

**WOODLAND ELEMENTARY  
MONTHLY REPORT**

**December 2, 2015**

**ENROLLMENT/ATTENDANCE:**

<b>CAMPUS/PROGRAM</b>	<b>4TH</b>	<b>5TH</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>WOODLAND</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>355</b>
<b>DAEP</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE %</b>	<b>96.56%</b>	<b>96.31%</b>	<b>96.43%</b>

**INNOVATIONS:** Last week NCTC counselors came to speak to our 5th grade students about college choices. This partnership with NCTC will also include a field trip in May to the NCTC campus to view actual classes and participate in some lab activities.

Our GT parent meeting was well attended, our students were very excited to present their projects to a new audience.

Teachers that have perfect attendance for the entire month receive free lunches all month the following month. One substitute basically equals a month of free meals. It is a way to recognize the teachers with perfect attendance and give them a pat on the back. We fund this through our PTO account.

**CAMPUS NEWS:** Our students performed well at the UIL competition. We don't compete against other schools, so there is no place per campus. The students won many medals and were very pleased with their performance. They will be acknowledged at Hopper when we receive the medals.

Our Hamburger Supper netted \$12,000 dollars this year, that is \$4,000 more than last year.

**We had a very successful book fair, this year we coordinated the fair with the hamburger supper. We raised over \$1,000 as well as several hundred dollars in books.**

**STUDENT HONORS: Two of our 4th grade students performed at the Veteran's Day Program. They wrote and edited essays about their heroes; who are currently serving in the armed forces.**

**FIELD TRIPS: We took all of our UIL students to Abilene Wylie for competition.**

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Tonya Thompson, a 4th grade ELA teacher attended Gretchen Barnaby training in Richardson. She has taken what she learned and trained all of the other ELA teachers on our campus.**

**I attended a training in Keller ISD with Mr. Cruse and Mrs. Robbins. We were able to view their PBL activities and strategies in the classroom during instruction. It was a wonderful experience. Our campus is implementing some of the same things that were viewed that day.**

**TEACHER/STAFF SPOTLIGHT: I would like to spotlight Mr. Philip Robertson this month. He agreed to move up to 5th grade this year and teach math! It showed dedication on his part to do what was best for our students and our campus even if it might mean a learning curve for him. The students respond to him as much as they always have, but this year I have seen his excitement for math that is motivating the students. He is totally vested in the student's success of the math curriculum without any excuses. He is working tirelessly to teach all objectives to mastery level. He has also been a beneficial member for his team, his excitement is contagious.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS: Annual Cookie Decorating/half day shopping days. I have combined our annual cookie decorating with a half day shopping day for teachers. This is the third year for this much anticipated event. We utilize parent volunteers in the classroom to facilitate engaging activities so the teachers have the afternoon off to complete some Christmas shopping. The students will all take a turn decorating ginger-bread cookies, and then go to the cafe for hot chocolate and "The Polar Express."**

**In lieu of the students exchanging gifts with each other, they are giving gifts to the elder angels at Graham Oaks. We are teaching our students to focus on the gift of giving, while participating in some community service to our elders here in Graham. A small group of students, teachers and watchdogs will take a bus to Graham Oaks on December 17th to deliver the packages.**

**The students will attend the Nutcracker performance at the Memorial Auditorium on December 11th.**

**December 17th is fifth grade's "Star Search" at 2:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.**

**OTHER:**