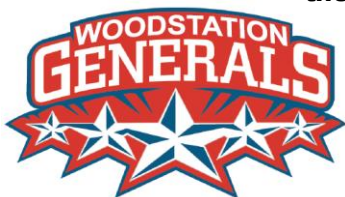


Our Mission and PBIS Statement – Where ALL means ALL
Woodstation Elementary develops every child to be lifelong leaders who are respectful, responsible, resourceful, motivated, and prepared.

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,

We have had a great start to the school year and all of our students are having fun as they continue to develop their academic skills and settle into our rituals and routines. Our parent support has been outstanding, as usual, and our staff has been very focused on helping students learn. I don't think we could have asked for a better start to the school year!

I would like to thank all of the parents who came to our first Family and School Team (FAST) Group Meeting on September 18. Teachers did a great job discussing student data, foundational grade level skills, and home practice activities. I know parents are working with their students and I'm excited to see the progress our students have made on their SMART goals when you come back for your next FAST meeting. FAST individual conferences with your child's teacher will be held during the week of November 5-9. Look for more information to come home in the Wednesday folder.

We need your help growing our storybook pumpkin patch! This is a fun activity to do with your student at home. Decorate a pumpkin to look like one of your favorite book characters and bring it to the library to "plant" in our Storybook Pumpkin Patch! See the Media Matters section of this newsletter for more information.

We appreciate parents working with us on signing in before visiting the building in the mornings. This allows teachers more time to work with students who need extra support. The morning is very valuable time for teachers to work one on one with students. Thank you for your support of this wonderful effort teachers are making to encourage student success.

Ernie Ellis
Principal
Woodstation Elementary

IMPORTANT DATES

October 8-10

Fall Break – No School

October 11

PreK/Kindergarten Field Trip
Pumpkin Patch

October 15

Family Reading Night at the
Catoosa County Library
4:30-5:45 p.m.

October 16

Partnership Meeting 11:00 a.m.
LSGT Meeting 12:00 p.m.

October 17

PTO Meeting 1:01 p.m.
Yearbook Sales Begin

October 18

Hearing and Vision Screening

October 22-26

Red Ribbon Week

October 24

Picture Retakes/Group Pictures
Report Cards

October 31

Harvest Snack 1:00

November 2

Parent Lunch for 1st, 2nd, 3rd
grades

November 5-9

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

November 9

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

November 19-23

Thanksgiving Break
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

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Book Fair! It was another huge success.

The Woodstation Elementary Library's Storybook Pumpkin Patch directions were sent home in the Wednesday folder on October 3. Extra copies are available in the school office. Pumpkins may be delivered to the library on October 22 and they must be picked up by the end of the day on October 31st. **No carved pumpkins will be allowed.**

Students in Pre-K through 2nd grades enjoyed a visit by author Janie Dempsy Watts on September 21. She read her book, *Pap Pap Goes to Paris*, for students in the library.

On October 15 at 1:00 p.m., author Michael Finklea will visit Woodstation. He loves to encourage students to write! He promotes perseverance, the writing process, and generating writing ideas. He also shares how one can be any age and become an author!

Join us for Family Reading Night at the Catoosa County Public Library on October 15 from 4:30-5:45 p.m. Come play library BINGO and get to know the Catoosa County Library better! Get your very own library card if you don't already have one.

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. If you're interested in becoming one of our partners, join us for our next Partnership meeting on October 16 at 11:00 a.m. Please contact Mrs. Pennington at (706) 935-6700 for more information.

School Partners:

Boynton United Methodist
Brent Pennington Dental Center
ecocountertopsUSA
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 of Chattanooga
First Volunteer Bank

Food City
Metro Boiler Tube
Pediatric Dentistry of Chattanooga
Pray Chiropractic
Ringgold Telephone
Village Print Shop
Waffle House
Zaxby's of Ringgold



Parent and Family Engagement

Family and School Team (FAST)

We hope you are working at home with your student on the practice activities you received at our first FAST Group Meeting. If you were unable to attend, your student's data and activities were sent home in the Wednesday folder on September 26. Please review these materials and make a SMART goal for your child's progress and return the yellow goal sheet to school. When you meet with your teacher during your FAST Individual Meeting, you will review your child's progress on the SMART goal you set and receive updated student data. These meetings will be November 5-9. Sign-up information will come home from your teacher soon. Thank you for your commitment to this home-school partnership!

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 and fill out an Input Card with your suggestions. We want to hear from you!



STOP WALK TALK

"Stop-Walk-Talk." If you hear your children using these words, they are talking about the bullying prevention plan for our school and our county.

Stop-Walk-Talk teaches students how to respond to other students in situations where bullying may be the problem. **Bullying happens when a person is continually saying or doing something to intentionally hurt another person's body or feelings. There is also usually an imbalance of power.** Bullying does happen in our society today, but every mean, rude or unkind situation is not necessarily "bullying." Teaching kids to identify and handle problem behaviors will be an ongoing learning process.

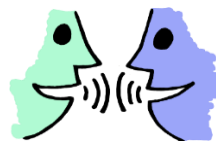
By encouraging students to use **Stop-Walk-Talk**, we hope that students will have the tools to confidently handle problem behaviors, but also know when and how to ask an adult for help.



STOP- If the way that someone is treating you is a problem, say "STOP" in a firm voice and use the school hand signal for STOP.



WALK -Walk away from the person if the problem behavior continues.
You are removing yourself from the situation because you are in charge of you. You can also try to ignore the person and behavior.



TALK -If the problem behavior can't be ignored and doesn't stop after you have tried to solve the problem yourself, TALK to an adult who can help.

Red Ribbon Week

October 22-26, 2018

Red Ribbon Week began as a way to honor the memory of a Drug Enforcement agent who was killed in the line of duty. Agent Enrique Camarena was working to prevent dangerous drugs from coming into the United States. Communities wore the red ribbon to honor Camarena's sacrifice and the effort of many others who work to keep us safe from drugs and the violence associated with them. Today, wearing a red ribbon symbolizes the national fight against drug abuse and each person's commitment to living a drug-free life. At Woodstation, Red Ribbon Week is a time for students to learn about the importance of making smart decisions, how to say "no" to things that are bad for them, and how to keep their growing bodies healthy.

Monday, October 22: RED-y to Live a Drug-Free Life

- Wear RED to show that you will live a healthy and safe life.

Tuesday, October 23: Don't Let Bad Choices Mix You Up

- Wear mismatched clothes, but make good choices.

Wednesday, October 24: Crazy about Being Healthy

- Wear crazy socks to show that you will walk along a healthy path in life.

Thursday, October 25: Team up against Drugs

- Wear your favorite team jersey/shirt to show your support for a healthy lifestyle.

Friday, October 26: United We Stand for a Drug-Free Land

- Wear a school spirit shirt and tennis shoes to show that Woodstation Generals will walk away from drugs. Students will walk on the cross-county track during Activity with pledge signs to show that WES Generals pledge to walk away from drugs.



PBIS

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports

"Thanks for the Memories"

by Dr. Lane

My family (on my mother's side) had their annual reunion back in July. It was a day of fun at the pool at my cousin's house, lots of great food, conversation about old days and the present, and, like in many families, occasional craziness. However, everyone was in general agreement that the best part of the day happened in the evening when we got to see a good old fashioned slide show. No, not the computer kind, but with real slides on film. These slides, of which there are hundreds, were all taken by my great uncle Jonesy, and they chronicled the history of our family all the way back to the early 1960's. Nearly everyone in the room that night saw photos of themselves first as children, then teenagers, and then young adults getting married. Jonesy captured all of it on film for us to enjoy now.

Uncle Jonesy has been gone now for a few years. My brother and I are the keepers of his slide collection, and I even have one of his cameras. Every time I use it, I think of what a difference Jonesy made in my life. My dad was not the most loving person, having not been loved by his parents. Jonesy filled in the gap by taking an interest in my brother and me. He would have us over to his house often (for slide shows, of course) and took us on many excursions to places of interest in and around Chattanooga. He made us feel important, and he gave us countless memories. If I have done anything right as a father to my children, it is because Uncle Jonesy modeled it for me.

Someday, your children are going to be parents, and the kind of parent they will be will depend largely on what kind of parent you are. Your influence will outlive you. Are you making the most of it? The things you do with your kids don't have to cost a lot of money, but they will cost time and care. Trips to the park, ice cream parlor, Lookouts games, concerts, family picnics, even movie nights at home. They will become the memories your children will carry forward.

It's never too late to start making memories. And don't forget to take photos!