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GRAHAMWOOD GAZETTE

Latest news and school updates

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Multicultural Celebrations

Recently, our school had an amazing opportunity to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. The ESL teachers and our Bilingual Mentor sponsored ESL Night 2022. It was awesome to see our students dressed in their native dress. They sang a festive song taught and directed by Mrs. Harris. Special thanks to all who attended. Cazateatro Bilingual Theatre Group presented the Day of the Dead Celebration and traditions. Thank you, Mrs. Castano for planning this event. SPECIAL THANKS to Grahamwood parent, Mrs. Nereida Butler for sponsoring this program for our school. You are a jewel!









A few snapshots from the festivities

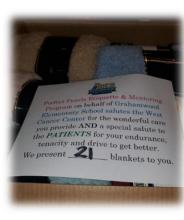
Karen, Sierra, and Charlie



Perfect Pearls' Blanket Drive







Congratulations to the Combs Family! They won the hashtag challenge for October! Let's have a little fun GES families! What exciting news can you share about our school? Is it a special project your child created? Is it a wonderful grade your child made on an assignment? Whatever it is, share it on Facebook using the following hashtags. At the end of the month, the families with the post exciting posts, will enter a drawing for a special treat.

#MSCS #dragonsSOAR #Grahamwood

Quote of the Month

Muhammed Ali
If my mind can conceive it, my heart can
believe it, then I can achieve it!

The Perfect Pearls would like to thank everyone who donated blankets. Our school collected 211 blankets in 2 weeks. Congratulations to Mrs. Cason's 3rd grade class. They donated 123 blankets. Way to go, Cason's Challengers! The patients at West Cancer Center will be extremely grateful.

Quote of the Month

Helen Keller When one door of happiness closes, another opens.

Quote of the Month

Joseph Addison
Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.

A school within a school

What makes our school so unique?

Why choose Grahamwood?

Grahamwood Elementary School has been a beacon in the community for the past 73 years. In 1949, its doors opened to students ready to learn something new. That tradition of excellence has not stopped yet. Grahamwood is considered a school within a school. We served our neighborhood and students who qualify for the Optional program. Enriched Academics is the focus of our Optional Program. There are 855 students this school year. 62% are in-district students and 38% are Optional students. 23% of our students qualify for the gifted CLUE program.

Faculty Qualifications

- 100% hold a Bachelor's degree
- ♣ 73% hold Master's degree or higher
- ♣ 7% hold Ed.S or Doctorate degrees
- 5 National Board Certified Teachers
- 18.4 years average teaching experience
- Over 1,049 years of combined educational experience

"Grahamwood's diversity provides students with a unique exposure to divergent and expansive ideas that make Memphis the internationally appreciated city that it is."

Dr. D. Maxwell





READ FOR THE RECORD

Grahamwood celebrates Read for the Record! Volunteers from St. Jude and Memphis Public Library, super star fifth graders, and our very own Ms. Clayton and Ms. Watkins read "Nigel and the Moon" to K-2 classes. It was a great day of reading! Ms. Stewart is especially proud of the fifth graders for stepping up. The kindergarten, 1st and 2nd classes really enjoyed this experience.



DONORS CHOOSE PROJECTS FUNDED

Mrs. Rudolph – KK, Mrs. Booker – 1st, and Ms. Jorgensen – ESL

November Happenings at the WOOD!



November 6th

Daylight Savings Time – Fall back 1 hour

November 7th

Booster-Thon Kick-Off

November 8th & 11th

NO SCHOOL for students

November 10th

Top-Notch Attendance Thursday

November 15th

Family Data Night – 5:30 pm

November 17th

Fall Picture Day

Optional Open House – 5:30 pm

November 21st - 25th

Thanksgiving Break

