

Wylie East Elementary Board Update

March 6, 2023

ENROLLMENT: 781 as of February 24th

- Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten: 190
- 1st Grade and Transitional 1st Grade: 205
- 2nd Grade: 198
- 3rd Grade: 188

ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE: 95%

ACADEMIC UPDATE:

- We completed our second round of STAAR interim (At-Bat) testing, and Holli Cooper came today to go over the results with the Reading teachers and will come again after Spring Break to review the results with our math teachers.
- Our teachers are collecting data to help make decisions on student placement for next year.
- Our GT testing is now finished with the completion of our kindergarten testing. We had 10 kindergarten students qualify this year.

ACTIVITIES UPDATE:

- In January, we had Career and College Readiness Week with over 40 guest speakers and readers—some of you included, so thank you! Our counselor, Mrs. Thompson, was interviewed and some of our speakers were featured on the news.
- The news also did a feature on our 3 Million Word Reader!
- We had great fun for Valentine's Day with a campus-wide heart hunt and class parties. Students "looked for love" around campus during their normal transitions and instructional day, and the class from each grade level that found the most got a donut party.
- Miss West Texas Fair and Rodeo came to read to several classes to kick off Read Across America week! We also participated in a Read-a-Thon and Reading Spirit Days during this national week to emphasize the importance of reading.
- Denise Blake came to speak to our teachers in February to give us some tips on writing our grant applications for the Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation! We hope to have many of our applications accepted this year.
- We have over 20 PALS coming from the high school to serve some of our students.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- We did a drawing of students who did not miss a day of school the 3rd and 4th six weeks, and a student from each grade will get to have Pizza with the Principal as a reward! We also did a staff drawing for perfect attendance and Ms. Anderson won a gift card donated by Bucketheads!
- We are planning a STAAR Pep Rally in April to get our 3rd graders excited about doing their best on their very first STAAR tests. Mr. Goodenough and Jeanette Rodriguez, the East JH cheer sponsor, have agreed to have the East JH Cheerleaders come and lead us in some STAAR cheers!

SAFETY UPDATES:

- We scheduled a practice drill using our Crisis Go app on the staff development day we did not have students in order to trouble shoot any issues of alerts not going off, so we can be better prepared when we use this tool in a future drill or in an emergency.
- We have a handful of diabetic students, so we are having Region 14 send someone to our campus to do a training for the staff members who directly serve those students in order to be able to better help in an emergency.

STAFF SHOUT OUTS:

- Our 2nd and 3rd Grade Teachers are working hard to finalize their year in the Reading Academy.
- Our nurse, Amber Gailey, works so hard every day to serve our almost 800 students and a staff of close to 100. She has developed special notebooks on students with high medical needs and had the idea to provide the diabetes training for some of our staff members.
- Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Holmes did a great job providing some training for teachers across the district on interventions and supports we offer students. Mrs. Carey from the West Elementary did a great job helping the teachers of younger grades with the same training.
- Kayla Barnes, one of our 3rd grade teachers, was featured on the news about our Wylie Day Care that we will be offering next year. She did a great job! Thank you to the board for approving this very important project to help in attracting more amazing teachers!
- Our staff is doing a great job at alerting us if they see any suspicious activity around our building. They are super vigilant in keeping our kids safe!