

***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**  
**Volume 14, Issue 8**  
**March 2018**

Dear Woodstation Family,

It is hard to believe it is already March! Our students and teachers are working very hard to get ready for the upcoming Georgia Milestones test. All students enrolled in third through eighth grade in Georgia schools are required to take the Georgia Milestones test. This test is designed to measure the knowledge and skills taught in Georgia classrooms. It will assess skills in the areas of reading, English/language arts, mathematics, 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.

On March 20, we will be hosting a Title I Georgia Milestones Workshop for parents. This is a very informative presentation that will include information on test format and tips on how to help prepare your child for testing week. We hope you will attend!

**At Woodstation, Georgia Milestones testing will be administered:**

- **ELA Writing** – April 23
- **ELA Reading** – April 24
- **Math** – April 25
- **Science** – April 26 (5<sup>th</sup> grade only)
- **Social Studies** – April 27 (5<sup>th</sup> 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, teachers, and families) this year. Everyone has partnered so that our students can learn as much as possible.

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!

This will be Woodstation's fifth year for our Track team and it will start in March with information available on our school website. Track is for any boy or girl in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> grade with good grades, behavior, and attendance. Sign-up information is in the front office and practice starts March 8th, 15th, and 22nd for our students to have fun learning about track and field. Call the school if you have questions.

**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 still have over \$2,000.00 in student lunch charges. 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**

**February 26-March 9**  
Butter Braid Fundraiser

**March 9**  
No School for Students  
In-Service Day for Teachers

**March 12**  
No School

**March 15**  
LSGT Meeting 3:00 p.m.

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

**March 20**  
Georgia Milestones Test Prep  
Night 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

**April 2-6**  
Spring Break – No School

**April 9-13**  
BOGO Book Fair

**April 11**  
Parent Advisory Council (PAC)  
Meeting 11:00 a.m.

**April 17**  
Middle School Math Tips for  
Parents of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students  
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.



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

# Media Matters



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

The Media Specialists in the county are collecting gently used books to redistribute to children, for free, in areas of Catoosa County this summer. If you have books that you'd like to donate, please send them to Mrs. Knight.

Thank 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 at our next partnership lunch on **April 19 at 11:00 a.m.***

### Woodstation Elementary Partners

- Boynton 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



# Character Traits



**Courage:** To meet a challenge without giving in to fear.

**Diligence:** Consistent attention to quality work; remaining focused on your goal.

**Commitment:** The obligation or pledge to carry out some action or to support some policy or person.



## STEAM



Woodstation is moving full STEAM ahead with a brand new 3D printer! Third through fifth grade students now have access to the machine, which melts and prints plastic according to computerized designs. The first project that was printed- a detailed model of a food truck- was designed by Auburn White in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Any student is welcome to submit a design, as long as they can state the purpose of the project. We are looking forward to incorporating 3D models into our students' learning experience.

Mrs. Floyd



## Positive Parenting



The Sacrificial Alter of Love  
By Dr. Lane

In the movie, *Hook*, the main character, Captain Hook, is seen trying to turn Jack and Maggie, the children of the now adult Peter Pan, against their father by convincing them that their parents actually "hate" their children. "Before you were born," he asserts, "your parents would stay up all night just to watch the sun rise. Before you were born, they were *happier*. They were *free*."

I remember laughing heartily when we first watched this scene with our two children on our one of our weekly Friday evening "Movie Nights." I'm fairly certain that my wife and I exchanged knowing glances. We were married four years before our first child came along, and they really were four years of freedom. We did whatever we wanted. But I don't have to tell you how different everything is when you have children. Life becomes one sacrifice after another. And it's very tempting to start drawing lines and saying, "That's it! I'm not giving up this or that or whatever. I've sacrificed enough!"

But really, isn't sacrifice an expression of love? I would even argue that without sacrifice, love doesn't really exist. After all, when you first fell in love with your significant other, how did you show it? You sacrificed for him or her. And now you do the same for your children, right? You read to them daily, you play with them, you help them with their homework, you do things with them to make them feel special, and on and on it goes. And I haven't said anything about the financial sacrifices we make for our children. Children are expensive!

Saying you love someone is easy. Showing that you love someone requires sacrifice. But the good news is that it's really more like investments than sacrifices, because it will come back to you someday. Your children will never doubt your love for them, and likely they will do the same for their children. Is that worth your sacrifices? You bet it is!



# Parent and Family Engagement

## Georgia Milestones Parent Night - March 20, 6:00 p.m.

We will be hosting an informational workshop for parents with children in grades 3-5 to learn about the Georgia Milestones Assessments. Georgia Milestone Testing will begin the week of April 23. Come learn about the test and how to help prepare your child. This is a great opportunity to have your questions answered and learn the best way to support your child during testing week. Please visit our school website at [www.wes.catoosa.k12.ga.us](http://www.wes.catoosa.k12.ga.us) for more Georgia Milestones information.

## Parent Input Meeting to revise our School Improvement Plan - March 20, 6:30 p.m.

As we begin to start planning for next school year, we would like your input as we develop and revise our School Improvement Plan for 2018-2019. Please attend this meeting to learn more about the school goals that will be outlined in the plan. This will be a casual discussion time with Mr. Ellis. Parents will be encouraged to ask questions and give feedback about school decisions. Please attend!

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  
jblack.wes@catoosa.k12.ga.us

## Middle School Transition

Making a smooth transition into middle school is an important step for insuring a successful middle school experience. We are partnering with our families to help give students and parents peace of mind about transitioning to a new educational setting. Please mark your calendar for these events designed for our 5th grade families:

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Breakfast with Mr. Lusk, HMS Principal (March 16, 7:00 a.m.)

PTO will be providing a light breakfast. Parent resources will be available on academic and social topics. Mr. Lusk will speak about the following topics and be available to answer questions.

- Changing classes
- Lockers
- Clubs/Sports
- School Communication
- Parent Involvement and volunteering

### 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 rising 6<sup>th</sup> grader 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.

