

White Bluff Elementary School

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Our mission at White Bluff Elementary is to encourage the love of learning while preparing students for success in life.

A Note From Your Administration

Welcome to our new students and welcome back to our returning wildcats! We are so excited to have you here! Your teachers are thrilled to welcome you and help you learn and grow! Our goal is to provide a safe learning environment for all students to reach their fullest potential!

Gail Mosley, Principal

Glenda Sullivan, Assistant Principal

Welcome, New Employees to WBES



Returning to WBES as a Kindergarten teacher: Layne Cooper. Teaching in 2nd grade: Crystal McElvain. Changing from intervention to coach: Martha Daniel. Our new half-day interventionist will be: Shanee Strickland.

Teacher Corner – August 21 Total Eclipse of the Sun

Our school is thrilled for this once in a lifetime opportunity to learn about and experience the eclipse on August 21. WBES is in the path of totality with 99.67% of the sun being blocked out by the moon. We will provide safety glasses for our students to observe the event, and we believe that it will be a great day of learning. Your child's teacher will be sharing more information.

WBES Rocks!!

We are starting a rock garden for WBES students. Please feel free to plant an inspirational or school spirit rock—but please do not take them. The rock garden will be located in the large planter in the open courtyard at the front of the school building.



Upcoming Events at WBES

- August 1 - School starts in Dickson County
- August 9 First day Kindergarten
- August 14 First Full Day of Pre-K
- August 21 Solar Eclipse
- Sept.1 Progress reports visible in Skyward
- Sept. 4 Labor Day No School
- Sept. 5 Staff Development – No students
- Sept.6 Progress Reports sent home
- Sept.29 ½ day students Homecoming CWHS/DCHS
- October 2-13 Fall Break
- October 25 Quarter 1 Report Cards
- October 30 No Students - Staff Meetings all day



STRIVE FOR FIVE – Our new attendance initiative

You may notice signs around the building about the importance of attendance and schooling. Research shows us that chronic absenteeism hurts long-term student achievement. In order to be the best we can be, WBES is joining the rest of Dickson County Schools in recognizing students who strive to be at school every day. We are asking parents to see that students are here every day that they can be with no more than five absences for the year. There will be incentives to help students achieve this goal.



Title 1 at WBES

We are a Title 1 school and serve all students. We have 3 certified teachers working with students during their RTI² (Response to Instruction and Intervention) time. We also have 2 Title 1 assistants working with children throughout the day. RTI² is a daily 30 or 45 minute block of time in which all children are in a group for intervention or enrichment. It could be in math or reading. We will have 3 meetings/workshops open to all parents throughout the year. These are based on survey results from parents. The surveys will come home in the first few weeks of school. You will receive newsletters from Title 1 monthly. You will be invited to Parent Teacher Conferences in the fall and spring in order to discuss your child's progress. You will receive information and progress reports (every 2 weeks) from your child's teacher.

2016-2017 WILDCAT WALK PURCHASES ALL OVER THE WBES Campus

- As soon as they are installed, you will see three blue benches outside, one honoring our late bookkeeper, Janice Cordell, and two that are more generic that read “WBES: World’s Best Elementary School” and “White Bluff Elementary School.” We could use some strong arms to help install these in the playground areas (they are quite heavy).
- Two-way radios – we began using these last year for car rider duty, fire drills, and playground time and found that they were much more effective than our old walkie-talkies. You may also see them on the playground or in the office.
- New tables in the art room and art supplies
- In first grade: five Bluetooth listening centers with headphones to listen to books and age appropriate books on CD, 1 Sound Box Rug with chips, and four hardwood big book easels
- In music: two alto diatonic xylophones, 1 soprano diatonic metallophone, and steel shelving
- New chairs in second grade, along with a book display stand, dry erase boards and dry erase easel
- In guidance: social interactions curriculum materials
- In fifth grade: dry erase markers and 48 dry erase lap boards, together with four class packs of 400 count crayons
- Laser jet printer in fourth grade, along with privacy shields, pen holders, and floor protectors
- Headphones for special education students
- Grade level books for K-3 for interactive read-a-louds
- In pre-k: durable book and binder holders, craft trays, magnetic gears, snap together letter blocks, and a master set of bristle builders
- Every student received a free Wildcat Walk t-shirt.
- There are many more items. Every teacher received an additional \$100 to spend in classroom supplies.