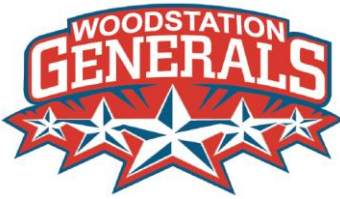


Our Mission and PBIS Statement – Where ALL means ALL
Woodstation Elementary develops every child to be lifelong leaders who are respectful, responsible, resourceful, motivated, and prepared.

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'm very excited to introduce our new school resource officer at Woodstation, Mrs. Meredith Sisk. Officer Sisk will be a great addition to our staff and an asset to our parents, students, and staff. She has been with the Catoosa County Sheriff's Office for 28 years and on patrol for 24 years. She was assigned to the family violence unit which deals with domestic violence calls, follow-up, and civil issues in the court system.

Officer Sisk saw an opportunity to transfer into a Resource Officer position for Woodstation as a way to help bridge the relationship between law enforcement and our young students. Her goal is to show our young students that the police are there to help and provide assistance. She wants to create a safe environment for our students and staff at Woodstation and build a positive relationship with the youth of our community.

Officer Sisk feels she can relate to our students and accept them for who they are. She will spend time in our classrooms helping students with social skills, counseling, and education about law enforcement issues for children. I know she will inspire parents to be involved in their child's education.

Let me encourage you to make plans to attend our FAST (Family and School Team) night on September 18 beginning at 5:30 p.m. with our Annual Title I Parent Meeting then visiting classrooms for information on student progress and grade level goals from your child's teacher. It will be a great learning experience for you as parents to see what your student is working on in the classroom and how you can support their learning at home. After the meetings, we will have our first ever schoolwide pizza party and 3rd annual kickball game. This will be a fun and informative night for your family.

Please check our school website for all the latest information about what's happening here at Woodstation. Besides your child's agenda, another great way to get information about student progress is Parent Portal. If you are not signed up, please come by or call the school at (706) 935-6700 and we will give you the information on how to sign up today.

Ernie Ellis

Principal
Woodstation Elementary

IMPORTANT DATES

September 5
Lifetouch Picture Day

September 12
Progress Reports
Volunteer Training 8:30 a.m.
Title I PAC Meeting. All parents are welcome to attend 9:30 a.m.

September 14
PTO Fall Carnival 5:00 p.m.

September 18
Title I Annual Meeting 5:30 p.m.
Family and School Team (FAST) Meeting for all parents 6:00 p.m.

September 21
Grandparents Day 12:30 p.m.

September 24
WES T-shirt Sale Begins

September 24-28
Book Fair

September 25
LSGT Meeting 3:00

October 8-10
No School

October 15
Family Reading Night at the Catoosa County Library

October 18
Hearing and Vision Screening

October 24
Report Cards

October 31
Harvest Snack 1:30 p.m.

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.

PBIS

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports

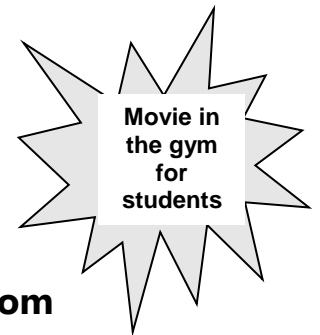


- PBIS is a proactive approach to establishing the behavioral supports and social culture needed for all students to achieve success. The purpose for school wide PBIS is to establish a climate in which appropriate behavior is the norm.
- Students are individually recognized for following school expectations by receiving "General Bucks". The "General Buck" can be earned outside the classroom (hallway, bus, dining room, etc.) Students can cash in their bucks for classroom prizes, drawings and fun school wide events.

Parent and Family Engagement



Family
And
School
Team



September 18

FAST Group Meeting #1 in your child's classroom

The activities for this evening begin at at 5:30 p.m.

Every student needs a parent or adult family member to attend this important meeting!

Pizza party after the meeting!

At this FAST Meeting you will:

- Learn about important grade-level foundational skills
- Review class and individual student data
- Learn how to practice reading and math skills at home
- Go home with reading and math activities to use with your student at home.

We are excited to work together to help your child succeed this year!

There is an online payment system for student meals.

www.K12PaymentCenter.com

This is a convenient, secure way to apply funds to your student's account

Counselor's Corner

Hi! My name is Mrs. Melody Pennington and I am the School Counselor at WES. I graduated from the University of West Georgia with degrees in Psychology and School Counseling. I love my job because I get to work with all of our students throughout the year. I tell students that my main job at WES is to help them to be safe, happy, and healthy kids who will one day become happy, healthy and successful adults.

What does a School Counselor do? A School Counselor is a person who:

- Listens to every child.
- Teaches classroom guidance lessons each month in the areas of peer relations, communication skills, decision making, conflict resolution, study skills, personal safety and career awareness.
- Conducts individual and group counseling with students as needed.
- Consults with parents and teachers about the emotional and social growth of students.
- Consults with community agencies and resources to assist students and families.
- In general, helps students develop the skills and knowledge necessary to become healthy, happy, and successful adults.

If I can assist you or your student, please send an email to mpennington.wes@catoosa.k12.ga.us or call me at 706-935-6700. Please go to the school website and click on "School Counselor" for more information and to view links that may be helpful to you and your child.



Media Matters



Mrs. Knight, Media Specialist



Book Fair

The book fair is coming to Woodstation Elementary on **September 20th through September 28th**. Watch for flyers about the book fair being sent home the week of September 5th. Also, watch for the flyer about the e-wallet that allows parents to load money into an account for their child to spend at the book fair. This way a child doesn't have to worry about keeping up with money. Any money not spent is automatically returned to the parent's credit card.

The media center has a Maker Space where children can visit and be creative during their class visits to the library. If you'd like to donate items for children to use, Mrs. Knight would appreciate paper plates, construction paper, beads for bracelets, and colorful duct tape rolls.