

**Graham High School
Principal's Report
January 2016**

ENROLLMENT/ATTENDANCE:

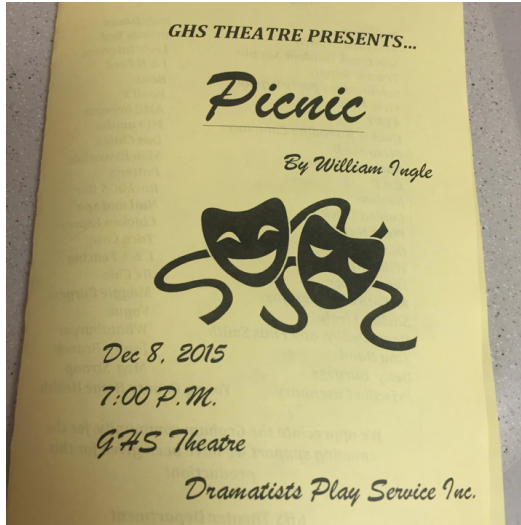
CAMPUS/PROGRAM	9TH	10TH	11TH	12TH	TOTAL
GHS	182	190	163	151	686
DAEP		2			2
ATTENDANCE %					96.5

INNOVATIONS:

- History Department has been using Socratives as a way to gauge student knowledge and have had pretty good success. It's similar to kahoot but has a few more options.
- Integration of online surveys (polleverywhere) for student-to-student-based feedback and assessment on projects.

CAMPUS NEWS:

- December 5 - Graham Ag barn experienced a fire in one of the barns. Graham High School Ag teachers, Jacob Lange and Duggan Burgess, Parents, and Graham Fire Department responded in short order to contain the blaze, manage animals, and make arrangement. Jacob Lange coordinated with Jacksboro ISD Ag to house animals during clean-up and repairs. Both Ag teachers should be commended for their efforts on behalf of our students.
- December 8 - GHS Drama presented the play "Picnic" for the community.



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- December 10, Graham HS and Graham JH Bands performed a Christmas Concert for the community.



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- December 14 - GJHS and GHS Choir concert at Memorial Auditorium for Community.



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- GHS Completed EOC Restesting during the first week of december, administering EOC tests in English i & II, Algebra I, Biology, and US History.
- GHS Student Council hosted ‘Adopt-a-Child’ in conjunction with Young County Head Start students. Each classroom adopted a student to provide Christmas gifts. GHS Student Council raised \$5400 to support this cause. December 5, GHS hosted Adopt-a-Child parties - What an experience!

CAMPUS & STUDENT HONORS:

- Graham HS Project LEad the Way teacher Michelle Lowery received word that Graham High School was named the Texas State Winner in the Samsung “Solve for Tomorrow” competition. Students are working on a video production for the National contest presenting ways Drone’s can be utilized to efficiently inspect livestock and crops production and in the energy sector.
- GHS was recognized on December 10 by the College Board:
 - Graham Independent School District Placed on the College Board’s 6th Annual AP®District Honor Roll for Significant Gains in Student Access and Success
- GHS Students named to the All-Region Band include: (Area qualifiers are denoted with *) Miya Brumley, Flute; Reba Atkins, Contra-Bass Clarinet*; Cassidy Freeman, French Horn; Kaylea Wright, Trombone*; Jeb Curry, Euphonium



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- The Graham High School Agriculture Issues Forum team competed at the State contest. The team placed 11th at the contest, but gained valuable experience for the future. The team consisted of Sophomores: Nick Moore, Alie Alvidrez, Gus Ramirez, Hiram Fuentes, and Riley Wyatt.
- Savanna Wilson accepted into Texas Tech Honors College/Pre-Med.

FIELD TRIPS:

- RocketSteers have biweekly testing of their rocket design for TARC competition
- We clean United every morning. Brint Jordan came to me in December and said he wanted us to HAVE breakfast one morning instead of work. So, he gave us breakfast money and we went to United the Friday of Early Release and had a breakfast gathering. The workers at United made the students a rice crispy Santa as well. It was nice to enjoy ourselves and also work on table manners. Everything is a life skill!!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- Mrs. Pippins and Mrs. Sanders attended the Convention for the Advancement in Science Teaching in November. They brought back new ideas for all of the science courses to be incorporated into the classrooms at GHS.
- January 4 Departmental Planning dates

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Samsung Challenge (ranch team) Video Collection days Jan 11, 18, 25.
- Economics classes will begin our stock market contest on Jan 11th.
- Young County Junior Livestock show on Jan. 14, 15,&16
- AP Environmental Science Classes will be doing field research out at PK during the spring months.
- Fort Worth Stock Show Junior Heifer Show Jan 22-24
- Fort Worth Stock Show Junior Lamb and Goat show Jan 28 - 31

- Fort Worth Steer and Market Hog Show Feb 2 -Feb6
- San Angelo Gilt Show Feb 12 - Feb 16
- San Antonio Stock show Feb 18 - Feb 27
- TSA (Technology Student Association) Regional Competition on March 4-5.
- We are beginning practice for Special Olympics Basketball. The competition will be held on March 5th at Midwestern State University.
- Track and Field Special Olympics has been set for April 30th in Iowa Park.

OTHER:

- Key Club donated over \$300 to those in need over the Christmas holidays. Money was raised by running basketball concessions in December.