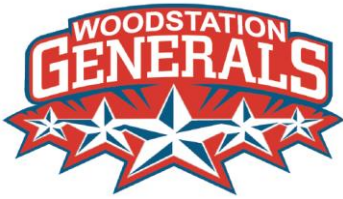


Our Mission and PBIS Statement – Where ALL means ALL
Woodstation Elementary develops every child to be lifelong leaders who are respectful, responsible, resourceful, motivated, and prepared.

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,

Here we are in the third nine weeks! We have made huge gains the first half of the year and are using every day to prepare students for success. Our teachers have been assessing student progress to make sure all students are reaching their goals this year. Please attend our Family and School Team (FAST) Meeting on February 7 at 6:00 p.m. to review your child's January testing scores. You will visit your child's classroom, review student data, learn about new skills your child will be learning, and receive materials to practice these skills at home together. A hot dog dinner is included in this evening. It's important that every student has a parent or adult family member attend this meeting. Your attendance also gets you an entry for our Dollywood and Rock City giveaways!

Our next Individual Parent-Teacher FAST Week is March 18-22. Our teachers will be scheduling parent-teacher conferences throughout this week and holding extended after school hours for meetings on March 19 to help answer any questions you may have about your child's progress. A sign-up sheet will be coming home with your child. Please be sure to sign-up for this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher.

Woodstation is hosting a "Dino-Mite" Book Fair February 25^h – March 1. The book fair will be open during this week from 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Don't forget to have your child come by and shop for some great books!

If you have a child who will be ready to enter Pre-K next school year, please stop by by our school office February 27- March 20 to pick-up a registration packet. Completing this packet enters your child into the Pre-K drawing that will be held April 16. Your child needs to be 4 years of age by September 1 and you must be a resident of Catoosa County.

We are thankful for the nutritious lunch our Dining Hall provides our students daily. Lately, I've noticed the number of student lunch charges has risen dramatically. We currently have \$1,102.35 of student lunch charges that are unpaid. If your student is purchasing items in our Dining Hall, please make sure there is money in their account to cover the cost of the meal. If you currently owe money, please send payment immediately or contact the school to set up a payment plan. Thank you for your help with this.
Go Generals!

Ernie Ellis
Principal
Woodstation Elementary

IMPORTANT DATES

February 6
Progress Reports

February 7
Family and School Team (FAST) Meeting in Classrooms and Hot Dog Dinner 6:00 p.m.

February 14
Valentine Snack 1:00 p.m.

February 15-19
No School

February 20
LSGT Meeting at HMS
4:00 p.m.

February 22
WES 5 Star Challenge
Fundraiser

February 25-March 1
Book Fair

February 27
Spring Pictures

February 27- March 20
Pre-K Registration
Packets Available

March 8- March 11
No School

March 15
Transition to Middle School
5th Grade Breakfast 7:00 a.m.

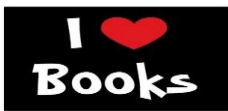
March 18-22
Family and School Team (FAST) Individual Parent-Teacher Meetings

Catoosa County Vision Statement

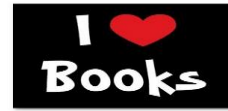
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Catoosa County Mission Statement

Catoosa County Public Schools is a student-focused learning community, where excellence is expected from staff and students, every day, without exception.



Media Matters



The Woodstation Elementary Library will be participating in a program called Book It Forward this summer. Media Specialists in the county are hoping to visit select areas in the community and share gently used books with students in Catoosa County that may not otherwise have access to books. If you begin spring cleaning and discover any books that could be donated to Woodstation's library for this purpose, the donation would be very much appreciated! The Maker Space in the library also needs construction paper if you are able to donate. Thank you.

Mrs. Knight, Media Specialist



February 25-March 1

Our "Dino-Mite" Book Fair will be open from 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

If you'd like to volunteer during the book fair, please contact Mrs. Knight in the library (dknight.wes@catoosa.k12.ga.us).



Spotlight on Partners Spotlight on Partners

*Our business partners help make learning possible and we appreciate everything they do for our school! Please remember our partners when you are out in the community and thank them for supporting Woodstation. If you're interested in partnering with us, we'd love to have you join us at our next partnership lunch on **March 12 at 11:00 a.m.***

Woodstation Elementary 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





Positive Parenting

Bad Dad

By Dr. Lane

I have two grown daughters are making me so very proud, as they are doing what their mother and I raised them to do: find their place in this world, create and contribute, and be kind. Every now and then my wife and I will look at each other in a self-congratulatory way and say, "We must have done something right." However, buried deep in the backs of our minds are a few painful memories of times when we allowed frustrations and other emotions to take over, and we either said or did things that we now regret. I'm talking about times when I was Bad Dad.

I am very happy to say that my Bad Dad moments were few, and they seem to have had little lasting effect on my daughters, if any. There is an ongoing hope that they have completely forgotten my Bad Dad moments. The problem is that I haven't, and we all know how painful regret can be. Who among us would not want to go back in time and have a chance to redo our regrets? But that's not how life works.

However, if I could go back and redo my Bad Dad moments, I would try to remember this: tone is everything. I have since learned that, while words certainly can hurt, the tone of those words can hurt just as much. And furthermore, tone has a visual representation in facial expression. Your tone plus your look can be wonderful or devastating to your children. Of course, there will be frustrating times in parenting, but taking a deep breath, counting to ten, or even walking away for a moment may prevent a regret that may never go away. Then, you can turn Bad Dad into Good Dad - good for your kids and good for you.



Counselor's Corner



Parent and Family Engagement



Family
And
School
Team



February 7, 6:00 p.m.
FAST Meeting in your child's classroom
Kindergarten - 5th Grade
Hot dog dinner provided!

At this FAST Meeting you will:

- Learn about important grade-level foundational skills.
- Review January student testing scores.
- Learn how to practice reading and math skills with your student.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

The Family Resource Center (Room 120) is a great place to meet other parents and pick up important curriculum and testing information. Our Parent and Family Engagement Policies, Annual Meeting information, Student Testing information, and Georgia Standards of Excellence information are always available. We also have community and parenting resources available. The Family Resource Center is always open during school hours. We would love to hear your input on our parent and family engagement program and Title I policies and budget. Please stop by!

Jayne Black, Parent and Family Engagement
jblack.wes@catoosa.k12.ga.us



Pre-K Drawing

The Catoosa County Pre-K drawing is April 16 at 9:00 a.m. in the Catoosa County Board Room. Parents do not have to attend the drawing. Parents will be notified if their child's name is drawn. Registration packets will be available February 27 through March 20 in the school office. Registration for the drawing can be completed at any of the Catoosa County primary or elementary schools, as well as the Central Enrollment Center located in Ringgold. Children must be four years of age on September 1, 2019, to be eligible for the Pre-K program, and they must be a resident of Catoosa County on the day of the drawing.