

# Wylie East Elementary Board Update

## May 8, 2023

**ENROLLMENT:** (As of May 1, 2023) **769**

- Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten: 186
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and Transitional 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: 201
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: 197
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: 185

**ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE:** 95.5% (We have sent out two letters of concern to those with high absenteeism, and I personally called 57 families to emphasize the importance of attendance and establishing good attendance habits.)

**ACADEMIC UPDATE:**

- Both Math & Reading STAAR tests have been administered successfully. Mrs. Thompson did a great job overseeing this process.
- All our teachers saw significant academic growth of their students this year based on pre and post testing data.
- Several of our teachers are serving on the district's phonics curriculum selection committee and hope to select a program that will really help grow our developing readers.

**ACTIVITIES UPDATE:**

- Spring Field Trips—Kindergarten went to Festival Gardens for an Egg Hunt. 1<sup>st</sup> Grade went to Western Heritage Day at HSU. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade went to the fire station. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade went to the Grace Museum and the NICCL.
- We have wrapped up our End of Year Conferences and Goal Setting Meetings with our teachers and are looking forward to finishing this year strong and starting to plan for next year.
- We honored our librarian, front office staff, instructional aides, and school lunch heroes this month and are in the midst of celebrating our teaching staff and will honor our school nurse tomorrow!
- We are doing a color themed week for our Teacher Appreciation Week this week with every day a different color treat spread to match that day. We will culminate at the end of the week with a colorful lunch buffet!
- Our kindergarteners took their "Cap and Gown" pictures.

- Music Programs – 1<sup>st</sup> and Kindergarten did their programs and we had great parent turn out!
- We did a Sweet 16 Concession Stand for Staff during March Madness for our staff.
- 44 students from the high school's Principles of Education class came to our campus last week to observe in over 20 classrooms.
- As of May 1<sup>st</sup>, we have had 505 Acts of Kindness Club nominations resulting in a positive phone call home to celebrate those students, and of those 505, 46 students have been drawn for an AOK Club book prize of their choice and their picture posted in our weekly newsletter and on Facebook. We are shooting for 600 nominations by the end of the school year!
- On Friday, we had a school wide assembly for Cinco de Mayo, and we had a group of Mexican Heritage Dancers come perform!
- Follow us on Facebook to see visuals of all of our awesome activities!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- WHS Seniors are coming to walk our hallways in their caps and gowns on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will have a Fun Day on the 24<sup>th</sup> and will take a tour of the intermediate that afternoon.
- Several of our teachers will be attending an ESL workshop at the PAC on May 15<sup>th</sup> in preparation to take their ESL certification exam which will really help us have more classes in which to place our Emerging Bilingual Students.
- May 15<sup>th</sup> we will have our 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Awards Assembly.
- May 15<sup>th</sup>—Wylie East Elementary School Kindergarten Round-Up and Parent Meeting

#### **SAFETY UPDATES:**

- We have finalized our required drills for the year and continue to do campus checks to be sure we are providing the safest environment for our students and staff.