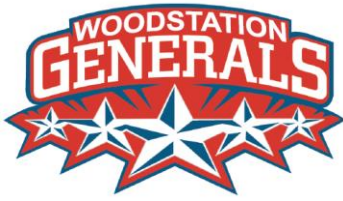


Our Mission and PBIS Statement – Where ALL means ALL
Woodstation Elementary develops every child to be lifelong leaders who are respectful, responsible, resourceful, motivated, and prepared.

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

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Dear Woodstation Family,

I want to say thank you to every student, parent, and staff member for another great year here at Woodstation Elementary School. I definitely know why everyone says that Woodstation Elementary is the greatest place on Earth! With your support and encouragement, the staff and students have reached goals and accomplishments that would not have been possible otherwise. As the year comes to a close, it always amazes me how wonderful our students are. Students here at Woodstation are 5 Star Generals by being respectful, responsible, resourceful, motivated, and prepared. They have created an amazing atmosphere for learning here at our school. **WES – Where Excellence Starts!**

The 5th grade class of 2019 at Woodstation Elementary is a special group of students. These talented and smart students have been great leaders. I appreciate this group of students and their parents for being 5 Star Generals at Woodstation. We will miss these students and we wish them well on their journey to middle school.

Don't miss your chance to order a yearbook to preserve all of the memories created here this year! You may purchase a yearbook online or at the school. Please see more information in this newsletter on how to order online. Students will receive yearbooks in August.

School Lunch Charges: We are thankful 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 our Dining Hall, there is money in their account to cover the cost of the meals. If you do owe money, please send payment immediately or contact the school to set up a payment plan.

I hope you are able to come and join us during one of the many events we have scheduled during the month of May. Please call the school at 706-935-6700 if you have additional questions concerning these events.

Go Generals!

Ernie Ellis
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

May 6-10

Teacher Appreciation Week
School Nurse Week

May 7

Welcome to Woodstation
for rising Pre-K and
Kindergarten Students
5:00-7:15 p.m.
Parent Orientation at Heritage
Middle School for upcoming 6th
grade students
6:00 p.m.

May 9

Title I District Advisory Council
(DAC) at the Learning Center
11:00 a.m.
All Parents Welcome!

May 10

WES Talent Show at Heritage
High School
6:30 p.m.

May 13

5th Grade Field Trip to tour HMS

May 13-15

WES Dance Team Tryouts

May 14

LSGT Meeting 8:15 p.m.

May 17

Field Day

May 22

5th Grade Memory Walk
and Cookout at 11:00 a.m.

May 23

5TH Grade Promotion at
Peavine Baptist Church
9:30 a.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.



Yearbooks

**It's not too late to order your
2018-2019
Woodstation yearbook!**

Cost \$25

**Order forms are in the office.
You may also order online at:
www.YBPay.lifetouch.com
Use code: 9680819**

**In order to include end of the
year activities, yearbooks will
be distributed in August.**



**Keep healthy snacks on hand
this summer! Kids feel more
independent when they have
options. Giving your kids
healthy options is a great way
to introduce them to a variety
of food choices. One way to do
this is to chop up fresh veggies
and fruit and put them in
individual baggies in your
fridge. This ready-made snack
makes it easy to make good
choices!**

Nurse Terri



Spotlight on Partners Spotlight on Partners

We are very thankful for our partners! All of our Business Partners help make learning possible and we appreciate everything that they do for our school! Please remember our partners when you are out in the community and thank them for supporting our school. If you are interested in becoming a business partner, please call the school at (706) 935-6700.

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
Ed Rose Martial Arts Academy
First Volunteer Bank
Food City
Metro Boiler Tube
Pediatric Dentistry of Chattanooga
Pray Chiropractic
Ringgold Telephone Company
Village Print Shop
Waffle House**



Positive Parenting



School's Out (Or Is it?)
Dr. Lane

The last day of school is approaching rapidly, and when it comes, it may be hard to say who will be happier. The students (mostly) will be cheering as they head for the bus or car rider lines, celebrating an extended break from work and assignments. The teachers (mostly) will be smiling broadly as they look forward to free time and trips to the beach. And parents? Time to find summer camps and plan those vacations. As Alice Cooper famously sang, "School's out for summer!"

However, the learning doesn't have to stop, nor should it. Your child's mind is still in the growing stage, and it will be very beneficial for them if the knowledge "food supply" is not cut off. After all, school may indeed be "out," but it will certainly be back "in" by August. You do not want your children to start the year behind by allowing them to regress through mental inactivity. Just think of ball players who work out throughout the off-season in order to be ready for a productive season when spring comes.

It really isn't hard to keep your child learning through the summer if you are insistent about it. Here are some things you can do:

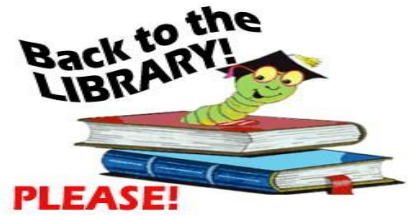
1. Take them to the public library once a week and require them to read the books they check-out.
2. Limit screen time. Studies show excessive screen time is counter-productive to brain and cognitive development. This includes TV.
3. Require daily outdoor play. This will help offset the lack of PE during the summer.
4. Require a hobby. Activity centered around an interest is a catalyst for learning.
5. Assign chores. Responsibility is a learned character trait. Insist on it.
6. Schedule activities and trips that include history and culture as well as family fun.

For the next two and a half months, the teacher torch is in your hands. Don't drop it. Happy summer!

Counselor's Corner

Media Matters

Please remember to return library books to the Media Center by **May 3**.
Thank you!



Summer Reading

Please be looking for Summer Reading information along with a BINGO sheet that will be sent home. This year, students should read a minimum of five books and complete the BINGO sheet to earn prizes at both the Catoosa County Library and Woodstation when they return in August.



Parent and Family Engagement

Welcome to Woodstation - May 7, 5:00 p.m.

Please join us for this fun night to ease upcoming Pre-K and Kindergarten students into school. Meet the teachers and our friendly staff! You will also tour the school and do a taste testing of menu items in the Dining Hall. Kindergarten students will complete testing for registration. We're looking forward to seeing your family. Please help us spread the word about this event!

To register for Kindergarten, please bring:

- Proof of residency
- GA driver's license or photo ID
- GA 3231 Immunization Certificate
- GA 3300 Hearing, Vision, and Dental Screening Form
- Child's Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card

District Advisory Council Meeting (DAC)- All Parents are Invited!

All parents are invited to join us for our Title I DAC meeting. The DAC meeting will be held May 9, at 11:00 a.m. at the Learning Center. This is a time for parents to give input about the district parent and family engagement plan, program, and funding. We will discuss, review, and approve this policy. There will also be county representatives there to talk about many other topics. We would love for you to attend and share your feedback. Lunch is included!

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!

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