

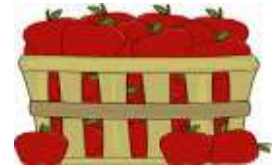
**Our Mission and PBIS Statement – Where ALL means ALL**  
**Woodstation Elementary develops every child to be lifelong leaders who are respectful, responsible, resourceful, motivated, and prepared.**

**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 in to 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 first month of school. I would also like to thank all the parents who supported WES in the coupon book sale. Without these funds, Woodstation would not be able to offer as many technology supports. Thank you!

I would love for you to encourage your child to take advantage of extra instruction opportunities available at Woodstation. Mrs. Knight, our Media Specialist, opens the media center in the mornings from 7:25 – 7:50 for Book Club and Writing Club. Please see the Media Matters section of this newsletter for more information. Also, our after school STEAM Club for students in grades 2-5 has recently started back up. This club is led by Mrs. Floyd and the students are learning and having fun preparing projects for the upcoming Tech Fair.

Our fall Parent-Teacher Conference Week is October 2-6. Our teachers will be scheduling parent conferences throughout this week and holding extended after school hours for conferences on October 3 to help answer any questions you may have with your child's progress. A sign-up sheet will be coming home with your child, so be sure to sign-up for this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher.

We appreciate parents working with us on signing in before visiting the building in the mornings. If we can cut down on unannounced parent conferences with teachers, we feel it allows teachers more time to work with students who need extra support during early morning hours (morning is very valuable for teachers to work one on one with students, because it's hard to come by during the school day). Thank you for your support of this wonderful effort teachers are making to encourage student success.

*Ernie Ellis*

Principal  
Woodstation Elementary

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **September 19-30**

Apex Fundraiser

### **September 21**

Partnership Lunch 11:30

### **September 26**

Family Reading Night at the  
Catoosa County Library  
4:30-6:00 p.m.

### **September 28**

Moe's Spirit Night  
5:30-8:00 p.m.

### **October 2-6**

Title I Parent-Teacher  
Conference Week

### **October 3**

Extended Conference Hours  
3:30-6:00 p.m.

### **October 6**

Hearing and Vision Screening  
**Going Wild** Author Lisa  
McMann Visit

### **October 9-10**

No School

### **October 19**

LSGT Meeting 3:00 p.m.

### **October 27**

PTO Fall Carnival 5:30 p.m.

### **November 1**

Picture Retakes

## **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



Please join us for Woodstation Family Reading Night at the Catoosa County Library on September 25th from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Come read together as a family and your child can get their very own library card!

*Going Wild* author Lisa McMann will visit on October 6, 2017 - courtesy of Barnes & Noble. Mrs. Knight has *Going Wild* for sale for only \$6.00 in the library.

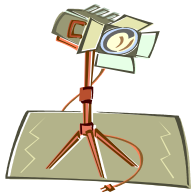
Reading Clubs have started and are meeting from 7:25 until 7:50 on the following days:

Second Grade - Monday

Third Grade - Tuesday

Fourth & Fifth Grade - Wednesday & Thursday. We are reading *Going Wild* prior to Mrs. McMann's visit to spark great conversation during her visit.

Writing Club started on September 8. Any student interested in coming to the library to write is welcome to attend from 7:25 - 7:50 on Fridays.



## 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 would like to learn more about becoming a business partner, please contact the school and join us at our next Partnership Luncheon on **Thursday, September 21 at 11:30 a.m.**

### Woodstation 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

### 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



# Family Engagement

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At WES, we believe the secret to your child's success comes from building a strong partnership between home and school. To help foster this partnership, we will be hosting Parent-Teacher Conference Week October 2-6. This conference time will give you the opportunity to talk one-on-one with your child's teacher to discuss concerns and learn more about how to support your child's learning. A sign-up sheet will be coming home soon in your child's Wednesday folder. Please sign-up! This is a great way to stay connected to how your child is doing in the classroom.

Make the most of your conference by writing down your questions in advance. Here are some things to think about:

- "What are the most important things my child should master this year?"
- "What subject do you think my child enjoys the most?"
- "What are my child's strengths and weaknesses in the classroom?"
- "What can we be doing at home to help her do her best at school?"

**Volunteering** - If you would like to join the WES volunteer program and were unable to attend Volunteer Orientation, don't worry! You can still volunteer at WES! Please contact me and I will give you a tour and review our Volunteer Handbook and Mandated Reporter Training with you at your convenience. A signed Confidentiality Agreement is required to participate in our volunteer program. We have many opportunities to help out at school. Please contact me!

**We want your input!** If you have any input or suggestions for our Family Engagement Program or for our Title I Budget, please email jblack.wes@catoosa.k12.ga.us. We want parents to be an active part in decision making at WES. You have a right as parents to request meetings you feel are necessary at any time. Annual Meeting Information Sheets, CCPS Parent and Family Engagement Policy, WES Parent and Family Engagement Policy, Comment Cards, and Testing Information, are always available in our Family Resource Room.

## Communication Counts!

*Build a strong relationship with your child's teacher by communicating regularly.*

1. Ask the teacher the best way to contact her. Does she prefer email, notes, or Remind texts?
2. Check the Wednesday folder and sign and return papers right away. Your signature shows the teacher that you're interested in how your child is doing.
3. Your child's home life can have a big impact on his school life. Communicate any changes going on at home to your child's teacher, that way you can both work together to note any changes in behavior or grades. Your teacher cares!

Parents + Teachers =  
Student Success

