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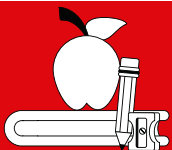


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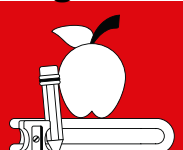


FEATURED STUDENTS 3rd Grade Students

Mrs. Jackson's students are writing about mixtures. Next, they will draw an illustration of the mixture. Afterwards, they will enjoy Marshmallows, Cheerios, and Nerds. Mrs. Jackson's students were also taking turns comparing the weight of grass seeds to a bag of rice. They are converting kilograms to grams. The students used a digital scale and a spring scale to compare weights. Mrs. Garza's students are estimating how much an object in the classroom weighs compared to 1 gram, 10 grams, 100 grams, and 1 kilogram.



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2023

WHARTON TIGER

Spirit Themes

9/1

IT'S A TIGER FIESTA! ADIOS COLTS!

FIESTA



HOMECOMING WEEK



9/5

CELEB DAY @ WHS

CAREER DAY @ SIVELLS, WES , WJHS

9/6

BBQ DADS VS. SOCCER MOMS @ WHS

SUPERSTAR ATHLETE @ SIVELLS, WES, WJHS

9/7

IT'S A GREEEEAAT DAY TO BE A TIGER!

SCHOOL SPIRIT

9/14

RICEBIRD HUNTING SEASON...NOW OPEN

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9/22

SHINE BRIGHT IN SWEENEY!

NEON

9/28

CLOWN OUT THE COUGARS

CIRCUS

10/5

ROUGHNECK RODEO

WESTERN

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PINK OUT ROYAL

PINK

10/19

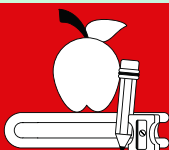
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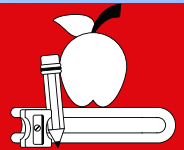
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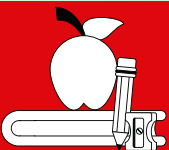
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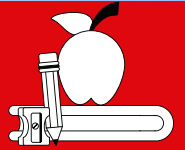
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WES Staff Group Photos



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Fundamental 5 Spotlight

Teacher of The Week

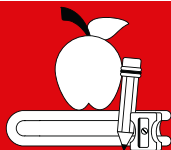
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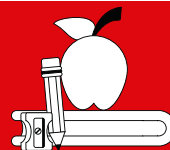
The Fundamental 5 Wharton Elementary School “Teacher of the Week” is Miss Ball-Williams. Miss Ball-Williams is a 2nd grade reading/social studies teacher. This is Miss Ball-Williams’ third year of teaching! Miss Ball-Williams graduated from Seguin high school in 2014. She attended Lamar university for a few years, but she graduated with honors from Huston-Tillotson University in Austin in 2021. She has a younger brother and a Pitbull that she loves to take on walks. Her Pitbull's name is “Chanel” because one day she will have her very own Chanel bag!! In her free time you can catch her on the sideline coaching volleyball or basketball for our Wharton Tigers. When she isn’t busy coaching, she is spending time with her friends. What she loves most about her students are their individual personalities and being able to bring them joy on a daily basis. Miss Ball-Williams is doing a remarkable job working with her 2nd graders in reading and social studies. Miss Ball-Williams has been working hard to ensure that her students fulfill their expectations.

Brittany Ball-Williams
2nd Grade
RLA/Social Studies
Teacher

The highlight this week was her “Framing the Lesson” and “Small Group Purposeful Talks” actively engaged in her classroom throughout her lesson. Miss Ball-Williams frames her lesson by having her learning objectives posted for her students to see and focus their learning. She engages her students with the use of small group purposeful talks by making connections with their fluency practice and tying it back to what they have learned previously. Wharton Elementary is very proud of the amazing work Miss Ball-Williams has done here. She is a great addition to our team!



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Instructional Strategies of the Week

Our campus will begin a new Fundamental 5 Instructional Strategy of "**Small Group Purposeful Talks (SGPT)**" and the Playbook Focus will be the and "**Exit Tickets**" Students learn the instructional content better if **SGPTs** are after 10-15 minutes of teacher talk and followed by 3-5 minutes of student talk that is planned and posted for students. A way to help students gain understanding of content objectives and an informal check for understanding using **EXIT TICKETS**.

Fundamental 5

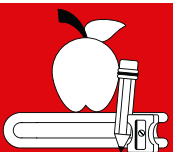
Small Group Purposeful Talks

- Is the practice of having planned, content based discussion between 2-4 students following every 10-15 minutes of teacher-driven discussion.
- Helps students process the information from the lesson.
- Allows students to discover and engage with a range of perspectives, ideas and backgrounds

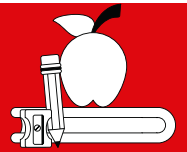
Playbook Focus

Exit ticket

- Provide a question or topic related to the learning objective.
- Provide students with a sentence stem to help structure written responses (include academic vocabulary_
- Collaborate with your team for expectation of responses to inform next steps
- Provide an opportunity for students to get feedback on the responses.



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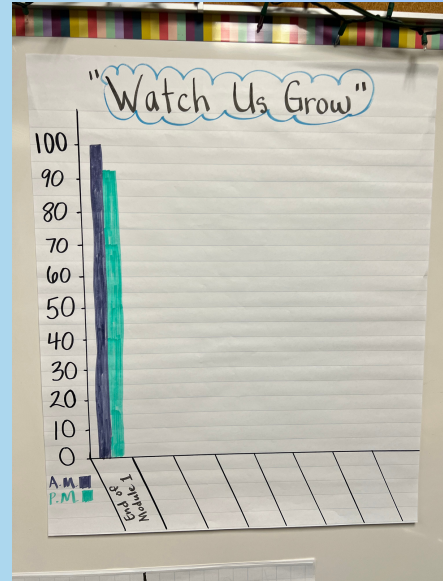
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Classroom Spotlights

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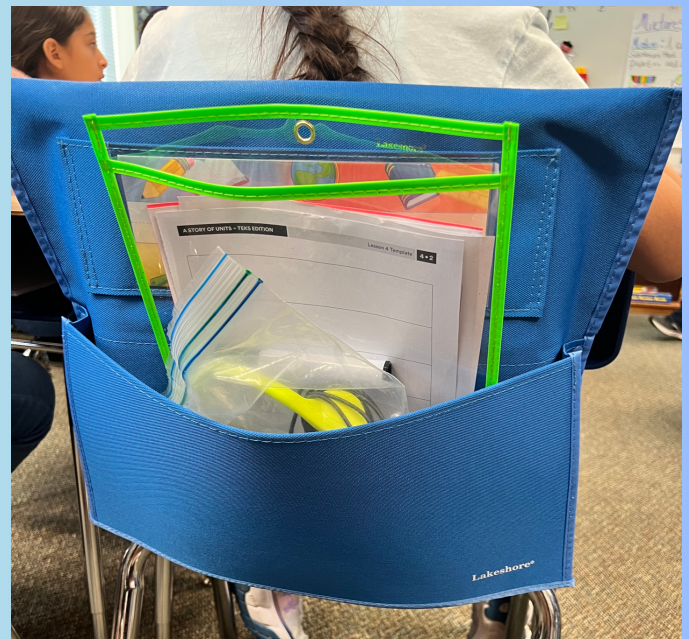
**4th Grade Math PLC
Instructional Planning-
Working Together Makes it
Better!"**



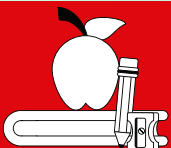
**Mrs. Jackson's
"Classroom Data Chart"**



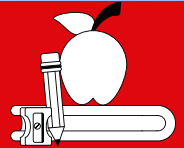
**Mrs. Riley's
"Clever Badges & Mice"**



**Mrs. Riley's
"Chair Pockets"**



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UPCOMING

EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



- **Monday, September 18th**

- Dream Team Meeting @ 4:00
- PTO Meeting @ 5:30

- **Tuesday, September 19th**

- Nat'l IT Professional Day
- Region 3 Eureka Math Consultant
- BLT Meeting @ 4:00

- **Wednesday, September 20th**

- Attendance Committee Meeting @ 4:05

- **Thursday, September 21st**

- Chief Williams Presentation w/5th Grade Students @ 10:05 in the Gym
- WES Tiger Team Huddle (Faculty Mtg.) @ 4:00
- School Board Meeting

- **Friday, September 22nd**

- N/A



My Professional Learning

Instructional Planning PLC Times

- **4th Grade** - 7:35-8:20
- **2nd Grade** - 8:25-9:10
- **3rd Grade** - 9:15-10:00
- **5th Grade** - 10:05-10:50



- **Monday, September 18th**

- Instructional Planning PLCs

- **Tuesday, September 19th**

- All Math Teachers - Eureka Math 2-5 PD w/Reg. 3 Consultant (Lisa Weinheimer)

- **Wednesday, September 20th**

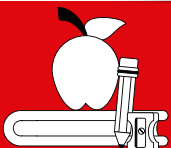
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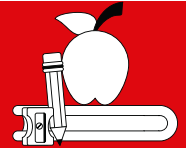
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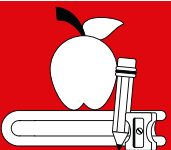


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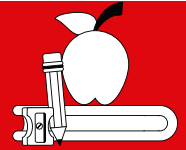


REMINDERS

- **4th GRADE'S TURN TO TAKE PICTURES** - Take pictures of the wonderful things happening in your classrooms for the week of **September 18th through 22nd**. Remember to send the pictures to **socialmedia@whartonisd.net** and Mrs. Rath!
- 😊 Please keep those **SMILING** Faces and a **POSITIVE** attitudes. Everyone has been doing this so well, let's continue this amazing attitude throughout the school year. Let's make it **AWESOME!!!!**
- **GRADES**- Remember to post grades every Tuesday from the previous week's assignments. Also, the district grading guidelines state you are to have **AT LEAST** 12 daily grades (which is roughly about 1-2 grades per week) and 6 major grades per every 9 weeks. This is the bare minimum. You may have more grades than what is stated in the grading guidelines. Having more Grades is ALWAYS better!!!
- **MANDATORY ONLINE TRAININGS** - Remember to work on your online trainings. They are to be completed by October 31st.
- **Ensure you are incorporating Small Group Purposeful Talk and Exit Tickets in all of your lessons.**
- **Morning Procedure**- Please make sure you are in the gym at **7:27** every morning to pick up your students and escort them to your classroom.
- **BE ON TIME** - Please make sure you are arriving to work on time (**7:15**).
- **WIN TIME** - be sure you are pulling small groups!
- **SOCIAL MEDIA** - Do not post to your personal social media accounts during school hours!
- **STAFF RESTROOMS** - Make sure you are keeping the staff restrooms locked at all times. You will need to use your key to open the door.
- **WORD WALLS** - Make sure to put up your word walls and utilize them during your classroom instruction. Words walls support a language-rich learning environment and fosters word-consciousness and provides access to essential vocabulary , concepts and skills. Word walls reinforce sight-word acquisition with younger readers and builds content literacy across grades and content areas.



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Attendance & Discipline Data

Discipline

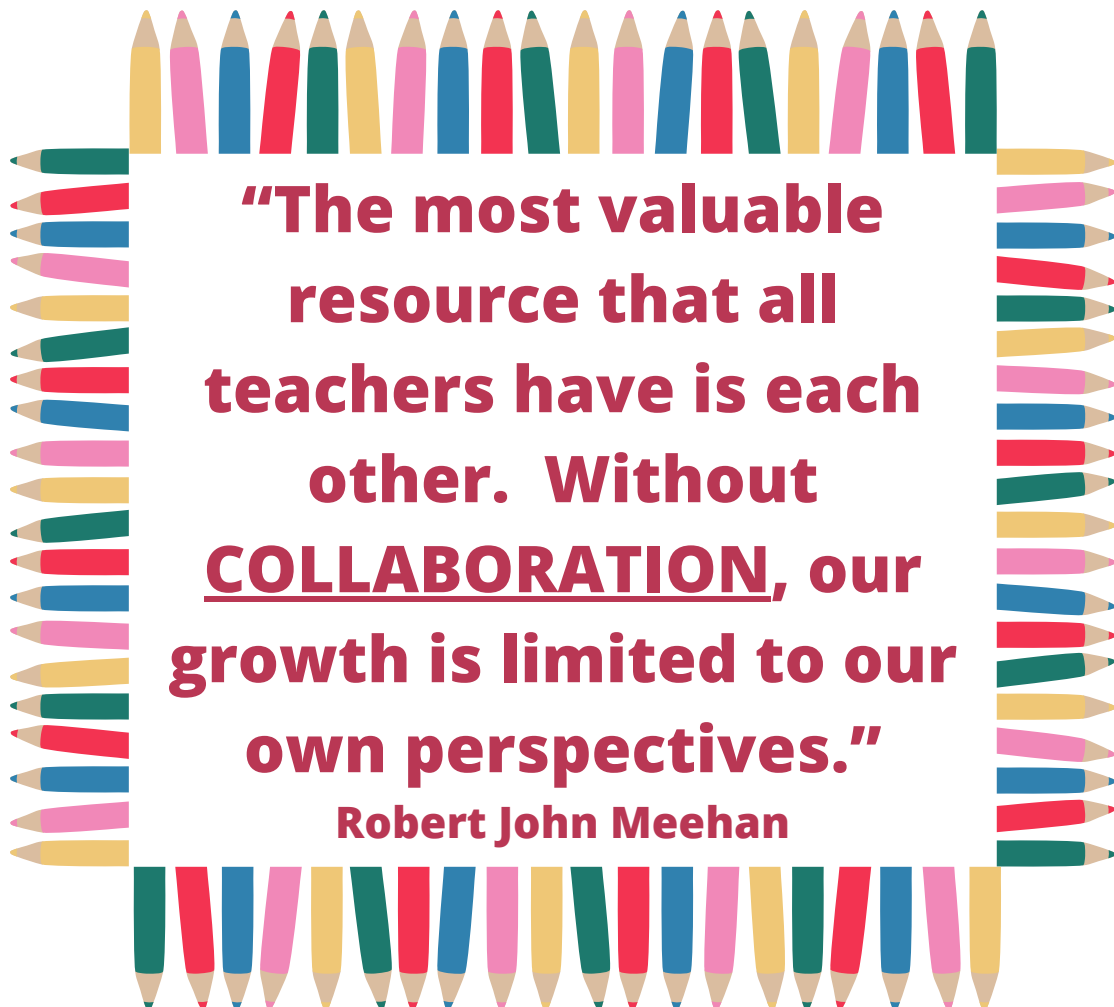
- 2nd Grade - 2(3)
- 3rd Grade - 0(1)
- 4th Grade - 3(16)
- 5th Grade - 2(15)

*Numbers in () are campus totals for the year.

Attendance (District Goal **97.5%**)

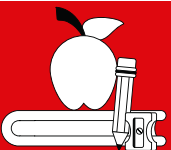
- 2nd Grade - 94.98%
- 3rd Grade - 93.55%
- 4th Grade - 96.90%
- 5th Grade - 96.60%
- Campus - **95.47%**

Inspirational Quote of the Week



"The most valuable resource that all teachers have is each other. Without COLLABORATION, our growth is limited to our own perspectives."

Robert John Meehan



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