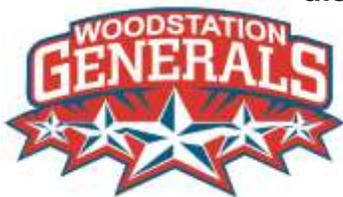


**Our Mission and PBIS Statement – Where ALL means ALL**  
**Woodstation Elementary develops every child to be lifelong leaders who are respectful, responsible, resourceful, motivated, and prepared.**

**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,

Our goal this year for our fall carnival was for everyone to have fun and give your students the opportunity to develop fond memories of their elementary school experience, and that certainly did happen! It was great to see our students and staff having so much fun at school. The funds we raise are just a side note to the smiles and laughter we enjoyed. We had plenty of great food, inflatables, and carnival games for everyone. A special thanks goes out to our PTO, parents, and staff who worked together to put on such a great event!

Our Woodstation Singers trip to Nashville last March has been featured in Nooga.com. Type the following link into your web browser to read the article: <http://nooga.com/210061/catoosa-county-students-record-third-man-records-digital-single-included-jack-whites-childrens-book/>

We have some exciting technology opportunities coming up for our students. The CCPS Student Tech Fair will be held on December 1st at the County Office. Students will present projects from 13 categories, ranging from Multimedia Applications to Digital Game Design. Winners from each category will move on to the regional competition in Rome. Also, for the 3rd year, Woodstation students will participate in activities to celebrate Computer Science Week (Dec. 4-10). If you have an interest in programming and would like to volunteer to come speak during this week, contact Mrs. Floyd at [afloyd.wes@catoosa.k12.ga.us](mailto:afloyd.wes@catoosa.k12.ga.us). Please see the Computer Science section of this newsletter for more information.

If your student attends our after school STEAM Club, they are busy making plans for the spring planting season. WES will have raised bed gardens that will be tended to by all WES students. We are looking forward to seeing what they grow!

This year, our Thanksgiving lunch is designated for PreK, Kindergarten, and 4th grade parents on November 17th. Mrs. Jana Adams and our wonderful dining room staff do a great job of preparing a special lunch for everyone. I hope you are able to come out and enjoy this time with us. The parent lunch for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades will be December 15.

We hope you have a great Thanksgiving break from November 20-24 to enjoy your family. We all have a lot to be thankful for. Thank you for letting us be a part of your child's learning experience.

*Ernie Ellis*  
Principal  
Woodstation Elementary



## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**November 10**  
Veteran's Day Assembly  
9:00 a.m.

**November 14**  
3rd and 4th Grade Field Trips

**November 15**  
2nd Grade Field Trip

**November 16**  
LSGT Meeting 3:00 p.m.

**November 17**  
Parent Lunch for PreK, K, and  
4th Grade

**November 20-24**  
No School  
Thanksgiving Break

**December 4-8**  
Santa Shop

**December 5**  
5th Grade Field Trip

**December 8**  
1st Field Trip

**December 14**  
Partnership Meeting 11:00 a.m.  
LSGT Meeting 12:00 p.m.

**December 15**  
Parent Lunch 1st, 2nd, 3rd  
Grades

**December 19**  
Classroom Holiday Parties

**December 20-January 5**  
No School

## **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



Mrs. Knight, Media Specialist

Students will be encouraged to check out the 70 new graphic novel titles that are being added to our collection by mid-November.

The next book fair will take place February 26th through March 2nd in the library.

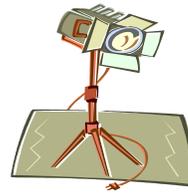
The 2nd & 3rd grade reading club will begin reading *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* starting the second week of November from 7:25 am until 7:50 am on Mondays and Tuesdays.

The 4th & 5th grade reading club will continue reading *Wonder* on Wednesdays and Thursdays during that time. Students in grades 2 through 5 are welcome to join the group on their assigned days of the week.

**KEEP READING!**



## Spotlight on Partners Spotlight on 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.

### School 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

Woodstation Elementary School had 45 students that chose to read 20 books during September and October, and they completed a reading log of those titles. They were treated to breakfast in the library with prizes and treats on October 31st.



# Parent and Family Engagement



## An Attitude of Gratitude

Have your child start early in recognizing the blessings in their life. November is the perfect time to teach your child about thankfulness and also practice their writing skills. Have your child make a "Thankful Turkey." By drawing an old fashioned hand turkey. Have your child write something they are thankful for on each of the turkey's feathers and use these turkeys as place cards at your Thanksgiving meal. After the meal, have your child write thank you notes to every family member who comes to share Thanksgiving with your family. Encourage your child to focus on what it is about that family member that makes them so special.

## We Want to Keep You In the Know!

We want you to know that as a parent of a child in a Title I school, you have the right to request any meetings you feel are needed by contacting the Parent Involvement Coordinator. We are committed to providing opportunities for parents to attend regular meetings to formulate suggestions, share experiences, and participate in decisions related to the education of your child. To learn more about our Title I Parent and Family Engagement Program, check out our school policy on the WES website. We would love to hear your feedback and suggestions.

## We want your input!

We want parents to be an active part in decision making at WES. If you have any input or suggestions for our Family Engagement Program or for our Title I Budget, please email Jayne Black, Parent Involvement Coordinator at [jblack.wes@catoosa.k12.ga.us](mailto:jblack.wes@catoosa.k12.ga.us). Title I Budget information can be found on the Title I page of our school website. For more information about how we spend our Title I funds, please review the Annual Meeting and PAC Presentations on the school website. Stop by the Family Resource Center (Room 120) and fill out an Input Card with your suggestions. The Family Resource Center is always open during school hours. We want to hear from you!



November is Parent and Family Engagement Month!

National Parental Involvement Day on November 16, provides an opportunity for schools and families to join together and highlight the support parents provide at home to support student success. Children who experience high levels of parent involvement achieve higher grades and experience better self-esteem. See the attached calendar on the last page of this newsletter for learning ideas to connect with your child all month long!



# Computer Science

We live in a world surrounded by technology. And we know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly depend on understanding how technology works.

But only a tiny fraction of us are learning how technology works. Fewer than half of all schools teach computer science.

That's why our entire school is joining in on the largest learning event in history: **The Hour of Code, during Computer Science Education Week (December 4-10)**. More than 100 million students worldwide have already tried an Hour of Code.

Our Hour of Code is making a statement that Woodstation is ready to teach these foundational 21st century skills. To continue bringing programming activities to your students, we want to make our Hour of Code event huge. I encourage you to volunteer, reach out to local media, and share the news on social media channels.

This is a chance to change the future of education in Catoosa County.

See <http://hourofcode.com/us> for details, and help spread the word.

***If you are interested in coming to speak with students about computer science or volunteer in your child's class, please contact Mrs. Floyd at [afloyd.wes@catoosa.k12.ga.us](mailto:afloyd.wes@catoosa.k12.ga.us)***



**If your child has borrowed clothes from the clinic, please wash and return these as soon as possible.** I typically have a daily need for clothing changes throughout the school and the return of these items will be greatly appreciated!

If you are unsure if you should send your child to school due to a suspected illness, please feel free to call me and we can discuss this.

Hearing and Vision screenings have just been completed for our 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. You may have already received correspondence regarding your child's results. If you have not, please don't worry, I will be contacting you soon.

As always, if you have any questions or need to speak with me, please call me or send me an e-mail. ([thuskey.wes@catoosa.k12.ga.us](mailto:thuskey.wes@catoosa.k12.ga.us))

Nurse Terri

## November Character Traits

### Citizenship:

*Respectful devotion to one's country or school.*

### Patriotism:

*Respectful devotion to one's country.*

### Freedom:

*The right of enjoying all of the privileges of citizenship.*