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Latest news and school updates

Excellence in Education

Mr. Pete Johnson The real GOAT!

Mr. Johnson has been principal of Grahamwood Elementary School for the past 16 years. He quickly became known as the best of the best! Not only is he a fearless leader, but he doesn't mind getting in the trenches with the teachers. He will teach lessons, clean the school with the custodial staff or serve food with the cafeteria staff. He is the real GOAT (Greatest of all Times). Grahamwood is blessed to have such a strong leader at our school. He believes in us! He pushes us to greater heights! Believe it or not, he is the funniest comedian. When he retires, I'm sure he is going on the road. He has been nominated for several awards including SCS Principal of the Year. He won this distinguish honor in 2019. If you're looking for Mr. Johnson in his office, you won't find him. He'll be somewhere around the school, making sure we are doing our best!



The Grahamwood Dragon was created in conjunction with the Metal Museum of Memphis. Each scale of the dragon was designed by a Grahamwood student.

Reading Corner

Guest Author, J. Elle

Special collaboration with Novel Bookstore

5th grade students had the awesome opportunity to meet author, J. Elle, when she visited our school last week. This special event was planned by our librarian, Ms. Stewart. We collaborated with Novel Bookstore. J. Elle is a former teacher and discussed how she started her journey as an author. The students had an opportunity to hear how she chose her characters and who her favorite and least favorite characters are in her latest book, A Taste of Magic. The event was made even more special when she took pictures with the students and signed autographs



Quote of the Month

Zig Ziglar



“If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you are determined to learn, no one can STOP you!”

Quote of the Month

Nelson Mandela



“Education is the most POWERFUL weapon which you can use to change the world.”

Quote of the Month

Maya Angelou



“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

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 hasn't 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

Don't get stuck! Just LEARN!

- L** Leave the hard ones for last
- E** Erase and fix your answers when checking your work
- A** Add details to your paragraphs to make them more interesting
- R** Read and reread to dig out answers you need
- N** Never give up, and do your best!!



What's happening at Grahamwood

September 2022

September 1st

- Taste of Magic
- Guest Author J. Elle
- Bring your BUNS to Grahamwood
- GPTO sponsored event 5:30 pm

September 8th

- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 4 pm- 7 pm

September 16th

- Grandparents' Day
- Eat lunch in the cafeteria with your grandchild.

- Class Picture Day

Details to come.

September 22nd

- Title I Parent Night 5:30 pm



Welcome new staff members

Molly Fullick – 2nd grade

Laurel O'Neil – 3rd grade

Kendra Morris – 3rd grade

Heather Blount – 4th grade

Elizabeth Bridges – 5th grade

Michelle Naef - CLUE

