

# School Council News



KEEPING YOU INFORMED...

TOPICS DISCUSSED AT THE NOVEMBER 15, 2017 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 February 28, 2018 @ 7:30 a.m.

## Woodstock Elementary Garden Update

Mark Hutcheson from Hutcheson Landscaping attended today's meeting to update council members on the progress made in the garden. Mr. Hutcheson plans to finish planting in the garden over the next two weeks. He will also install an accessible walkway in the garden to allow access for everyone.

When complete, the garden will include a native area with plants native to the State of Georgia or the Southeast region. Kirsten Kern, WES Garden Club Committee Chair, plans to acquire certification of the native plants in the garden. There will also be a kitchen garden with herbs such as rosemary, thyme, mint and basil. The raised beds will be used for growing vegetables. In addition, there will be a sensory garden, butterfly garden, shade garden, fruit trees and blueberry bushes.



Pictured above (L to R): Paul Hutto, Kim Montalbano, Robert Tidwell, David Ratner and Kirsten Kern.

Ms. Kern, will continue to work with Mark Hutcheson to complete the garden. In the Spring of 2018, Woodstock Elementary will host a grand opening for the garden so community members, school board members, parents, etc. may visit and see the finished garden.

## The WES Foundation

The Foundation has currently raised \$44,000, and the new board members plan to meet after the first of the year. Ms. Kirsten Kern was elected by the faculty to serve on the Woodstock ES Foundation Board and will serve as a voice for the faculty and staff. The annual fundraising goal for the WES Foundation will be \$45,000-\$55,000. This money will be used to pay support staff and part-time positions at WES based on the needs of the school.

## Rotary Holiday Party

Mr. and Mrs. Ratner have once again planned an amazing holiday party for our Woodstock ES families in need. This year the party will take place at Woodstock Elementary. Volunteers are needed to make this party a success. Faculty and staff, if you are able to volunteer on December 5th, please contact Ms. Montalbano.

**Day of the Event 12/5/2017 @ WES**

Face Painter- Needed

Ornament Decoration  
Station: Lynne Montgomery  
and Laurie Slater

Spanish Speaking Staff  
Member: Needed

Music: David Row with sing-  
along (WES Students)

Extension Cords Needed @ set-up: Brent Harrison to assist

Volunteers needed for parking from 5-6pm  
Upper lot/bus lanes: Invited families  
Lower lot: volunteers and staff members

All WES volunteers appreciated and welcomed to attend.





## PTA BOARD INITIATIVES

- ◆ Holiday Shoppe
- ◆ Bingo
- ◆ PTA President 2017-18

## Upcoming WES Events

- ◆ Holiday Chorus Tour—December 8, 2017
- ◆ PTA Luncheon—December 20, 2017
- ◆ Teacher Work Day— December 22, 2017
- ◆ Honor Roll Celebration— January 23, 2018



### As We Grow, We Continue to Show What We Know...

- \* CCSD students once again exceeded State averages on the Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade and End-of-Course tests
- \* CCSD Class of 2017, outscored the State and National averages on the newly designed SAT, according to data released from the College Board
- \* CCSD students continue to exceed on the ACT with a 5-year trend of scoring above both State and National averages.

### 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
- \* 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!

### Public Notice:

If you would like to review any of the documents shared at the School Council meeting, please contact Carla Page by email at [carla.page@cherokee.k12.ga.us](mailto:carla.page@cherokee.k12.ga.us) or by phone (770) 704-1320.

