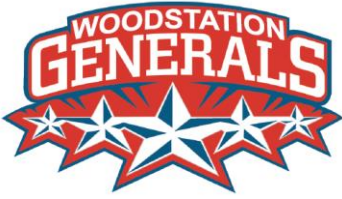


Our Mission and PBIS Statement – Where ALL means ALL
Woodstation Elementary develops every child to be lifelong leaders who are respectful, responsible, resourceful, motivated, and prepared.

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,

We are excited about the student academic growth we are seeing here at school. We know you are working at home with your students and helping them achieve their grade-level goals. Please be sure to attend your Family and School Team (FAST) Meeting with your child's teacher. These parent-teacher meetings are being held November 5-9. Teachers will be reviewing your student's assessment scores with you and giving you tips on how to support learning at home. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and have some one-on-one time with your child's teacher! If you haven't already scheduled your meeting, please contact the teacher through email, agenda, or by calling the school office at (706) 935-6700.

We have an exciting technology opportunity coming up for our students. The CCPS Student Tech Fair will be held on December 4th at the County Office. Students will present projects from categories ranging from Multimedia Applications to Digital Game Design. Winners from each category will move on to the regional competition in Rome.

This year our Christmas parent lunch is designated for PreK, Kindergarten, and 4th grade parents on December 14th. 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.

Heritage High School Student Government (SGA) is thrilled to announce they are hosting an Illusionist Show that was featured on America's Got Talent. The community show will be held Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. on November 30th in the HHS Theater. This will be a fun night out for families while simultaneously serving as a fundraiser for Heritage's SGA.

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.

As the weather begins to get cooler, our Lost and Found is growing every day with jackets and articles our students are leaving at school. Parents, please label your child's jacket so we know who to return it to when it is misplaced. Please ask your child to check the Lost and Found if they are missing anything.

Ernie Ellis
Principal
Woodstation Elementary

IMPORTANT DATES

November 5-9

FAST Individual Meetings with your child's teacher (conferences)

November 9

Veteran's Day Assembly
10:00 a.m.

November 14

LSGT Meeting 8:15 a.m.

November 19-23

No School
Thanksgiving Break

November 28

PBIS Superfly Reward Trip for Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades

November 29

PBIS Superfly Reward Trip for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades

November 30

First Grade Field Trip to Tree Farm
SGA Illusionist at HHS 7:00 p.m.

December 3-7

Santa Shop

December 4

CCPS Student Technology Fair

December 14

Parent Lunch for PreK, Kindergarten, and 4th Grade

December 19

Classroom Holiday Parties
10:00 a.m.

December 20-January 6

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

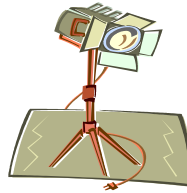
We've added 15 new titles from the previous book fair to our collection. The next book fair will be February 25th through March 1st of 2019.

I am excited to announce that the Maker Space will soon be opening for our students! If you'd like to contribute items for students to use as they "make", I'd certainly appreciate items, such as beads, durable beading cord, and various colors of construction paper and/or duct tape rolls. I've added a Creativi-tee board for students to create with colored golf tees as they design on the board.

Also, I am working on adding STEM kits into the space. A Tumble Trax Magnetic Marble Run kit and a magnetic whiteboard have also been installed for students to explore while using engineering skills to build various tracks and guide a marble home. Students can create their own tricky tracks for even more challenges!

KEEP READING!

THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE LIBRARY'S PUMPKIN PATCH. IT WAS THE BEST ONE EVER WITH MANY IMPRESSIVE PUMPKINS!



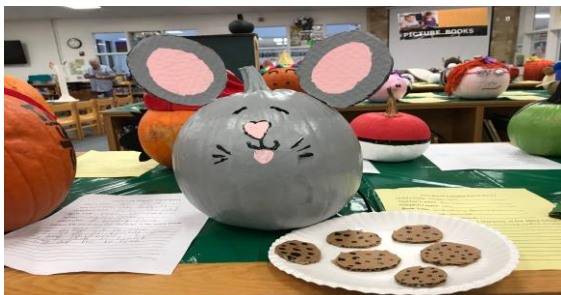
Spotlight on Partners Spotlight on Partners



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
ecountertopsUSA
Johnson's Auto Repair
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church
News Channel 9
Parkway Baptist
Peavine Baptist
Wallace Tile
Woodstation United Methodist Church



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



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 Jayne Black, Family Engagement 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, Family Engagement Coordinator at 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 engagement 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!



Positive Parenting

"All I Ever Needed to Know I Learned Playing Monopoly"

There is one skill that nearly every student at Woodstation is better at than I, and that is playing video games. I am truly terrible. Especially Guitar Hero or Rockband. The fact that I can actually play the guitar makes me even worse at those two (and I am really, really bad at all the others.) But board games? Count me in, because it's going to be a different story. Prepare to lose!

Actually, I may not be that fearsome at every board game, but I have always enjoyed playing them since childhood. I still have the same Monopoly game I played with all the neighborhood kids on my block in Highland Park. The money is crumpled and worn, and I'm sure that some of the houses and hotels are missing, but it still works. I know this, because my wife and I used it to play with my two kids on many, many Game Nights.

Game Night was special in our house, because all four of us were involved in one fun activity that kept us together without distraction for a whole evening. *On Game Night, we were equals under the rules of the game.* I realize now how important that was. Through playing games, my kids learned how adulthood works: rules, responsibilities, skills, strategies, cleverness, consequences, winning, losing, sportsmanship, etc. All of that can be found in Monopoly and other games. And don't forget the fun, like when Dad goes bankrupt by landing on Boardwalk with a hotel on it. (It happened once. Ok, maybe twice. . .)

Looking back on being a parent to my children, it's funny how seemingly little things made a big difference in the long run. Game Night was one of those things. Do you have Game Night? It's never too late to start.

Kevin Lane



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 1st, 3rd and 5th 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.

Dental forms have been sent home. Please send these back ASAP if you want your child seen on the dental van. A date and time will be arranged when all forms have been received.

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)

Nurse Terri