



Driftwood School

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Driftwood Elementary Principal's Report

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“We are here to help our Students.....”

Navigate Challenges With Grace, Prepare For Their Futures and Anchor Themselves In Our Community.”

Students

Enrollment at Driftwood Elementary – We have 5 new students who enrolled over the break, bringing our total to 143students.

Science Field Trips and MaYet – MaYet is a science instructor working for and with the local Watershed Council, and the Curry Soil and Water Conservation District. We are in the third year of providing \$15,000 in funds for their organization, and MaYet as their instructor, to provide community garden support, field trip programming and other instructional support for our teachers at Driftwood. This partnership is going well, involving students in our local community garden and wetlands area.

Professional Development

January TLCs – For Teaching and Learning Community time in January teachers will be focusing on conducting our mid-year progress monitoring in reading and math. Results of these assessments will inform us as to which students are most in need of supplemental help, and additional time to develop their overall literacy skills. These students in need will then be placed in groups and individual reading sessions to help them build the skills in which they are lagging.

Staff

Homework Club is slated to start January 26, 2024. We have hired 5th Grade Teacher Nancy Windholz as the teacher for the program, and are in the process of interviewing to hire the instructional assistant to help Ms. Windholz and the children.

Having Some Fun

Rotary Club asked DW School to provide some music entertainment for their Thursday, December 14 meeting. The entire school performed and the kids were a hit! I am certain we will be asked to return next year. One concern that rose from this performance was that parents wanted to participate. Next year we will plan to entertain the Rotary Club again, but will also plan for a full Parent/Community presentation as well.

The Winter School Family Dance was postponed. It was not yet rescheduled at “press time.”