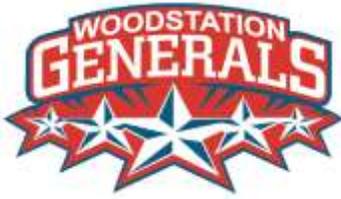


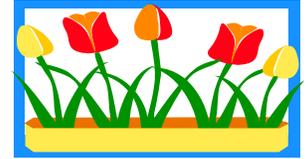
Our Mission and PBIS Statement – Where ALL means ALL
Woodstation Elementary develops every child to be lifelong leaders who are respectful, responsible, resourceful, motivated, and prepared.

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 NEWSLETTER



Ernie Ellis
Principal



Amy Still
Assistant Principal

The General
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Dear Woodstation Family,

All students enrolled in third through eighth grade in Georgia schools are required to take the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Test. This test is designed to measure the knowledge and skills taught in Georgia classrooms. It will assess these skills in the areas of reading, EL, and mathematics. Fifth grade students will also be tested in science and social studies. Students will be assessed on how well they have learned the academic standards that have been established by the state for their grade.

At Woodstation, this test will be administered:

- **Writing** – April 23
- **ELA/Reading** – April 24
- **Math** – April 25
- **Science** – April 26 (Fifth grade Only)
- **Social Studies** – April 27 (Fifth grade Only)

Results from this test will be provided to you, the school, and the school system as a tool to help enrich the educational program that we offer your child. I'm so pleased with the hard work of our Generals (students and teachers) this year. Everyone has worked so well together so that our students can learn as much as possible.

On our school's website (www.wes.catoosa.k12.ga.us) under "WES Parents and Students" is a presentation on the Georgia Milestones that is a good source for additional information. I'm looking forward to seeing our test results, which I feel confident will reflect everyone's hard work! If you have questions regarding the Georgia Milestones test, please feel free to contact your teacher or an administrator at 706-935-6700. I know our teachers have prepared your students to be successful. I am looking forward to seeing our students rise to the challenge and do their very best!

On May 8 from 5:00-7:00, we are hosting a "Welcome to Woodstation" event for upcoming Pre-K and Kindergarten students who will attend Woodstation next school year. Please help us get the word out and join us so we can welcome our new students to our wonderful school!

School Lunch Charges: We are thankful for the nutritious breakfast and lunches our cafeteria provides for our students daily. Please make sure if your student is purchasing breakfast or lunch in our Dining Hall, there is money in their account to cover the cost of the meals. If you do owe money, please send payment immediately or contact the school to set up a payment plan.

Go Generals!

Ernie Ellis
Principal
Woodstation Elementary

IMPORTANT DATES

March 27- April 20

Pre-K Registration
Packet Pick-up

April 2-6

Spring Break – No School

April 9-13

BOGO Book Fair

April 11

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
Meeting 11:00 a.m.
Volunteer Appreciation
Lunch

April 12

Track Meet at HHS 5:30 p.m.

April 17

Middle School Math Tips for
Parents of 5th Grade Students
5:45-7:00 p.m.

April 19

Partnership Meeting 11:00 a.m.
LSGT Meeting 12:00 p.m.

April 20

Track Meet at LFO 5:30 p.m.

April 23-27

GA Milestones Assessments
Grades 3-5

May 4

Pre-K Drawing

May 8

Welcome to Woodstation night for
rising Pre-K and Kindergarten
students 5:00-7:00 p.m.

May 9

District Advisory Council (DAC)
at the Learning Center 11:00 a.m.

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.

Pre-K Drawing



The Catoosa County Pre-K drawing is May 4, at 9:00 a.m. in the Catoosa County Board Room. Parents do not have to attend the drawing. Parents will be notified if their child's name is drawn. Registration packets will be available March 27 through April 20. Registration for the drawing can be completed at any of the Catoosa County primary or elementary schools, as well as the Central Enrollment Center located at 104 High Street in Ringgold. To be eligible for the drawing, packets must be completed by 2:30 p.m. on April 20. Children must be four years of age on September 1, 2018, to be eligible for the Pre-K program, and they must be a resident of Catoosa County on the day of the drawing.

As the weather begins to heat up, so do seasonal allergies. Make sure you drink plenty of liquids daily. It doesn't all have to be water-fruit juices, sports drinks, and broth-based soups (like chicken noodle [soup](#)) also count. They keep your [respiratory system](#) hydrated and help thin mucus.

Also, be prepared for injuries that often come with outdoor activity. Check your first aid kit and make sure it is replenished with antibiotic ointment, bandages, and insect sting relief.

Nurse Terri



Spotlight on Partners Spotlight on Partners

*Our business partners help make learning possible and we appreciate everything they do for our school! Please remember our partners when you are out in the community and thank them for supporting Woodstation. If you're interested in partnering with us, we'd love to have you join us at our next partnership lunch on **April 19 at 11:00 a.m.***

Woodstation Elementary Partners

Boynnton United Methodist
Brent Pennington Dental Center
ecocountertops
Johnson's Auto Repair
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church
News Channel 9
Parkway Baptist
Peavine Baptist
Treasure's Academy
Wallace Tile
Woodstation United Methodist

System Partners

Capital Bank
Catoosa County Sheriff's Office
Chattanooga Coca-Cola Bottling Co.
Chick-fil-A
Children's Dentistry Chattanooga
First Volunteer Bank
Food City
Metro Boiler Tube
Pediatric Dentistry of Chattanooga
Pray Chiropractic
Ringgold Telephone Company
Village Print Shop
Waffle House
Zaxby's of Ringgold



Positive Parenting



The Three "We's"
By Dr. Lane

Years ago my family and I lived in Rome, Georgia, and my wife taught at an elementary school there. The principal of the school was a woman named Carol Proud. Ms. Proud always would end each day's morning announcements with the same sentence: "We love you; we believe in you; and we know you can do it." My wife and I began using that sentence as a mantra to our own children, and we said it to them every night when we tucked them into bed.

I can't imagine how I would have made it through childhood without knowing that I had family members who loved me, believed in me, and had confidence in me. Unfortunately for me (and for him), my father did not often express the Three We's to me, and even today I still feel the loss of his love, faith, and confidence. So it was an easy call for my wife and me: Our children will never doubt that we love them, we believe in them, and we know they can do it.

Of course, you can't just say the Three We's. You have to demonstrate them, especially when children fall short of expectations. But that is the time when it counts the most, when doubts could otherwise take root and erode a child's own love, faith, and confidence. Also, expressing the Three We's does not mean that you ignore your expectations or look the other way when they are not being met. We'll talk more about that next month.

It's never too late to start doing something good. So, why not start tonight? "We love you; we believe in you; and we know you can do it."

Media Matters



**Our Buy One Get One (BOGO) Book Fair
will be held April 9-15**

Book Fair will be open 7:30a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Monday - Thursday and
7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Friday

The Media Specialists in the county are collecting gently used books to redistribute to children, for free, in areas of Catoosa County this summer. Thank you to everyone that has already contributed. Donations are still being accepted if you'd like to participate.

Mrs. Knight, Media Specialist





Parent and Family Engagement

Georgia Milestones Testing

Students in grade 3-5 will be taking the Georgia Milestones Assessments April 23-27. Help your child do their best with these tips for testing week:

- Make sure your child gets plenty of rest the night before
- Have your child eat a healthy breakfast at home or at school
- Have your child dress in comfortable clothing
- Be on time for school

To view an informative presentation about Georgia Milestones, please visit our school website and click on the link under the WES Parents and Students section. You may also practice with your child at home, by visiting the website www.gaexperienceonline.com Please feel free to contact me with any questions!

How to Help My Middle School Child with Math Homework (April 17, 6:00 p.m.)

This workshop is being presented at WES by our partner, Communities In Schools. It is for anyone who will be helping a middle school student study math. The workshop will cover how to create a working environment for studying, the teachers approach to teaching math, techniques to studying and staying organized, and suggested websites for self-help when studying math. This workshop was developed by Konnie McKown, math teacher at Lakeview Middle School and John Lee, Youth Development Coordinator with Communities In Schools and is based off the book How to Study Math: 80 Ways to Make the Grade.

Welcome to Woodstation - May 8, 5:00 p.m.

Please help us spread the word and join us for this fun night to ease upcoming Pre-K or Kindergarten students into school. Meet the teachers and our friendly staff! You will also tour the school and do a taste testing of menu items in the Dining Hall. Kindergarten students will complete testing for registration. We're looking forward to seeing your family!

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and District Advisory Council Meeting (DAC)

All parents are invited to join us at these important Title I meetings. Our PAC meeting will be held April 11 at 11:00 a.m at WES. The DAC meeting will be held May 9, at 11:00 a.m. at the Learning Center. This is a time for parents to give input about the school and district parent and family engagement policies, program, and funding. We will discuss, review, and approve these policies. We would love for you to attend and share your feedback!

The Family Resource Center (Room 120) is a great place to meet other parents and pick up important curriculum and testing information. Our Parent and Family Engagement 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 always open during school hours. We would love to hear your input on our parent and family engagement program and Title I policies and budget. Please stop by!

Jayne Black, Parent Involvement Coordinator
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Character Traits



Cooperation: Working together for a common purpose.

Gratitude: A feeling of thankful appreciation for benefits received.

Cheerfulness: Good humored, bright and pleasant.

Creativity: Clever, imaginative and inventive.



"Appear positive, think positive, act positive and the character of those around you will improve!"