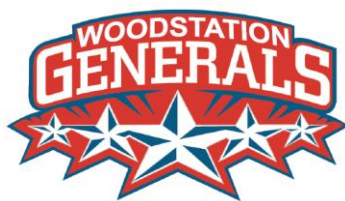


Our Mission and PBIS Statement – Where ALL means ALL
Woodstation Elementary develops every child to be lifelong leaders who are respectful, responsible, resourceful, motivated, and prepared.

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,

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 Assessment. All students enrolled in third through eighth grade in Georgia schools are required to take this test. It's 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 Georgia Standards of Excellence that have been established by the state for their grade.

At Woodstation, Georgia Milestones testing will be administered:

- **ELA Writing** – April 22
- **ELA Reading** – April 23
- **Math** – April 24
- **Social Studies** – April 25 (5th grade only)
- **Science** – April 26 (5th 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 together through our FAST program and our students have achieved so much!

Our next Parent-Teacher FAST Week is March 18-22. Our teachers will be scheduling individual parent-teacher conferences throughout this week and holding extended after school hours for meetings on March 19 to help answer any questions you may have about your child's progress. A sign-up sheet will be coming home with your child. Please be sure to sign-up for this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher.

Thank you for participating in our Five Star Challenge Fundraiser! We are excited to see how many of our students complete the Five Star Challenge course! Run day will be Thursday, March 7. Please continue to turn in your donations as you collect them. All money is due Thursday, March 7.

School Lunch Charges: We are thankful and blessed for the nutritious breakfast and lunch 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. We currently have over \$1,000.00 in student lunch charges. If you 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

February 27-March 20

Pre-K Registration Packets available in the WES office

March 7

5 Star Challenge Run Day

March 7, March 14, March 21

Track Practice for Registered Participants 3:00 p.m.

March 8-11

No School

March 15

Transition to Middle School
5th Grade Breakfast 7:00 a.m.

March 18-22

Family and School Team
(FAST) Parent-Teacher
Individual Conference Meetings

March 20

LSGT Meeting at
HMS 4:00 p.m.

March 25

Dollywood and Rock City
Drawing for FAST Participation

March 29

Woodstation Homecoming for
2019 Senior Class

April 1-5

Spring Break – No School

April 17

Spring Parent Advisory Council
Meeting (PAC) 12:00 p.m.
All parents are invited!
PTO Meeting
1:01 p.m.

Catoosa County Vision Statement

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Catoosa County Mission Statement

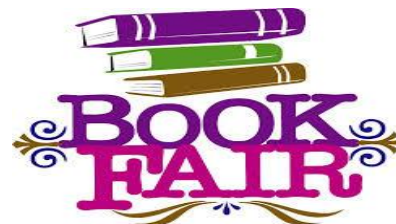
Catoosa County Public Schools is a student-focused learning community, where excellence is expected from staff and students, every day, without exception.



Pre-K Drawing

The Catoosa County Pre-K drawing is April 16, 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 February 27 through March 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. Children must be four years of age on September 1, 2019, 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 8-10

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 16 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



March is National Nutrition Month. Please visit www.eatright.org for an unlimited amount of resources concerning nutrition for you and your family. Remember, breakfast is the most important meal of the day! Eating breakfast recharges the brain and body and gets your child ready for a fun filled day of learning!

Nurse Terri



Positive Parenting



"Getting the Exposure Right"

By Dr. Lane

The sun finally came out this past weekend after weeks and weeks of rain. Excitedly, I threw a couple of vintage film cameras and some black and white film into my camera bag. My wife prepared a quick picnic, and we set off for Cloudland Canyon State Park on Lookout Mountain in search of waterfalls, which, with all the rain we have had recently, we knew would be delightfully thunderous and very photographable. We were indeed rewarded with fantastic views of waterfalls roaring mightily over the cliffs and plunging powerfully into the misty bottom. I easily finished a roll of film, feeling fairly confident about my exposures with return of the sun.

To get to the two main waterfalls within Cloudland Canyon, you must first descend into Sitton's Gulch by way of a rocky trail with a series of many, many steps, which have to be climbed when you return to the top. On our way back up these steps, I passed a man with his toddler daughter, who was strapped into his backpack. He was carefully and patiently carrying his child down the steps so that she could experience the beauty of nature. When I saw him, it immediately brought to mind a photograph I took many years ago of my wife carrying our oldest daughter, Megan, down the very same steps when she was about the same age. It then occurred to me that Megan is now a devoted lover of the outdoors and is an avid rock climber. Was it a coincidence? Or, did our exposing her to the beauty of nature at a young age make a difference in who she is today? I wondered if the little girl strapped in her dad's backpack this past weekend would become an explorer herself someday.

My point is this. Exposure is important in photography, and it is important in life. Exposing your children to things that will build their character and make life more joyful is better than exposing them to the dark or even trivial things of this world. Children are a lot like the film in my camera: They will reflect what they are exposed to. Get the exposure right, and you will see a wonderful picture someday that will bring joy to your life as well.



Parent and Family Engagement

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 17 at 12:00 p.m.** at WES. The DAC meeting will be held May 9 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 will look at the results of our spring survey and discuss ideas for our family engagement program. At this meeting, Mr. Ellis will also be discussing our School Improvement Plan for 2019-2020. This will be a casual discussion time to talk about our school goals and for parents to give input for our school plan for next year. We would love for you to attend and share your feedback!

Georgia Milestones Information

Georgia Milestone Testing will begin the week of **April 22-26**. Students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades participate in these End of Grade Assessments in ELA and Math. Fifth grade students also test in science and social studies. Learn more about the test and how to help prepare your child by visiting our school website at www.wes.catoosa.k12.ga.us. There is an informative presentation on the website that you are able to download and print. If you would like more information and additional resource links, please contact me.

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, Title I policies, and budget. Please stop by!

Jayne Black, Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator
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Middle School Transition



Making a smooth transition into middle school is an important step for insuring a successful middle school experience for your child. We are partnering with Heritage Middle School to help give families peace of mind about transitioning to a new educational setting. Please mark your calendar for this important event designed for our 5th grade families:

5th Grade Breakfast with Mr. Davis, HMS Assistant Principal (March 15, 7:00 a.m.)

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

- Academic Standards and class schedules
- Changing classes
- Lockers
- Clubs/Sports
- School Communication
- Parent Involvement and Volunteering

