

West Side Smoke Signals

...a monthly school newsletter.

September 2019

Principal's Corner:

Welcome back! While the past few months seem to have flown by, our faculty and staff are excited to have students coming back and to get started teaching and learning again. I am very proud of all of our students, families, faculty, and staff for a great year last year. We also achieved a 5 Star Climate Score! We are an excellent school with excellent students, and excellent teachers.

We are also a schoolwide Title I school. Title I is a federal program that helps our school get additional resources to help our students succeed. We will be using the Title I funds this year to help pay for an Academic Coach, a Parent Involvement Coordinator, Interventionist, and additional learning resources for our students. We qualify for Title I based on the percentage of our students who qualify for free and reduced lunch. We will have our annual Title I meeting this year on Thursday, Sep. 5, at 6 pm in the gym. During the meeting, we will discuss our Title I Parent Compacts, our Title I Schoolwide Plan, and other components of Title I.

We have some new faces as we start the school year. We would like to welcome Mrs. Bennett in Pre-K and Mr. Huffstutler our Academic Coach. We would also like to welcome Mrs. Chisholm our new paraprofessional. All of our teachers and paraprofessionals continue to be highly qualified and are excited to start the new school year.

Once again this year, your child will receive a student handbook and a Title I Parent Compact. The student handbook and compact contain many of our school policies, procedures, and expectations. Please take a few minutes to review this information and contact your child's teacher if you have questions.

I look forward to working with you to provide an exciting year of learning for our students.

Robert Mountjoy
Principal

Parent's Corner:

Welcome back WSE families and students to the new 2019-2020 school year! If we haven't met, my name is Jenifer Adkins. I am the Parent Involvement Coordinator at WSE. I am committed to helping parents remain engaged in their child's lives, both inside and outside of the classroom. I am housed in the Family Resource Center. It is located at the end of the 4th/5th grade hall, next to the Computer Lab, room #217. The Family Resource Center is open from 7:15 am to 3:15 pm, Monday through Friday. The center has books, games, videos, and other resources you can check out to help your child be successful. We have a few meetings coming up, and as always our parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Annual Title I Meeting and Parent Orientation will be on September 5th, at 6:00 & 6:30 pm. Then, we will have our Fall Parent Advisory Council Meeting, followed by Volunteer Orientation, on September 17th at 8:00 & 8:30 am in the Family Resource Room. If I can assist you in any way, please feel free to call me at (706)866-9211 or by email at jadkins.wse@catoosak12ga.us.

Jenifer Adkins,
Parent Involvement Coordinator

COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER RUNS FROM
AUGUST 26th THROUGH SEPTEMBER 5th.
MODERN WOODMAN IS MATCHING OUR
PROFIT DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR UP TO \$2,500.
LET'S MAKE THIS A HUGE SUCCESS!

PTO News:

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Spirit Shirt to support PTO! The deadline to order shirts is Friday, August 30th. Be on the lookout for information to come home about our Membership Drive, which will start mid-September. Always remember: the difference between a GOOD school and a GREAT school is PARENT INVOLVEMENT! The more we as a community give to the education of every child, the better off we are!

Sharita Raby,
Vice President
WSE PTO

Please see the back for more important information!

Media Moment:

Welcome back!

Our students, K-5, have been able to come to the media center and borrow books. We have learned how to take care of books and the importance of bringing them back so others can enjoy them. Students are responsible for taking care of borrowed books. If they are lost or damaged, the books will need to be replaced. The cost to replace the book will be sent home. Please make sure your child takes care and returns books.

Encourage your child to read each night. Read to your child too. It is great for a child's learning to hear others read to them.



OUR BOOK FAIR WILL BE SEPTEMBER 23-27...7:30-2:00

The Cafeteria Crumb:

Hey Everyone! What a great new and amazing year coming up in the cafeteria! It's so good to see how much all the students have grown over summer break! It's very exciting to introduce everyone to some new menu items this year! Just this past month of August, we have had delicious Cheese Quesadillas, Homemade Lasagna, Beef and Bean Tostada and our new Beefy Walking Taco! I really hope that you have had a chance to come down to the cafeteria and fill your belly up!

Coming up September 27, 2019...Grandparents Breakfast. Hope that students will encourage their grandparents to come out and eat breakfast with them. We will be having our usual Friday morning menu. Sausage biscuit w/ gravy, Chicken biscuit or cereal. Yummy!

***Also don't forget that we have our weekly FUN TRAY FRIDAY! If you get an apple bookmark on your tray either Friday at breakfast or at lunch and you win a PRIZE!

Bekki Treadwell-Child Nutrition Cafeteria Manager & Staff

2019-2020 Lunch Schedule

10:35-11:05	Bennett
10:40-11:10	Briggs
10:45-11:15	Forester, Davidson
10:50-11:20	Adams, Parker
11:05-11:35	Boland, Caulkins, Cline
11:10-11:40	Carter
11:15-11:45	Crownover
11:20-11:50	Riddle
11:25-11:55	Winningham
11:30-12:00	Brown
11:45-12:15	Harrison, Meadows, Williams
12:10-12:40	Boss
12:15-12:45	Burch
12:20-12:50	Dunn
12:25-12:55	Simpson
12:30-1:00	Victor, Culpepper
12:35-1:05	Josephsen, Holcomb

Other Important News:

*Please put child's name on lunch boxes, jackets and book bags.

*All change of transportation must be in writing, signed and dated.

*When entering the school, please stop by the front office first and sign-in before going to classes or cafeteria.

Mentor Training:

Date: Thursday, August 29, 2019

Time: 9:00-10:00 am

Location: Catoosa County Chamber of Commerce 264
Catoosa Circle Ringgold, GA 30736

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Sept. 5 - Annual Title I Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Sept. 5 - Parent Orientation @ 6:30 pm

Sept. 6 - PBIS Crazy Hair Day dollar day

PBIS House Glow Party at 1:30-2:15 in the gym

Sept. 11 - PTO meeting in Family Resource Room @ 3:30

Sept. 13 - West Side/LFO vs Murray Co. Spirit Night (staff & students free)

Sept. 17 - Fall Parent Advisory Council Meeting @ 8:00 am

Sept. 17 - Volunteer Orientation @ 8:30 am

Sept. 20 - Dental Van

Sept. 23-27 - Scholastic Book Fair

Sept. 26 - Hearing & Vision Screening

Sept. 27 - Grandparents Breakfast (Prek, 3rd, 4th, & 5th)