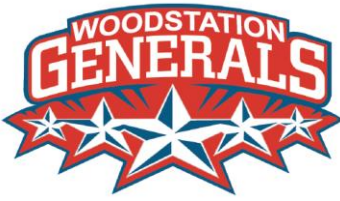


***Our Mission and PBIS Statement – Where ALL means ALL***  
***Woodstation Elementary develops every child to be lifelong leaders who are respectful, responsible, resourceful, motivated, and prepared.***

***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,

I hope you had a wonderful break and a great start to a new year! We are excited to start the second half of this school year and are working hard to make sure students are meeting their educational goals. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions concerning your child's grades or if you would like tips for helping them at home. Our Family Resource Center (Room 120) is a great place to find materials to support your child's learning. Stop by during school hours and pick up educational brochures to help encourage your child's success in the classroom.

I'd like to say thank you for your on-going support of Woodstation Elementary and our efforts to educate your children. Please make plans to attend our next Family and School Team (FAST) meeting with your child's teacher in their classroom. You will learn new foundational skills and how to practice these at home with your child. You will also receive your child's Benchmark scores and see the growth they have made during the first half of the school year. Our FAST meeting is February 7 at 6:00 p.m. and will include a hot dog dinner. Please mark your calendar now so you will be able to attend!

As winter falls on us this year, it's a good time to remind you of the importance of updating your Inclement Weather / Emergency Dismissal Form. This is the form that provides us with instructions on how to send students home in case of early dismissal for inclement weather. You may update this form in the main office with all friends or relatives who have permission to pick up your child. It's important your form is current so we are able to get all students home safely.

**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.

**Go Generals!**

*Ernie Ellis*  
Principal  
Woodstation Elementary

## IMPORTANT DATES

**January 10**  
Parent Café Meeting at the  
Catoosa Learning Center  
8:30 a.m.

**January 17**  
PTO Moe's Spirit Night  
4:00-8:00 p.m.

**January 21**  
Holiday - No School

**January 25**  
Family Movie Night  
At WES 6:00 p.m.

**February 5**  
Catoosa County Spelling Bee  
At Tiger Creek 6:00 p.m.

**February 7**  
FAST Meeting and Hot Dog  
Dinner 6:00 p.m.

**February 15-19**  
No School

**February 20**  
LSGT Meeting at HMS  
4:00 p.m.

**March 15**  
Transition to Middle School  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Breakfast 7:00 a.m.

**March 18-22**  
FAST (Family and School Team)  
Parent-Teacher Conference  
Week

**March 19**  
Georgia Milestones Workshop for  
Parents 6:00 p.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.



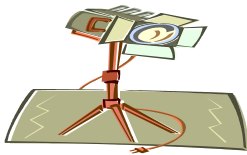
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PTO Family Movie Night  
January 25 at 6:00 p.m.  
Everyone is welcome!

## Character in Action

The compassion that our parents, teachers, and business partners have for our community was evident this Christmas. Many individuals in our community showed us how caring and generous they are when it comes to taking care of our students and families. Thank you to all groups and individuals that helped meet the needs of some of our students this Christmas. We appreciate you!



## 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. Please contact Melody Pennington at 706-935-6700.*

### 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



# Parent and Family Engagement

## Keeping Track of Student Progress

By staying on top of how your child is doing at school, you can support his/her achievements and quickly address any problems that arise. Try these helpful strategies to keep yourself engaged in your child's education:

- **Go over papers** – Look at each graded assignment that comes home in your child's Wednesday folder. This is an easy way to see what your child is doing well, and what he/she needs to work on.
- **Use Parent Portal**- Parent Portal is an electronic way for parents to stay connected to their child's progress in the classroom. Teachers use this application to enter assignments and grades. Parents can also view their child's absence record. As your child moves up into higher elementary grades, middle, and high school, it becomes a very useful tool to monitor your child's progress in the classroom. There is an easy sign-up process consisting of filling out some paper work. If you would like to sign up for an account, just stop by the school office!
- **Communicate with your child's teacher** – Contact the teacher if your child says a subject is difficult, or you notice low grades. Ask the teacher for ways you can help at home, or schedule a parent-teacher conference. If your teacher knows your child is struggling, they can help at school and suggest ideas for helping your child at home. We will be hosting a Family and School Team (FAST) meeting in your child's classroom on February 7 at 6:00 p.m. Please take advantage of this great opportunity to hear about your child's progress and learn how to practice skills with them 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 Title I policies and budget. Please stop by!

Jayne Black, Title I Parent and Family Engagement  
jblack.wes@catoosa.k12.ga.us



## Nurse's Notes

### Let's start 2019 off right by staying healthy!

With flu season upon us, it's important that we work together to keep our children healthy. Viruses spread easily among children in schools. You can help prevent the spread of flu or help your child get better if he/she does get sick by following a few simple steps:

- If possible, you and your child should get a flu shot
- Remind your child to cover his/her nose and mouth with a tissue when sneezing or coughing and dispose of the tissue immediately
- Have your child wash his/her hands frequently with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds
- Disinfect frequently-touched surfaces and shared items at least once a day
- Ensure that bathrooms are stocked with soap, hand towels and tissues
- Teach your child not to touch his/her mouth, nose and eyes
- If your child is sick and has a fever, keep him/her at home to prevent the spread of illness to others.

If you are concerned about your child's flu symptoms, call your doctor early. Call your doctor immediately if your child has a chronic disease.

Common symptoms of flu include high fever, severe headache, muscle and body aches, exhaustion, and dry cough. Additionally, children often exhibit other flu symptoms that are rare in adults, such as nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

Association of School Nurses

If you have any questions, please contact Nurse Terri at 706-935-6700 or [thuskey.wes@catoosa.k12.ga.us](mailto:thuskey.wes@catoosa.k12.ga.us)



## Positive Parenting

### "The Elephant on the Screen"

Dr. Lane

How much screen time for children has become a hot topic lately, in large part due to an on-going research study by the National Institutes of Health. The NIH will be following over 11,000 children for the next decade, tracking how much screen time they get and how it impacts them. It will be years before we have any hard evidence concerning the outcomes of children spending hours and hours a day interacting with a tablet computer or smartphone, but what about the here and now?

The biggest question I ask regarding this topic is this: What sort of things does hours and hours of screen time keep children from doing, things that might be more beneficial to their physical, intellectual, and emotional health? Is it possible that too much screen time may prevent children from learning how to interact with other children and with adults? The only person who can answer this question for your children is you, the parent. However, it would be a mistake not to ask it.

Digital devices are not going away, so parents must face the realities of their presence. The bottom line - the thing to remember most - is that you are the parent, and you can (and should) decide how much screen time is enough. You can even decide at what age screen time can start.

This is one call you are going to have to answer sooner or later. Don't send it to voicemail.

