

Graham Junior High School Principal's Report for February

ENROLLMENT/ATTENDANCE:

CAMPUS/PROGRAM	6TH	7TH	8TH	TOTAL
GJHS	180	175	190	545
DAEP	0	2	3	5
ATTENDANCE % 18 days	97.13	96.46	96.03	96.53

INNOVATIONS:

A very productive staff development facilitated by Connected Consultants was held on January 18th. The focus was on PBLs. Every department was successful in creating a new PBL unit.

CAMPUS NEWS:

National Junior Honor Society hosted the Winter Dance held on January 8th



Julie Bell, 6th grade math teacher has been named to participate in the Region 9 Math collaborative. TEA determined the focus for the year will be to focus on proportional and algebraic reasoning for middle school math.

Lockdown Drill held on January 11th and assisted by SRO Ty Viehmann. Areas of concern were identified and addressed.

Young County Junior Livestock Show was Thursday, January 14th - Saturday, January 16th. Several GJHS students participated and won.

Benchmark Testing administered January 27th and 28th.

6th graders attended a Writers' Workshop focused on Expository Writing led by Stacy Lewis on January 28th.

STUDENT HONORS:

Graham Junior High Basketball Girls hosted the Make it for Martin tournament and fundraiser to benefit a scholarship in honor of Candice Martin on January 30th. There were around 20 teams between 7th and 8th that competed representing 8 schools. 8th A & 7th A Teams both won 2nd place. 8th B & 7th B Teams were Tournament Champions.

Free Whataburger Junior certificates were awarded to students who were on the A Honor Roll for 1st Semester.

Classroom Spelling Bees were held 7th period of January 28th. Winners will compete in their grade level spelling bee February 3rd.

FIELD TRIPS:

Three 6th grade GT students, accompanied by teacher Ande Wright, competed in the Future City Competition at UTA on January 23rd.



NCTC Career Fair on January 30th for 8th grade

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Mrs. Robbins attended TTESS/TPES Training for Administrators on January 19th at Region 9 ESC

Mrs. Townley attended the Mid-Winter Conference in Austin January 25th - 27th.
LPAC Decision Making Training at NCTC (DL) 3:00-4:00

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 20th- UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest in Wichita Falls for selected 7th & 8th grade musicians.

GJHS Spelling Bee Champion to compete in Regional Spelling Bee at MSU on February 20th

OTHER:

Average Daily Attendance was up for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade during the month of January!

45 minute PDAS observations completed for teaching staff.

School Board Appreciation Month. During the January School Board meeting, Andrea Lowery was presented a book by Victoria Lowery to be dedicated to the GJHS Library in her honor.

Junior Color Guard meets every Monday after school until 4:45pm. This is a very low pressure club to introduce kiddos to guard work (flags, dance etc...).