

# Wylie East Elementary Board Update

**October 9, 2023**

*On a personal note, thank you for the beautiful plant arrangement you all sent to my mother's memorial service. I also appreciated Mr. Light making the long drive to come to the service.*

## **ENROLLMENT: 796**

- Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten: 223
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and Transitional 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: 184
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: 193
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: 196

## **ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE: 96.27%**

## **ACADEMIC UPDATE:**

- MClass data has been collected for Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> graders which gives us information about our students' reading progress.
- Professional Learning Communities will take place October 19<sup>th</sup> for teachers to analyze beginning of year data collected and discuss how that can best inform our instruction.
- T1 and TK placements were made based on student need.
- One of our teachers, Beth Lara, wrote her masters thesis on the product MobyMax which is now being used in the district, and she will present a MobyMax toolkit for our teachers at our faculty meeting tomorrow.

## **ACTIVITIES UPDATE:**

- Acts of Kindness Numbers: For the first six weeks we had 114 nominations and 6 drawing winners!
- Young Audiences came on September 25<sup>th</sup> and performed for our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and each student got a book to take home.
- We had a Mobile Dairy come visit on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and all four grade levels got to see a real cow and learn about the milking process.
- On Homecoming morning, our Wylie East Junior Belles came to greet our students thanks to their coach, Tracy Holmes, who teaches on our campus.
- On September 29<sup>th</sup>, we did a "Chip Chip Hooray" snack bar with chips and dips from Chilis for our teachers and staff. One of our student's grandmothers works there, and when we called to place our order, she made a donation to help with that which was so nice!
- On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, we went to Jason's Deli to reward our 1<sup>st</sup> 6 Weeks perfect attendance drawing winners from each grade. We took four students from each grade!

- On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, we recognized our amazing custodial team by gifting them a bag full of dinner makings for a yummy Mexican meal.
- On October 4<sup>th</sup> we had our Campus Advisory Team meeting.
- Our Fundraiser just wrapped up, and it was very successful! Last year we were able to buy a new playground and a portico shaded structure, so we are excited to come up with ideas of how to use the money raised to benefit students this year!
- We are doing a spirit day contest each week and students can earn a point for their homeroom for each time they dress up. The class with the best percentage of participation at the end of the semester will win a pizza party. (We plan to have the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade math classes help us work out the percentages!)
- Our Kindergarten students went to the Zoo for their field trip on October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- We are collecting toys in our front office to donate to Toys for Tots this year.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Open House will be on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and we will have Food Trucks available for families to eat in our cafeteria if they would like. This is especially helpful for parents who have students in different grades with different time slots.
- Red Ribbon Week will be October 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>.
- Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will be going to Safety City next week.
- Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders will be attending an ACU Women's Basketball game in November for their fall field trip.
- Our 1<sup>st</sup> Graders are planning to visit Dyess Air Force Base in November.
- We are planning a Choctoberfest day with all things chocolate for staff this month to show our appreciation for their hard work.

#### **SAFETY UPDATES:**

- We have had a lockdown drill, a fire drill, and a secure drill so far this school year, and they have all gone really well.
- We continue to do locked door checks and work to build relationships with students to help students feel safe.

#### **STAFF SHOUT OUTS:**

- We have had some "out of the box" situations this year, and I am so proud of our WEE team as we have come up with some "out of the box" solutions that are working well! I also really appreciate the support we have received from our district office.