

Wylie East Elementary January School Board Update

January 9, 2023

ENROLLMENT: as of end of Semester 1: 783

- Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten: 189
- 1st Grade and Transitional 1st Grade: 204
- 2nd Grade: 199
- 3rd Grade: 191

ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE: 95.11%

ACADEMIC UPDATE:

- 70 Double Club Members: Earners of Double AR Points to Date (3rd Grade)
- One Million Word Readers so far: 3rd Grader, Graham McLean
- Slated to do our next STAAR Interim At-Bat Test in February, and we plan to run this like a “Mock STAAR” test
- Our Title I Program is really helping students make a lot of progress in their reading. The data is amazing for some of the students in this program.

ACTIVITIES UPDATE:

- Campus Culture: The Staff Christmas Party and Christmas Lunch were a big hit. Staff is also recognized each week in the Staff Newsletter (“The Bulldog Buzz”) “Shout Outs” section for specific things they are “caught” doing well throughout the week.
- AOK (Acts of Kindness) Club
 - AOK nominations to date = 243
 - AOK Drawing Winners to date = 18
- UIL Results from December: We had 31 students participate in the 2nd and 3rd Grade events offered, and 7 of our students placed. We took 1st, 2nd, and 4th places in 3rd Grade Storytelling!
- Spike and Sandy were a hit when they came to greet our students in the morning during football season, we invited them back to greet students in Christmas gear on the last day of the semester. They loved it!
- Almost 90 students went to Maxx Air in December as a prize for selling 20 items in our VERY successful fundraiser. They had a great time!

- Two of our students were selected to “star” in the Wylie ISD production to promote our new Class Link student log in, so we were excited to highlight them in our beautiful library.
- All classes held Christmas parties, and we were able to invite parents again, so it was a very festive atmosphere!
- Our 3rd grade Outstanding Citizens are helping do the pledges on the announcements each six weeks, and they are doing a great job.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- College and Career Readiness Week will be January 17th-20th: We have a dress up day each day, 3rd grade will do Junior Achievement for a day on the 18th, and our counselor, Mrs. Thompson will be incorporating college and career themes into her guidance lessons in the classrooms.
- Our military family counselor liaison, Mrs. Holt, has made a preliminary visit to our campus and plans to get her program rolling this semester to serve students who have family members with a military connection.
- Our Campus Sunshine Committee is planning a “Stuff the Mug” for the week of Valentine’s Day for our staff with some fun treats they can choose to put in their mugs.
- The Grace Museum art program continues as we have visiting art teachers in classrooms throughout the semester.
- Our Read-a-Thon will start at the end of February in conjunction with the Read Across America program week.

SAFETY UPDATES:

- Teachers and instructional aides attended a behavior presentation today. The training was delivered by Region 14 Behavior Consultant, Angi Thomas, and her material was specifically designed for behaviors we reported to her about our campus.
- We have completed one Fire Drill using Campus Go, and we also completed a Haz-Mat Shelter in Place Drill.
- We continue to adjust our substitute check in procedure to make it better and keep students safe even when teachers are out. We now require subs to enter the main office phone number into their phones in case there is an emergency outside on the playground and no other adults are around.

STAFF SHOUT OUTS:

- Our front office is doing such a great job! We used to allow parents at programs and parties to just sign a piece of paper to take their child home, but due to increasing security measures and several custodial disputes impacting students at our campus, I have asked this team to officially check each person checking out a student, and they have made this change with no complaint and a spirit of excellence!
- Mrs. Noble and I completed about 180 classroom walkthroughs and provided written feedback to each teacher during the first semester. We got to see some amazing things going on: real world application, hands-on student-led learning, high student engagement, higher order thinking strategies, and creative activities to increase learning. I am so thankful for the amazing teachers you have approved to work at Wylie East Elementary!
- I had Middle of Year meetings in December with all our new teachers, and they report to loving working at Wylie and feeling very supported by not just admin, but by their co-workers. This is a great place to be!