

School Council News



KEEPING YOU INFORMED...

TOPICS DISCUSSED AT THE SEPTEMBER 27, 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 November 15, 2017 @ 7:30 a.m.



Welcome Visitors:

Kirsten Kern and Deb Havens

WES Garden Update

The proposed garden plan has been approved by the Cherokee County School District. Ms. Kern, WES Garden Club Committee Chair, updated the council members on recent progress in the garden. There is now a separate water source to supply water in the garden, and an irrigation system will be completed in mid-October. The tool shed donated last year will be relocated to the middle of the garden by Hutcheson Horticulture to meet requirements from the county, and a fence, to enclose the garden area, will be installed in November.

Ms. Kern and Mrs. Page attended the Farm to School meeting at the Farm Bureau office in Canton this month to learn more about garden programs offered in the county, and to gather information about native plants to include in the garden. Ms. Kern is interested in acquiring certification of the native plants in the garden.

Ms. Pinion recently planted spinach, lettuce and radishes. The garden committee members continue to work to match standards with engaging activities for all grade levels, and plan to make these lessons available to our teachers.

Current Enrollment

Student enrollment at WES as of September 27, 2017 was 1156. This number was slightly lower than projected for the 2017-18 school year.

A Year of Change

Deb Havens, Instructional Lead Strategist at Woodstock ES spoke with council members about the new balanced literacy framework currently being introduced in all elementary grade levels this year. The frameworks include shared reading, guided reading and independent reading components. Rigorous Curriculum Design units with priority standards and supporting standards have been provided to teachers in every grade level. Ms. Havens provides professional development to staff during training days and planning times at WES and says the teachers are doing a phenomenal job during this "year of change".



The WES Foundation

Corporate paperwork is completed and accounts have been opened by Mr. Robert Tidwell. The Foundation has currently raised \$44,000 and will spend approximately \$27,000 on the garden this year. Marketing and logos for the letterhead, decals, etc. are in the works. Marketing will focus on supporting a "community" school in hopes of acquiring support from local businesses.

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. Mr. Tidwell hopes to have board members in place by the end of the year. The board will consist of the WES Principal, one WES faculty member, and local business owners. Mr. Tidwell explained, the board is not education driven, rather the goal is strictly fundraising. Once the board is established, members will work to build relationships with local businesses who might be willing to support our school and community through the WES Foundation. The faculty member, elected by co-workers, will serve as a voice for the faculty and staff. Bylaws will limit the number of years a person can serve on the board.



WELCOME NEW TEACHERS, FACULTY AND STAFF WE ARE WOODSTOCK!

New to Woodstock ES this year...

First Grade

- ◆ Ms. Caroline Bagwell
- ◆ Ms. Karen Mervis
- ◆ Ms. Danielle Cosey
- ◆ Ms. Kendall Wesely
- ◆ Ms. Amber Smith

Second Grade

- ◆ Ms. Christina Mixon
- ◆ Ms. Teresa DiGirolamo

Specialists

- ◆ Mr. David Row—Music

Front Office

Ms. Jennifer Johnson—Bookkeeper

Special Education

Ms. Marena Benson
Ms. Jennifer Reardon

Counselor

Ms. Allison Toole

Assistant Principal

Ms. Yolanda Torres-English

ILS

Deb Havens



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 ES PTA raised approximately \$17,000 with the Fun Run Fall Fundraiser
- * There is new playground equipment and a sunshade in the courtyard at WES and mulch was added to both existing playgrounds.
- * Parents can review academic standards by subject area and grade level for Georgia public schools at www.georgiastandards.org
- * Cherokee County students can access FREE productivity tools at home through Microsoft Office 365, including Word, Excel, PowerPoint and One Note. Each student is provided with a 50G district email account and a 1 terabyte OneDrive for storing personal files at no cost.

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 or by phone (770) 704-1320.