

West Side Smoke Signals

...a monthly school newsletter.

September 2020

Principal's Corner:

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back! I know this school year looks different. Nevertheless, we are super excited to have our Braves with us and back in school! Please know the safety and well being of your students is of the utmost importance to us. In an effort to continue building our stakeholder relationships with trust and transparency, this message is to clarify communication expectations regarding COVID-19 confirmed positive cases or close contact quarantines that may arise in our school.

You can expect to hear from us about any positive, confirmed COVID-19 case reported to our building by 7:00 p.m. each day. If a case is reported outside of that you'll hear by 7:00 p.m. the next day.

If a member of your family was found to have been in close contact, requiring a quarantine, an administrator will contact you directly.

The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) considers "close contact" as being at a distance of 6 feet or less for 15 minutes or longer during the positive individual's infectious period (48 hours prior to their symptoms showing). It's important that we remember what close contact is and that we will only notify an individual found to have been in close contact with someone who tested positive.

Finally, parents and guardians, it is important to consistently take your child's temperature every morning and keep him/her home if he/she is unwell. This helps to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

If you have any additional questions, please call (706)866-9211 to speak to an administrator or school nurse.

We appreciate your support and partnership.

Sincerely,

Robert Mountjoy
Principal



Parent's Corner:

Welcome back WSE families and students to the new 2020-2021 school year! If we haven't met, my name is Stephanie Bower. 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. If I can assist you in any way, please feel free to call me at (706)866-9211 or by email at sbower.wse@catoosa.k12.ga.us.

Stephanie Bower,
Parent Involvement Coordinator

The Cafeteria Crumb:

Hello Parents, we are so glad to have our students back. We missed them all so much and have been looking forward to feeding them again. We have made some changes, but only to keep everyone a little more protected from any unnecessary germs. Your student will still have choices and still have yummy chocolate milk. Yes, the milk cartons still have a joke on the back! **Also a friendly reminder that if you haven't returned your free or reduced lunch application, please do so soon!

Your student WILL be charged until the application is approved and you will be responsible for those charges.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call. My direct number is 706-841-0877 or call the school at 706-866-9211.

DIGITAL LEARNERS:

Parents of Digital Learners, did you know you can order a week's worth of breakfasts and lunches for your child(ren) for weekly pick up? Please visit our website to place your order. The deadline for the orders is Friday at 3 p.m. If you cannot place meal request online, please call the front office at (706) 866-9211.

Please see the back for more

PARENTS PLEASE REMEMBER...

Keep Me Home If

- I have a fever
- I'm vomiting
- I have diarrhea
- I have a sore throat
- I have a rash
- I have a runny Nose with green & yellow discha
- I have conjunctivitis
- I have lice
- I have scabies
- I'm lethargic
- I'm wheezing or have shortness of breath
- I have any Communicable diseases

When Your Child Is Sick

Tell your child care provider what is wrong with your child, even when your child is staying



2020-2021 Lunch Schedule

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

Other Important News:

- *Please put child's name on lunch boxes, jackets, book bags, and face masks.
- *All changes of transportation must be in writing, signed and dated.
- *Please don't forget to put on your facemasks BEFORE getting into the drop off line!
- *Also, please have your child get in and exit the car on the passenger side of the car!

Spotlight on WSE Business Partners

We have some wonderful business partners at West Side. They contribute their time and donations to our school each year. Some of our partners are mentors to students. When asked for help or assistance with most anything, they are there to support our school. Thank you for donations for our goodie bags that were given out in May to students. Contributors were: Ringgold Telephone Co., Mark Collins, Shelter Church/Starting Point Ministries, Willard Law Firm, Chris McKeever of 6th Cavalry Museum, H&R Block- Gloria McIntire.

Donations made this year from: Peavine Baptist-water bottle for each student, New Heights Baptist-batteries, Ringgold Telephone Co.-masks for staff, Lupton City Golf Course-flag and misc. supplies, Starting Point Ministries- backpack with teddy bears for kindergarten and string backpacks for 1st-5th graders.

If possible, please patronize these businesses to show them our appreciation.

6th Cavalry Museum *Catoosa County Library *Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park* DBW Properties*First Volunteer Bank* Golf Carts of Chattanooga, LLC* Kiwanis Club of Fort Oglethorpe* The McCallie School* MedSTAT* Metro Boiler Tube*New Heights Baptist Church* Parkway Baptist Church* Ringgold Telephone Co.* Top Martial Arts* Village Print Shop* WalMart* West Side Baptist Church* Live & Love Ministries* Peavine Baptist Church* H&R Block-Gloria McIntire* Coca Cola Bottling Co.* Triple A Painting-Scott Adkins* Boynton Methodist Church* Willard Law Firm* True Life Chiropractic* Venue Church* Modern Woodmen of America* FNB Fort Oglethorpe* Barnes & Noble* Brain Spine Connection Chiropractic Neurologist

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

September 7 – NO SCHOOL
October 12-16- FALL BREAK