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Woodland Middle School

Newsletter

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

January, 2021

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.

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Michael Blankenship

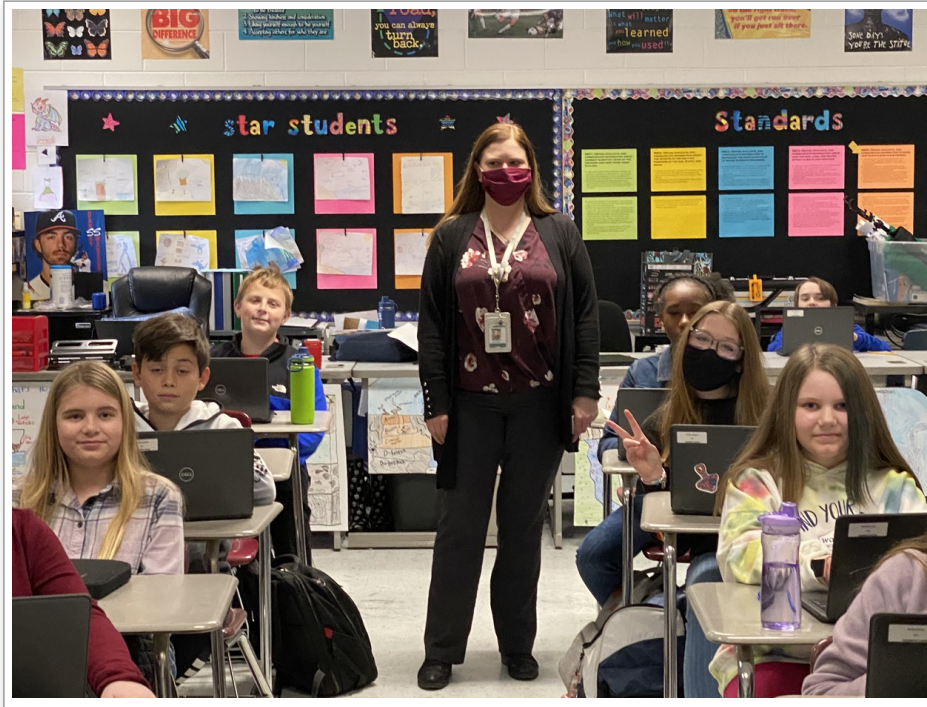
Michael is using Smore newsletters to spread the word online.

Get email updates from **Michael**:

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Ms. Stacy Smith is our staff member of the month for December. She strives to be innovative and engaging in her instructional strategies. Ms. Smith works with our STEM Innovation Academy on Tuesday afternoons to support our STEM initiatives. She is a 6th grade science teacher. Way to go Ms. Smith. Thanks for all you do to support the staff and students of WMS.



Students of the Month

Our **November** Students of the Month were:

For showing appropriate attitude: Madelynne Hardin and Colton White (6th grade)

For taking responsibility: Teagan Bollwerk and Hudson Lusk (7th grade)

For showing respect: Zoey Cheney and Christopher Romo Gallegos (8th grade)

For demonstrating cooperation: Madelyn Weightman (8th grade)

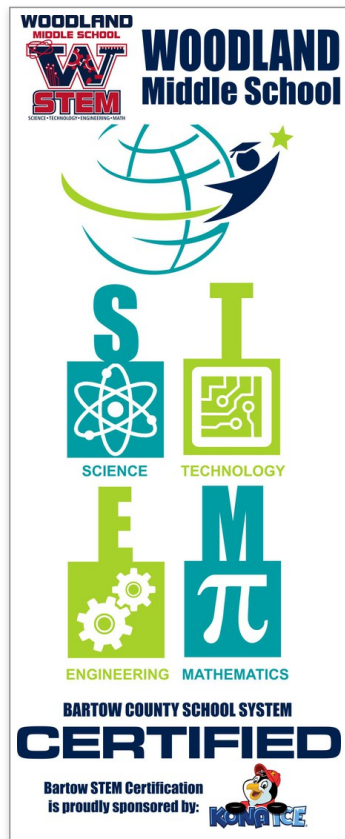
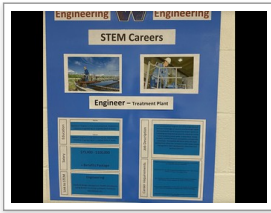
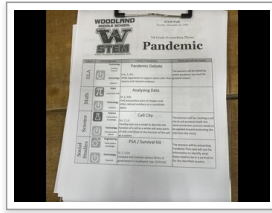
Zayvian Brown (7th grade)

Brooklyn Shepherd (6th grade)

Thank you for modeling "The Woodland Way."

WMS receives Bartow STEM Certification

We had our 2nd STEM showcase on December 15 and our virtual STEM walk on December 17. We are so excited to share that after this STEM showcase and walk we have received our Bartow County STEM certification. This has been 4 years in the making. We will be going for



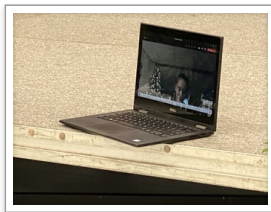
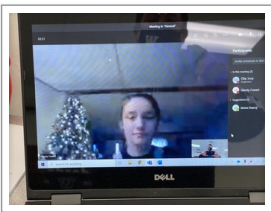
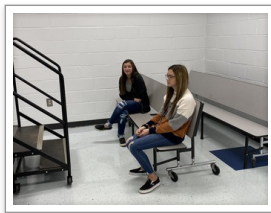
Ice Cream Fridays

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



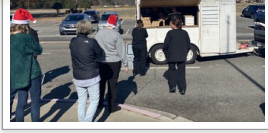
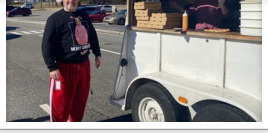
Woodland Middle Spelling Bee

Our school spelling bee was held on December 4. Liberty Cowart was our winner and went on to participate in the County Spelling Bee. She made it to the 5th round of the county spelling bee. Way to go Liberty. #TheWoodlandWay



Staff Luncheon

Due to COVID-19, we could not have a Christmas party this year. However, our staff was treated to lunch on the last day before the Christmas break. We had the Mule House Pizza food truck. What a special treat it was!



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

Wildcat Family:

We are excited to announce that 14 of our staff members received grants from the Bartow Education Foundation. Congratulations to the following people who received the grants:

1. Abby Hennington
2. Michael Blankenship
3. Kylie Knox
4. Michele Taylor
5. Sarah Vaclavik
6. Amy Chavarria
7. Brian Mosher
8. Teri Mull
9. Ryan Satterfield
10. Stacy Smith
11. Alayna Adams
12. Mallory Tafoya
13. Sabrina Price
14. Dr. Cindy Schwartz

We received a total of \$5820.40 to support education in the classrooms of WMSE! Our entire staff collaborated on the grant applications. We are so glad to have received these grants for our students.

Important Events this Month

January 2021

- January 4: Professional learning Day (no students)
- January 7: Report cards go home
- January 9: Wrestling @ Adairsville; Boys basketball @ Red Bud
- January 15: Fall picture retakes

- January 19: Guiding Coalition Meeting
- January 20: Boys basketball @ Calhoun; Girls basketball @ Adairsville
- January 21: Boys basketball at Adairsville
- January 22: Wrestling (JV) Traditionals @ Red Top
- January 23: Wrestling (Varsity) Traditionals @ Red Top
- January 25: Boys basketball vs. Calhoun
- January 28 - February 6: Basketball region tournament @ Red Bud Middle



COVID-19 UPDATE

We had several positive cases of COVID-19 in December and had to go on Phase Yellow for a few weeks. We are back on Phase Green as we start the new year. Let's continue to practice our social distancing guidelines with diligence.

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.

Alternate seating in classrooms:

- 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 **January** are:

Week 1: perseverance

Week 2: respect for authority

Week 3: acceptance

Week 4: courtesy

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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