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# GRAHAMWOOD GAZETTE

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Latest news and school updates

## MSCS 1<sup>st</sup> Annual ESL Exit Ceremony

We are so proud of our  
ESL students.

Grahamwood had 12  
students that attended the  
district's first annual exit  
ceremony event. This  
event was for students  
who passed the WIDA  
test. It was held at the  
Holiday Inn at the  
University of Memphis.  
Great job ESL teachers  
for your instruction and to  
the students for your  
determination!



*A few snapshots from the event*



### BOOSTERTHON



**Boosterthon** fundraiser was a  
HUGE success! Thank you  
students, parents, and staff for your  
hardwork. Grahamwood exceeded  
the goal of \$15,000. We raised just  
a little less than \$20,000. These  
funds will be used to purchase much  
needed supplies and resources that  
will benefit the school and students.

#### Quote of the Month

*Fyodor Dostoevsky*  
"The soul is healed by being with children."

## GES Optional Schools Open House



Do you have questions about the Optional Schools application  
process? Join us for the GES Optional Schools Open House  
on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 5:30 pm. You will receive all  
the information you need to apply to our school. Any  
questions you have will be answered. Contact Mrs. Helton  
Johnson for more details, [heltonrd@scsk12.org](mailto:heltonrd@scsk12.org).

#### Quote of the Month

*Albert Einstein*  
"Anyone who has never made a mistake has  
never tried anything new."

#### Quote of the Month

Bonnie Blair  
"Winning doesn't always mean being first. Winning  
means you're doing better than you've done before."

*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



## TOP NOTCH ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION



ENJOY THIS TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

### November Happenings at the WOOD!



**December 5<sup>th</sup>**

Vocabulary Parade

**December 8<sup>th</sup>**

Holiday Music program for students

**December 9<sup>th</sup>**

Spelling Bee

Holiday Music program for parents

1:30 pm

**December 12<sup>th</sup>**

Mingle Jingle Reader Day

**December 14<sup>th</sup>**

Faculty Holiday Luncheon

**December 15<sup>th</sup>**

Polar Express

**November 19<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>**

Holiday Break

