

School Council News



KEEPING YOU INFORMED...

TOPICS DISCUSSED AT THE FEBRUARY 28, 2018 MEETING

Council Members:

Kim Montalbano
Principal

Videssa Ormsby
Parent/Chairperson

Carla Page
Teacher/Secretary

David Ratner - Parent

Robert Tidwell
Parent

Paul Hutto - Parent

Lynne Montgomery
Teacher



Visitors are welcome to attend all School Council meetings. This includes teachers, parents, and community members. The next School Council meeting will be held in the WES conference room on March 12, 2018 @ 7:30 a.m.

Garden May Day Grand Opening

The official opening of the Woodstock Elementary School garden is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on May 1. EIP, ESOL and SPED students will participate in making May Day decorations. There will be cookies and lemonade for the guests. Mrs. Montalbano, Ms. Kern and Mrs. Morrie will speak and there will be a ribbon cutting to signify the official opening of the garden. As guests tour the garden, students will be stationed throughout the different areas to explain the theme of each section and the plants in each section. There will be a garden naming contest where students will submit their name choices and the garden committee will choose the top four names. Then, all students will be allowed to vote on the official garden name. Please plan to join us for this exciting event!



National Certification for Digital Citizenship at Woodstock ES

Barbara Jacoby, Chief Communications Officer for CCSD announced that Woodstock Elementary School has earned national recognition for its efforts to teach students digital citizenship!

Common Sense, a national nonprofit organization dedicated "to helping kids and families thrive in a world of digital media and technology," has recognized Woodstock ES as a Common Sense Certified School for Digital Citizenship.

The school was certified for its work in preparing students to use digital media safely, including how to avoid dangers such as loss of privacy, cyberbullying and plagiarism. Principal Kim Montalbano praised Media Specialist Amy VanFossen for coordinating the school's successful certification process.

"We applaud the faculty and staff of Woodstock Elementary School for embracing digital

citizenship as an important part of their students' education," said Liz Kline, Vice President of Education Programs for Common Sense Education, adding the school's staff "deserves high praise" for teaching students digital citizenship skills necessary for their future success.

Ms. VanFossen will be recognized by the Cherokee County School Board and Superintendent of Schools at the March 15 school board meeting.

PTA Priorities

- ◆ Sod in between the first grade playground and the basketball courts.
- ◆ Bingo Night
- ◆ New PTA members needed through school elections

Homework Club at Woodstock Public Library

The Homework Club continues to work with students who need assistance with their homework every Tuesday night from 6-7p.m. at the Woodstock Public Library. Several dates are upcoming, if you would like to attend Homework Club to receive assistance or if you would like to volunteer to support our students.

ESOL classes were also added this year for our parents. They may attend while their children are at Homework Club. Thank you Mrs. Ana Vescio for all your work to make this club a success for our students.

Remaining Homework Club Dates: March 13, 20, 27, April 10

WES Robotic Team Recognized

The WES Robotics team was recognized at the February CCSD Board meeting for winning 1st place for core values at the state competition. Way to go!





WES LUNCH ANGELS



A group of WES parents obtained approval to create a Facebook page for parents/volunteers to donate money to support students who may have a debt on their breakfast/lunch account. When the account was first set up there were over \$800 in student debts for unpaid lunch charges. To date, there have been \$1200+ in donations through the WES Lunch Angels Facebook account. All the debt to WES has been paid and there is now a reserve for those children who might come to school without money to buy their lunch.

Staff Updates

WES will gain 3 Autism classrooms next school year. There will be one class for each K-1, 2-3, and 4-5 with students from Johnston, Arnold Mill, Little River and Woodstock Elementary Schools attending. Each classroom will have a teacher and paraprofessional. There will also be a “just right room” to address the sensory, OT and additional needs of these students.



Kindergarten Registration

Registration will now be available online. Parents will be able to complete paperwork and upload documents from home or work. EIP/ESOL teachers will do screenings with these students and Kindergarten teachers will not need to leave their classrooms for this, as in years past.

Did You Know?

- * Woodstock Elementary School's School Improvement Plan was approved by the CCSD Board on November 16, 2017
- * Using iReady Math with fidelity, directly correlates to success on the Georgia Milestones. Our students are making considerable gains in iReady Math based on the growth from Fall to Winter benchmark scores.
- * PTA President, Jennifer Maude will step down next year and WES will be in need of someone to fill this position. We all appreciate Mrs. Maude's hard work and dedication to Woodstock Elementary. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for WES!
- * The Student Intervention Team was developed this year to support students who need extra help in math and/or reading.



Public Notice:

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