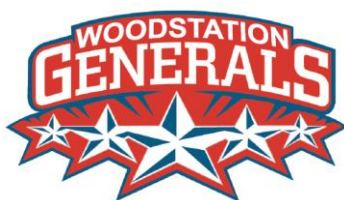


**Our Mission and PBIS Statement – Where ALL means ALL**  
**Woodstation Elementary develops every child to be lifelong leaders who are respectful, responsible, resourceful, motivated, and prepared.**

**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,

Christmas time is approaching! Mrs. Pennington has kicked off "Stocking Full of Love" to help children in our community. The Stocking Full of Love Drive is seeking new toys to brighten the holiday for families. The goal of this program is to teach life lessons and character traits such as generosity and compassion. If you are interested in participating, more information is attached in this newsletter.

**WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO??** The Catoosa Children's Fund is where our families get help for utilities, gas vouchers, clothing, etc. Please see Mrs. Pennington if you would like to donate or have additional questions. Our Woodstation staff would like to thank parents in advance for your support and willingness to share during this season of giving.

Thank you to our families and parents who participated in our Family and School Team (FAST) meetings during the week of November 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. **We had 287 one-on-one Parent-Teacher meetings in one week!** We appreciate your participation in our FAST program and are so thankful for all the ways you support your child's learning. Our next FAST meeting is February 7.

This year, our Christmas parent lunch at school is designated for PreK, Kindergarten, and 4th grade on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Our wonderful dining room staff do a great job of preparing this lunch for everyone. I hope you are able to come out and enjoy this special time with us!

**School Lunch Charges:** We are thankful and blessed 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 the cafeteria, there is money in their account to cover the cost of the meals. We currently have over \$1,000.00 in student lunch charges that are unpaid. If you owe money, please send payment immediately or contact the school and set up a payment plan.

As the weather begins to get cooler, our Lost and Found is growing every day. Please help us by putting your child's name inside of their coat. This will help us return the items back to their owner. All items not claimed by Christmas break will be donated to Christ Chapel.

Wishing your family a blessed holiday season and a Happy New Year!

**Happy  
Holidays!**

**Ernie Ellis**  
Principal  
Woodstation Elementary

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**December 3-7**  
Santa Shop

**December 3**  
System LSGT Meeting at  
Heritage High School  
9:00 a.m.

**December 4**  
CCPS Student Technology  
Competition

**December 7**  
Student Pictures with Grinch

**December 11**  
WES Spelling Bee  
8:15 a.m.  
4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades

**December 13**  
Woodstation Singers  
Performance 6:00 p.m.

**December 15**  
Parent Lunch for PreK,  
Kindergarten, and 4th grade

**December 19**  
Classroom Holiday Parties  
10:00 a.m.

**December 20-January 6**  
No School

**January 10**  
Parent Café 8:30 a.m. at the  
Learning Center. All parents  
are invited.

**January 21**  
No School – MLK Holiday

## **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.



## Counselors Corner

The Christmas holidays and parties are almost upon us! Before sending food or treats in to your child's classroom, please check with the teacher regarding any food allergies that may be present in the classroom.

I will be auditing 5<sup>th</sup> grade immunization records this month. I may be in contact with you if there are any questions about your child's current shot record.

Have a safe and blessed Christmas Season!

Nurse Terri  
thuskey.wes@catoosa.k12.ga.us



## 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 our team.*

### Woodstation Elementary Partners

Boynton United Methodist  
Brent Pennington Dental Center  
Johnson's Auto Repair  
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church  
News Channel 9  
Parkway Baptist  
Peavine Baptist  
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



# Media Matters



## What is Hour of Code?

The Hour of Code started as a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify "code", to show that anybody can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in the field of computer science. It has since become a worldwide effort to celebrate computer science, starting with 1-hour coding activities but expanding to all sorts of community efforts.

## When is Hour of Code?

The Hour of Code takes place each year during Computer Science Education Week. The 2018 Computer Science Education Week will be December 3-7. Woodstation students will be coding a dance party in the library and possibly coding other activities in their classrooms. Be sure to ask your child about it!



## Parent and Family Engagement



### Parent Café Meeting – January 10 at 8:30 a.m. Love Languages of Learning

**Join us for our countywide Parent Café Meeting and learn about the Love Languages of Learning for children and teens. This is also an opportunity to give us your input on our Title I policies and programs. Parents from all of our Title I schools will come together and learn together, share ideas, and give feedback. All parents are invited! Our Parent Café Meeting will be held January 10 at 8:30 a.m. at the Catoosa County Learning Center located on 36 Muscogee Trail. Light breakfast refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by December 13 to Jayne Black ([jblack.wes@catoosa.k12.ga.us](mailto:jblack.wes@catoosa.k12.ga.us)) or call the school at 706-935-6700.**

### We want your input!

**We want parents to be an active part in decision making at WES. If you have any input or suggestions for our Family Engagement Program or for our Title I Budget, please email Jayne Black, Parent Involvement Coordinator at [jblack.wes@catoosa.k12.ga.us](mailto:jblack.wes@catoosa.k12.ga.us). Title I Budget information can be found on the Title I page of our school website. For more information about how we spend our Title I funds, please review the Annual Meeting and PAC Presentations on the school website. Stop by the Family Resource Center (Room 120) and fill out an Input Card with your suggestions. The Family Resource Center is always open during school hours. We want to hear from you!**



## Santa Shop

Santa Shop will be open for shopping December 3-7. Item prices start at 25 cents with most items in the \$3-\$6 range.

We would love to have some extra "elves" helping with shopping and wrapping. Please let PTO know if you're interested in joining our elf crew!



## Stocking Full of Love

**WES will be collecting new toys, books, games, etc. that will be donated to the Stocking Full of Love program to help others in our community. Students can place the unwrapped items in the Christmas box on their hallway. The last day to donate will be Thursday, December 13th. If you feel that your family or someone you know could be helped by this program, you may contact Mrs. Pennington at WES or call the Stocking Full of Love program at the Catoosa County Sheriff's Office.**



## Positive Parenting



### *Tis Better to Give...*

*Dr. Lane*

The holiday season that is now upon us means different things to everyone. Of, course, there are the traditional celebrations of the season as well as some not-so-traditional. For some of us, the holidays mean travel to visit loved ones, while for others it means having loved ones visit you. For many of us, the holidays are a time of joy. However, the month of December can be extremely stressful. Perhaps you experience all of these and more.

For your children, however, the holidays mean pretty much one thing only: getting gifts of the latest and greatest toys. Every day I see that far-away look in their eyes, and I know they are not dreaming of a white Christmas, but more likely a giant Batman or princess Barbie. You know the look I'm talking about. And you also know the look you get from your child when they open their "dream" present - and the feeling you get when you get that look. It's the feeling of joy: the Joy of Giving.

If we believe "It is better to give than to receive" is true, then we parents have a tremendous responsibility to teach the importance of giving to our children, who otherwise would only know the "joy of getting." And the best way to do that is to model giving and include your children in the process. Taking the time, effort, and sacrifice to give gifts to others demonstrates caring, especially when the gifts are random acts of kindness for those who are less fortunate or have experienced pain or loss (think hurricane or wildfire victims, children in under-developed countries, the elderly, the poor, foreigners, prisoners, etc.) And if we raise a generation of caring children, how much better will our world be when they reach adulthood and teach their own children how to care? It could be a global game changer, but it starts with you and me.

"You may say I'm a dreamer"  
But I'm not the only one.  
I hope someday you will join us  
And the world will live as one."

-John Lennon



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