

Woodland Middle School

Newsletter

"The Woodland Way...Every Day...All Day!"

November, 2020

Our Mission

The Woodland Middle School Community collaboratively engages all students through relevant learning experiences to empower them to succeed.

Our Vision

Woodland Middle School will be a high functioning professional learning community that promotes learning for all students.

Our Collective Commitments

- Embrace the continuous and collaborative process that ensures student learning for all.
- Create and evaluate common formative assessments to inform instructional decisions.
- Provide interventions for students who need remediation and enrichment for students who need acceleration.
- Transition from a focus on teaching/presenting to a focus on learning.
- Provide a guaranteed curriculum that promises relevant learning experiences for all students.
- Create a school-wide culture that ensures or promotes teacher efficacy.

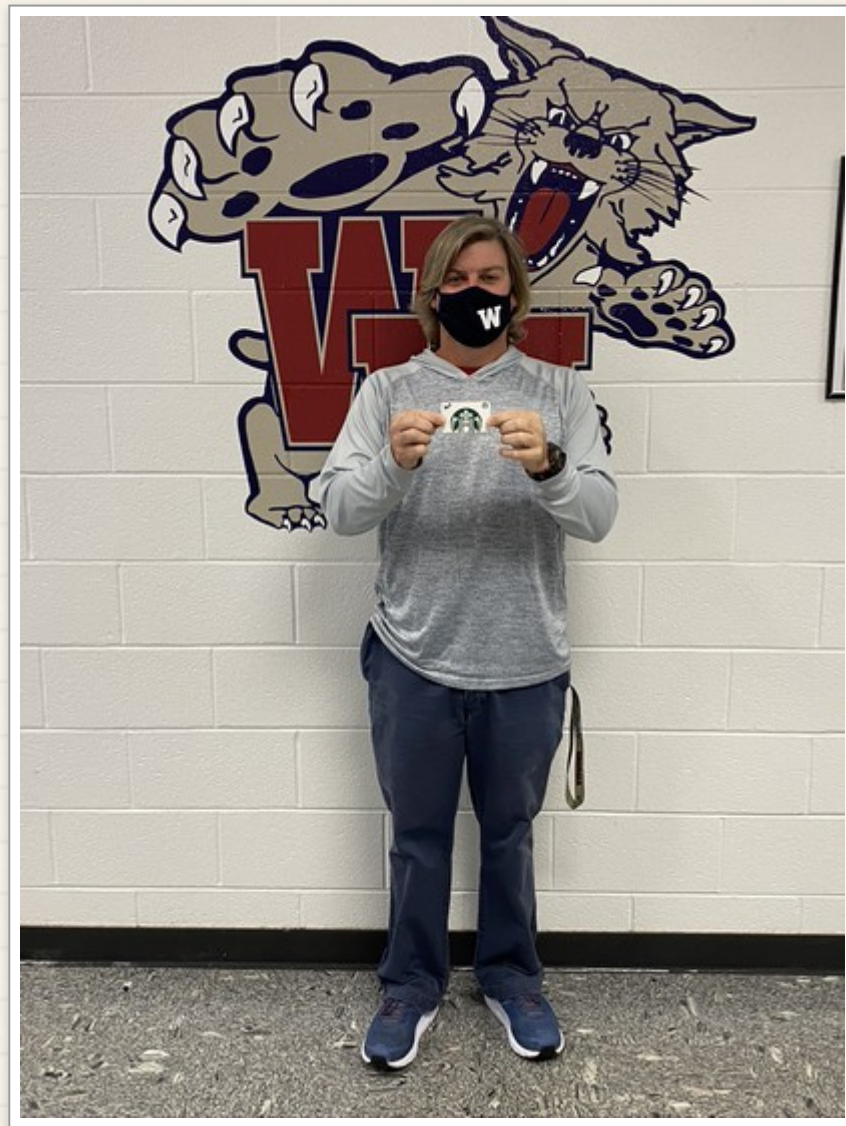
Our School Day

School Hours: 8:20 am - 3:20 pm

Morning drop off: Students may be dropped off beginning at 7:30 am

Students will go straight to homeroom or the cafeteria when they arrive at school.

Staff Member of the Month



Mr. Michael Adcock is our WMS staff member of the month. He was here every day this month. He cares about our students and goes the extra mile to help them be successful. Thanks for all you do for our students and staff Coach Adcock.

Back Pack Buddies Downtown Cartersville 5k

We had a great turnout for the 5k. We did not have the most registrations, but we did come very close. Nearly \$50,000 was raised for Back Pack Buddies. Ms. Van Etta, one of our counselors, came in 2nd place in her age bracket. The rest of us are proud that we crossed the finish line.



Spirit Week

We celebrated Spirit Week October 26-30. We did have to delay and combine Twin Day and WMS spirit day until the following Monday due to our school closure because of inclement weather.

Monday was Tacky Tourist Day

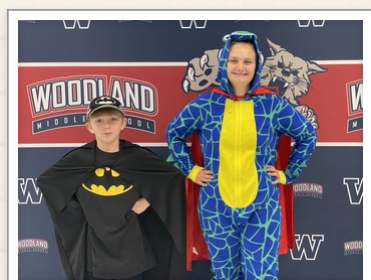
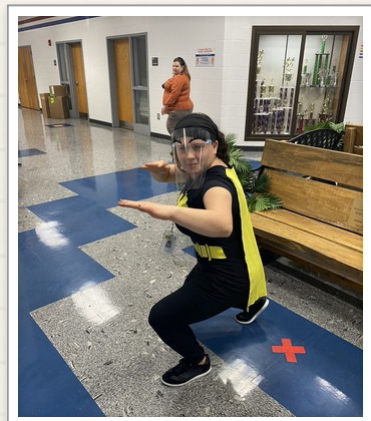
Tuesday was Crazy Hair Day

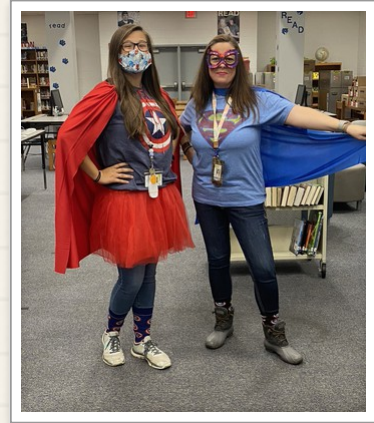
Wednesday was Superhero Day

Thursday was Twin Day

Friday was Spirit Day

A great time was had by all and we represented!





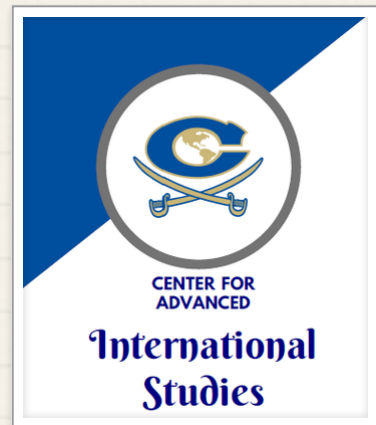
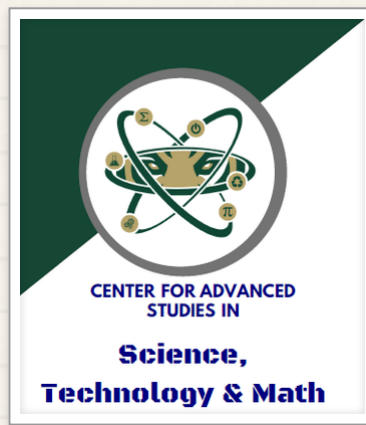
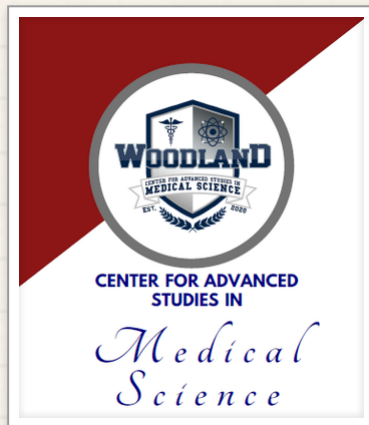
Magnet Program Information

This is the first year of our magnet program implementation. 8th graders recently heard from all 3 magnet programs and can now apply for any or all 3 of these.

Woodland High School: Medical Magnet Program

Adairsville High School: STEM Magnet Program

Cass High School - International Studies Magnet Program



 Microsoft Forms

forms.office.com

Ice Cream Fridays

Ice Cream is on sale every Friday. Bring \$1 and get an ice cream after you finish eating your lunch.



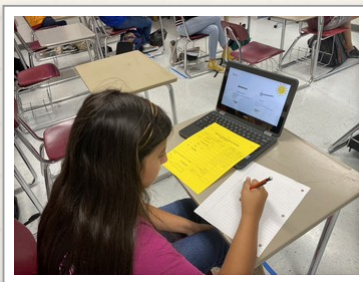
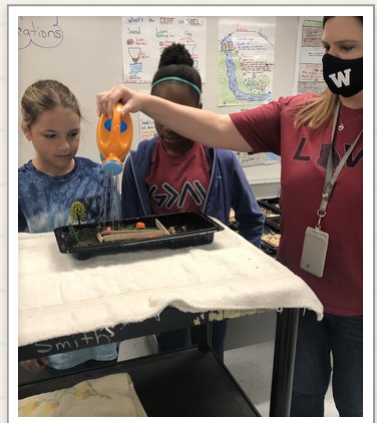
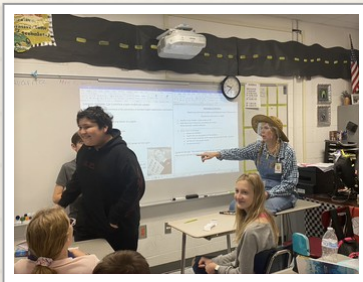
Academic Team Update

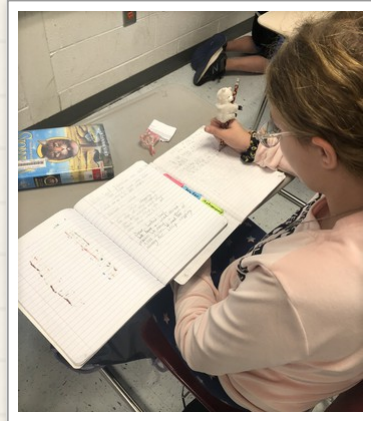
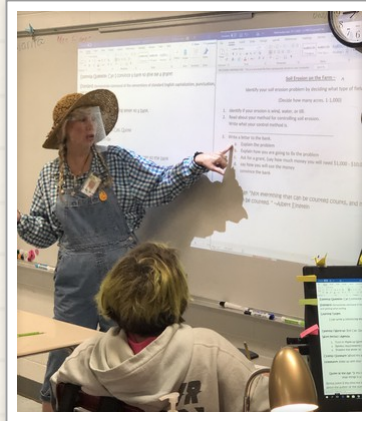
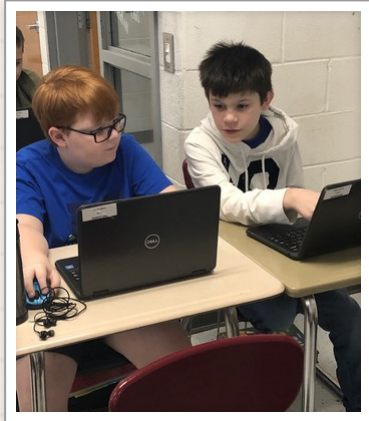
Our academic team finished their season with a record of 4-2. They had a great season, even though it was impacted by COVID-19 quarantines.



STEM Walk #1

We had our first STEM walk of the year. It was a huge success. We have some lofty goals for our STEM program this year. We started this first walk with 6th grade only. The next walk on December 13 will include 7th grade. The 3rd and 4th walks this year will also include 8th grade. We are seeking Bartow County Certification this year and will be seeking state certification next year.





Exceptional Education Department Teacher of the Month

Ms. Michele Taylor was recognized on October 15 as the teacher of the month for the Bartow County Schools Exceptional Education Department. She works hard every day for all our students. Thanks for your dedication Ms. Taylor.



Bus Driver Appreciation Week

October 19-23 was Bus Driver Appreciation Week. We surprised them with breakfast, t-shirts, and a huge THANK YOU for all their service to our students. We have the best drivers around.



WMS Angel Tree

WMS is hosting an "Angel Tree" for our faculty and staff to anonymously support our own students during the holiday season. If you are interested in helping provide assistance or are in need of assistance, please contact Ms. Molly Van Etta, one of our school counselors. You can call her at the school or reach her by email at molly.vanetta@bartow.k12.ga.us. All permission slips and information are due by Tuesday, November 17.

Yearbook Sale

Yearbooks are now on sale. They are \$40 each until March 19. You may order online at <http://www.yearbookordercenter.com>. Use the Order Number 10357. Look for Woodland Middle School at Euharlee.

Bartow Education Foundation Fundraiser

Wildcats:

Please see this video from Dr. Page and donation form for our Bartow Education Foundation fundraiser for this year. All the money donated to this fundraiser goes straight to teacher grants. We cannot do an in-person fundraiser this year due to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines. However, we won't let that stop us from raising money for our classrooms. Feel free to share this on social media.

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Possum Ball

The Most Forgettable Event of the Season

Trashy But Sassy Level - \$1,000.00 or more

You get a special invitation to play possum and skip next years ball. Receive 4 Possum Ball T-Shirts, name recognition at all events, on social media and in print as a top level sponsor of BEF. Have the option to also have your name attached to one or more of the \$500 classroom grants that your donation has provided.

Road Kill Level- \$500-999

You may hibernate the whole evening eating Possum Balls (we will send you the secret recipe). Receive 2 Possum Ball T-shirts, name recognition at events and on social media, as well as the option to have your name attached to your \$500 classroom grant.

Garbage Can Delight Level \$200-499

Permits you to play possum, skip the Ball, and lounge around in your favorite sweatpants. Receive 1 Possum Ball T-shirt as well as name recognition at events and on social media.

Playing Possum Level \$25-199

No need to leave the house, you can play possum and still receive recognition at BEF events.

**I appreciate not having to attend the Possum Ball and herewith
enclose a donation of \$ _____**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email: _____

T-Shirt Size(s) _____

Important Events this Month

- November 11: October Student of the Month Recognition
- November 12: Progress Reports go home
- November 12: Basketball vs. Cartersville Middle (Boys at home)
- November 14 - Wrestling (Colonel Slam @ Cass High (Varsity and JV)
- November 16: Basketball vs. Red Top Middle (Girls at home)
- November 19: Basketball vs. Rockmart (Boys at home)
- November 20: Wrestling Quad Dual @ WMS (Varsity and JV)
- November 21: Wrestling Red Top Slam (JV)
- November 23-27: Thanksgiving Break

Masks on Sale

We now have WMS face masks for sale. They are \$8 each. Please check in the front office to purchase one.



Parent Resource Center

Our Parent Resource Center in the Media Center is open when school is open from 8:00 am - 3:30 pm. Parents can take advantage of internet access, email, parent portal and many other options on the computer in the media center. There are other resources like flash cards, maps and games that parents can check out for two-week intervals. We can also provide some materials for research projects: colored paper, bulletin board paper, etc.

Social Distancing

During the current pandemic circumstances, we are striving to adhere to all social distancing guidelines. This includes maintaining 6 feet distance as much as possible, wearing a mask, and washing hands as often as possible. While we do not require a mask, we highly encourage all students, staff and guests to wear one. Also, if a guest comes in the building, we will be checking your temperature. If your temperature is higher than 100.7, you will not be allowed to come in the building.

Carpool Lanes at Arrival/Dismissal

Parents, we need your help to ensure that our carpool lanes are as safe as possible.

- We ask that you maintain no more than a 15 mph speed limit.
- Also, please do not allow your child to leave or enter your car until you reach the designated crosswalk area right in front of the main entrance.
- We maintain two lanes in the drive-through for carpool.
- We keep the middle lane clear for safety purposes.

Deadline for Items to be Dropped Off

Parents, please make sure your student has all belongings and necessary items before being dropped off in the morning. We will not be accepting items dropped off at the school after 8:30 am.

COVID-19 Precautionary Measures for this Year

- We will not be using lockers this year
- Water fountains will only be used to refill water bottles. Please allow your child to bring a clear, see-through water bottle to refill.
- No group restroom breaks. Students will go on an individual, as-needed basis.
- No dressing out for P.E. Gym lockers will not be used.
- Alternate seating in cafeteria.
- Alternate seating in classrooms.
- No large group gatherings.

Character word of the week....

We focus on a new character word every week. One of those words is chosen each month for our student of the month recognition.

Our character words for **October** were:

Week 1: Cheerfulness

Week 2: Accountability

Week 3: Humility

Week 4: Motivation

Our character words for **November** are:

Week 1: school pride

Week 2: commitment

Week 3: punctuality

Week4: Thanksgiving Break

Cats Cash

Students who practice positive behavior may be recognized by their teachers or staff members. Staff members give out CATS cash to students who are exemplifying the "Woodland Way" and practicing good behavior. That CATS cash may be used as entrance into events such as dances, etc. or to buy items from our PBIS store.

PBIS Rewards App



We are excited to announce that we are now using the PBIS rewards app. This will take the place of CATS cash. Teachers and staff can use their phone or computer to give a student a point or digital CATS cash for doing the right thing. PBIS stands for positive behavior interventions and supports. We will have a PBIS store where students can go to redeem their points. Students can access their points from Class Link. Administrators and staff can also give adults points and they can also use their points to redeem prizes. We want to recognize people for following the Woodland Way and doing the right work.

Afternoon Checkout...

Parents: If you need to check your student out from school early, please do so before 3:00 pm. No students will be allowed to check out after 3:00 pm. Thank you for your support and assistance with this.

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