

Wylie East Elementary Board Update

December 2023

ENROLLMENT: 805 students as of December 6th

- Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten: 225
- 1st Grade and Transitional 1st Grade: 185
- 2nd Grade: 199
- 3rd Grade: 196

ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE: 96.26%

ACADEMIC UPDATE:

- 3rd Grade Interim STAAR was December 5th and 6th and went really well.
- We had Professional Learning Community Meetings on December 4th for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade Teachers (3rd Grade will meet in January after we get the interim STAAR data to review.)
- The Gifted and Talented referral window has opened, and we will be testing those students next semester.

ACTIVITIES UPDATE:

- Acts of Kindness Numbers: 235 Students Nominated as of December 6th
- Red Ribbon Week was a big success! We did dress up days and had the PALS come perform for us.
- Choctoberfest in October (We provided teachers with a chocolate spread in the lounge!) and an Apple Dip Bar in November to show our appreciation for our amazing teachers.
- Our *Balloons over Broadway* 1st Grade Parade was a huge hit! Mrs. Martinez, our librarian, has taught this book to students for years and wanted to turn it into a bigger project where teachers could incorporate the theme into their lessons. Our 1st grade team partnered with her and turned it into a school-wide event that was featured in this month's *Wylie Growl*. You may have seen Mrs. Martinez and a couple of our students on the cover! The high school sent their A/V class students over to film it for us. Here is the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aBibYLHsVY>
- United Way Appreciation Lunch was provided for those who gave \$60 / year or more.
- 2nd Graders went to an ACU Basketball Game
- 1st Graders went to May Farms
- Our Open House had a huge turn out!
- Music Programs (3rd Grade did a Veteran's Day Program and 2nd Grade is doing a Christmas Program this week.)

- We continue to do a drawing each six weeks of those students with perfect attendance and four students from each grade level get to go to Jason's Deli for lunch!
- We wrapped up our Toys for Tots drive.
- Two of our students were selected to receive a Blue Santa shopping trip thanks to the Abilene Police Department.
- WEE and WEI have been piloting working with a consulting firm to take a close look at student behavior. We have learned some valuable things through our staff survey, and our campus plans to implement more social/emotional learning opportunities for our students as a preventative measure.
- Mrs. Thompson continues doing our Guidance Lessons in classes using our Kelso Conflict Resolution and Kindness Curriculum.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Staff Christmas Party at Potosi Live on December 14th (71 Staff Members are coming!)
- The PALS from the high school are doing Storytime with Santa for our Kindergarten through 2nd grades this week.
- Career Week in Mid-January including Junior Achievement Guest Speakers.
- Our campus was selected to do a STAAR Field Test which we will do in February.
- We are looking forward to the upcoming delivery of many new Chromebooks for our students to use thanks to the passing of the bond!

SAFETY UPDATES:

- We continue having successful implementation of Safety Drills.
- We continue to have our monthly Safe and Secure Schools Program Team Meetings to check in about students who have displayed concerning behavior.
- Construction continues on Maple, and we are making every effort to be sure we continue to have a safe drop off and pick up for our students.

WEE WEEKLY RECENT PARENT NEWSLETTER LINKS: (Every Friday at 2:30, we push a newsletter to parents via email, text and the Wylie Bulldogs App.)

- December 1st Parent Newsletter: <https://www.smores.com/m162v>
- December 8th Parent Newsletter: <https://www.smores.com/sce7w>