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# Grahamwood Gazette

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Latest news and school updates

Excellence in Education

## **Mr. Pete Johnson**The real GOAT!

Mr. Johnson has been principal of Grahamwood Elementary School for the past 16 years. He quickly became known as the best of the best! Not only is he a fearless leader, but he doesn't mind getting in the trenches with the teachers. He will teach lessons, clean the school with the custodial staff or serve food with the cafeteria staff. He is the real GOAT (Greatest of all Times). Grahamwood is blessed to have such a strong leader at our school. He believes is us! He pushes us to greater heights! Believe it or not, he is the funniest comedian. When he retires, I'm sure he is going on the road. He has been nominated for several awards including SCS Principal of the Year. He won this distinguish honor in 2019. If you're looking for Mr. Johnson in his office, you won't find him. He'll be somewhere around the school, making sure we are doing our best!





The Grahamwood Dragon was created in conjunction with the Metal Museum of Memphis. Each scale of the dragon was designed by a Grahamwood student.

Reading Corner

### Guest Author, J. Elle

Special collaboration with Novel Bookstore

5<sup>th</sup> grade students had the awesome opportunity to meet author, J. Elle, when she visited our school last week. This special event was planned by our librarian, Ms. Stewart. We collaborated with Novel Bookstore. J. Elle is a former teacher and discussed how she started her journey as an author. The students had an opportunity to hear how she chose her characters and who her favorite and least favorite characters are in her latest book, A Taste of Magic. The event was made even more special when she took pictures with the students and signed autographs





#### **Ouote of the Month**

Zig Ziglar



"If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you are determined to learn, no one can STOP you!"

#### **Quote of the Month**

Nelson Mandela



"Education is the most POWERFUL weapon which you can use to change the world."

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#### **Quote of the Month**

Maya Angelou



"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." A school within a school

### What makes our school so unique?

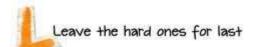
Why choose Grahamwood?

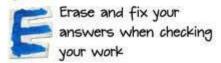
Grahamwood Elementary School has been a beacon in the community for the past 73 years. In 1949, its doors opened to students ready to learn something new. That tradition of excellence hasn't stopped yet. Grahamwood is considered a school within a school. We served our neighborhood and students who qualify 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.

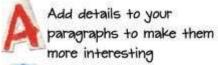
#### **Faculty Qualifications**

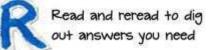
- 100% hold a Bachelor's degree
- 73% hold Master's degree or higher
- 7% hold Ed.S or Doctorate degrees
- 5 National Board Certified Teachers
- 18.4 years average teaching experience
  Over 1,049 years of combined educational experience

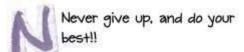
#### Don't get stuck! Just LEARN!













## What's happening at Grahamwood

#### September 2022

#### September 1<sup>st</sup>

- Taste of Magic Guest Author J. Elle

- Bring your BUNS to Grahamwood GPTO sponsored event 5:30 pm

#### September 8<sup>th</sup>

- Parent/Teacher Conferences 4 pm- 7 pm

#### September 16<sup>th</sup>

- Grandparents' Day Eat lunch in the cafeteria with your grandchild.

- Class Picture Day Details to come.

#### September 22<sup>nd</sup>

- Title I Parent Night 5:30 pm





## Welcome new staff members

Molly Fullick  $-2^{nd}$  grade

Laurel O'Neil – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Kendra Morris – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Heather Blount – 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Elizabeth Bridges  $-5^{th}$  grade

Michelle Naef - CLUE

