotions

■ **Patience:** The power to wait calmly without complaining

■ **Courtesy:** Polite behavior toward others in words and actions.

■ "The habit of excellence in one's character can define one's moral personality."