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Grahamwood Gazette

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Latest news and school updates

Grahamwood's partnership with Clearloop

On September 16th, 5th grade students excitedly welcomed Clearloop CEO, Laura Zapata who taught them about solar energy for the State of Tennessee. Jackson, an engineer with Clearloop taught all 5th graders about solar panels and how they work. He loved the high level questions the students asked that day. This event was in preparation of students going to Silicon Ranch in Jackson, Tennessee to learn how Tennesseans will have access to solar power. On September 23rd, Grahamwood 5th graders participated in TN Flip the Switch Day! They flipped the switch so that all Tennessee would begin to have access to solar power. Students saw the huge solar panels and learned how they worked from the engineers. They learned what important part sheep play in solar power and how the grids work to give all of us power. The students loved every minute of this trip! Special thanks go to the CEO of Clearloop, Laura Zapata for giving us an awesome opportunity! She is the daughter of Mrs. Castano.



Clearloop activities at Grahamwood and Silicon Ranch

Grant News you can use!

Congratulations are in order for a few of our staff members.

Ms. Melissa Warwell received a \$500 Governerd Teacher Grant. These funds will be used to purchase props and costumes for upcoming music programs.

Mr. Brett Emerson received a \$500 grant from School Seed to use at Lowe's to enhance our Learning Garden. These funds will be used to purchase equipment and supplies that will be used this school year.

Mrs. Helton Johnson received a Donors Choose grant for a Vocabulary Parade. Each teacher will receive a book and participate in a book study. The entire school will participate in this grand event in December.



Let's have a little fun GES families! What exciting news can you share about our school? Is it a special project your child created? Is it a wonderful grade your child made on an assignment? Whatever it is, share it on Facebook using the following hashtags. At the end of the month, the families with the post exciting posts, will enter a drawing for a special treat.

#MSCS #dragonsSOAR #Grahamwood



Quote of the Month

Ingersoll



We rise by lifting others!

Quote of the Month

Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.



The time is always right, to do the right thing!

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Quote of the Month

Unknown



One kind word can change someone's day!

A school within a school

What makes our school so unique?

Why choose Grahamwood?

Grahamwood Elementary School has been a beacon in the community for the past 73 years. In 1949, its doors opened to students ready to learn something new. That tradition of excellence has not stopped yet. Grahamwood is considered a school within a school. We served our neighborhood and students who qualify for the Optional program. Enriched Academics is the focus of our Optional Program. There are 855 students this school year. 62% are in-district students and 38% are Optional students. 23% of our students qualify for the gifted CLUE program.

Faculty Qualifications

- ✚ 100% hold a Bachelor's degree
- ✚ 73% hold Master's degree or higher
- ✚ 7% hold Ed.S or Doctorate degrees
- ✚ 5 National Board Certified Teachers
- ✚ 18.4 years average teaching experience
- ✚ Over 1,049 years of combined educational experience

"Grahamwood's diversity provides students with a unique exposure to divergent and expansive ideas that make Memphis the internationally appreciated city that it is."

Dr. D. Maxwell



CHARACTER BUILDING CLUBS

Two new exciting clubs are in full swing this school year. When you go to the Steam Lab in the afternoon, you think doctors are in the building. They are members of the St. Jude Steam Club.

Students are wearing lab coats and conducting research. Just think, one of these students may be your physician in the near future. Perfect Pearls Etiquette and Mentoring Club will show and model 4th and 5th grade girls how to act like a lady. They are learning how to sit, dress and act in public, as well as private. This club also stresses the importance of kindness and respect. These young ladies will be the perfect hostesses in the near future.

October Happenings at the WOOD!



October 6th

ESL Night - 5:30 pm

October 7th

GPTO Meeting - 8:30 am

October 10th - 15th

*****FALL BREAK*****

October 18th

GPTO Meeting - 5:00 pm

October 20th

Open House - 5:00 pm

October 27th

Read for the Record

October 28th

Book Character Day/Fall Festival

