

***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,

Here we are in the third nine weeks! We have made huge gains the first half of the year and are using every day to prepare students for success. Every day is important for us to help students learn the standards needed to meet their grade level goals. We appreciate our parents making sure that our students are at school on time and ready to learn.

During the third nine weeks our teachers have begun reassessing student progress to make sure all students are reaching their goals this year. Our next Parent-Teacher Conference Week is February 26-March 2. Our teachers will be scheduling parent conferences throughout this week and holding extended after school hours for conferences on February 27 to help answer any questions you may have with your child's progress. A sign-up sheet will be coming home with your child, so be sure to sign-up for this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher.

Woodstation is also hosting another Book Fair February 26<sup>th</sup> – March 2. Our book fair will be open late on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> until 6 p.m. for you to come by and shop for some great books while you are here for your parent conference. Dr. Seuss week is also February 26<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

As teachers are working at school to teach your child and prepare for Georgia Milestones Assessments in April, we also have some tips for ways you can help at home to prepare and encourage your child. Please mark your calendar for our Title I Georgia Milestones Parent Workshop on March 20 at 6:00 p.m. We will give parents of students in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades more information about the test including things you can do at home to help your child do their best. Parents, I appreciate your support and would like to thank the teachers and staff at Woodstation for making learning a priority every day.

We are thankful for the nutritious lunch our Dining Hall provides our students daily. Lately, I've noticed the number of student lunch charges has risen dramatically. We currently have over \$2000 of student lunch charges that are unpaid. If your student is purchasing items in our Dining Hall, please make sure there is money in their account to cover the cost of the meal. If you currently owe money, please send payment immediately or contact the school to set up a payment plan. Thank you for your help with this.

Go Generals!

*Ernie Ellis*  
Principal  
Woodstation Elementary

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**February 7**  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip

**February 14**  
Tutu and Bow Tie Day \$1 for Renaissance  
Valentine Snack 1:00 p.m.

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

**February 16-19**  
No School

**February 26 - March 2**  
Title I Parent-Teacher  
Conference Week  
Book Fair  
Dr. Seuss Week

**February 27**  
Late Night for Conferences  
and Book Fair  
3:00-6:00 p.m.

**March 1**  
Spring Pictures

**March 16**  
Transition to Middle School  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Breakfast 7:00 a.m.

**March 20**  
Georgia Milestones Test Prep  
Workshop for Parents  
6:00 p.m.  
School Improvement Plan Input  
Meeting for Parents  
6:30 p.m.

**March 27- April 20**  
Pre-K Registration Packet  
Pick-up

## **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.

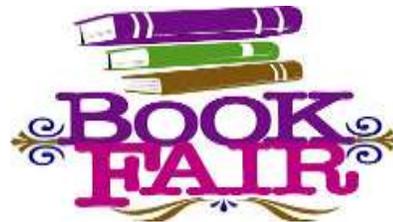


# Media Matters



The Woodstation Elementary Library is planning on participating in a program called Book It Forward this summer. Media Specialists in the county are hoping to visit select areas in the community and share gently used books with students in Catoosa County that may not otherwise have access to books. If you begin spring cleaning and discover any books that could be donated to Woodstation's library for this purpose, the donation would be very much appreciated!

Thank you,  
Mrs. Knight, Media Specialist



**February 26-March 2**

**Late Night:**

**February 27, 3:00-6:00 p.m.**

Our "Paws for Books" Book Fair will be open from 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Monday - Friday. The fair will also be open on Tuesday evening, Feb 27, from 3:00 until 6:00 during conferences. We hope to see you there!

**If you'd like to volunteer during the book fair, please contact Mrs. Knight in the library.**



## 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 **February 15 at 11:00 a.m.***

### 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





# Positive Parenting

## Teach Your Children Well

I remember a television public service announcement back in the 1960's that showed a father doing various things like painting his house, driving a car and hand-signaling a turn, washing a car, walking down a path and nonchalantly picking up a rock to throw. As he did each of these things, his young son watched his dad and imitated his actions while a narrator speaks, "Like father-like son." The PSA ends with the father and son relaxing together on the ground against a tree. Dad then lights up a cigarette and tosses the cigarette pack on the ground between them. As the curious young boy picks up the pack to look it over, the narrator speaks again, "Like father-like son - think about it."

No, I'm not here to talk about smoking. Instead, I want to ask you a question: Who is your child's MOST important teacher? The answer, of course is, you are, whether you realize it or not! If you have ever imagined what kind of person (not occupation) you want your child to become as an adult, then the BEST thing you can do to make that happen is to model it for them yourself. No, I didn't say it was easy, but very little that is worthwhile in life is easy.

Think about it. Do you want your children to be polite? Then make sure they see politeness at home. Kindness? Honesty? Forgiveness? Eagerness to learn? Your modeling of these and other character traits will have much more of an impact than anyone or anything else can. Here's a plan: TEACH IT - MODEL IT - EXPECT IT. Don't get too complicated, and don't make it too burdensome. But do it in regular increments every day. Remember you are investing in your children's future character. THINK ABOUT IT!

Dr. Lane, Music Teacher



## Counselor's Corner

### Caring for Ourselves and Our Loved Ones

**LOVE:** This is the month when we tell others how much they mean to us. We know that relationships are very important for our mental and even physical health. Take a moment to let your loved ones know you care.

**FAMILY:** This is one of the most important areas of people's lives. Children are a delight, but they do need guidance. We can influence and motivate our children to become wonderful people. Woodstation is a family where we care about all of your children's needs.

**EXPRESSION:** You can express your love to those around you and truly mean it. When you relax, enjoy life, and practice loving others, the month of love can be a very happy time. Enjoy!

Melody Pennington, School Counselor



# Parent and Family Engagement

Parent-Teacher Conference Week February 26-March 2  
Extended hours February 27th 3:00-6:00 p.m.

At WES, we believe the secret to your child’s success comes from building a strong partnership between home and school. To help foster this partnership, we will be hosting another Parent-Teacher Conference Week. This conference time will give you the opportunity to talk one-on-one with your child’s teacher and make a plan for the second half of the school year. A sign-up sheet will be coming home soon in your child’s Wednesday folder. Please sign-up! This is a great way to stay connected to how your child is doing in the classroom.

Make the most of your conference by reviewing your child’s work beforehand and writing down your questions in advance. Here are some discussion topics for your conference:

- Is my child performing on grade level? What are areas for improvement?
- Share with the teacher what you notice your child struggling with. What are your thoughts about your child’s progress?
- Ask what you can do at home to help your child learn.
- Ask how you may contact the teacher and how the teacher will be communicating with you. Make a plan that works for both of you. Be sure to contact the teacher if you notice your child is not making progress, or is having any problems.
- Talk to your child and share what you learned at your conference. Show your child how you will help with learning at home.

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



## Pre-K Drawing

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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, 2017, to be eligible for the Pre-K program, and they must be a resident of Catoosa County on the day of the drawing.

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## Character Traits



### February Character Traits

**Respect: Showing regard for the worth of someone and something.**

**Respect for Others: Concern for the welfare of others.**

**Respect for the Environment: The conservation and care of your surroundings.**

**Self-Respect: Pride and belief in one's self and in the achievement of one's potential.**

**Fairness: Equal treatment of behavior and viewpoints of others.**

**Tolerance: Respecting individual differences, views, and beliefs of other people.**

