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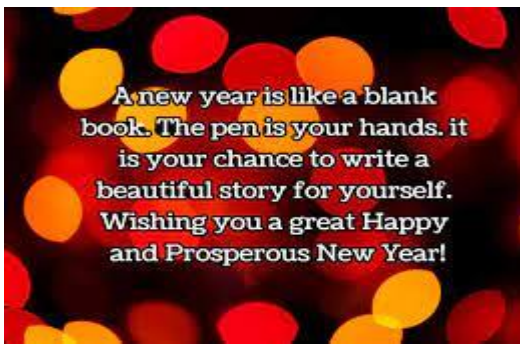
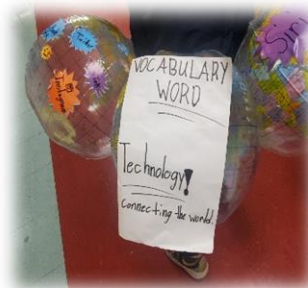
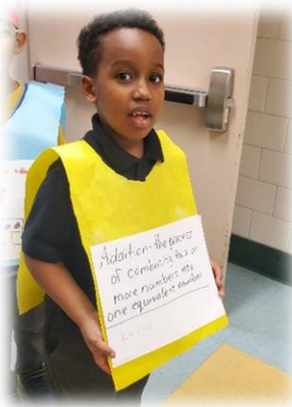
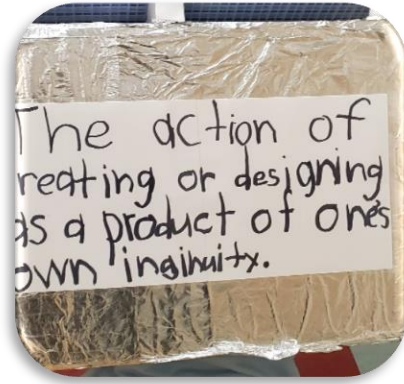
GRAHAMWOOD GAZETTE

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Latest news and school updates

GES First ever Vocabulary Parade

Because of the generosity of parents and community stakeholders, every classroom received Miss Alaineus: A Vocabulary Disaster by Debra Frasier. This book explores the confusion of a student that misunderstood one of her vocabulary words. This was an exciting event for our school and allowed our students to learn new vocabulary words during the parade. We are looking forward to this being an annual event at our school.



GES Optional Schools Open House



*It is always a
beautiful day at
Grahamwood!*

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.

Quote of the Month
Martin Luther King, Jr.

"The time is always right to do what is right!"

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"The surest way to be happy is to seek happiness for others."

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"Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

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



MINGLE JINGLE READER

Several years ago, a senior manager at FedEx started Mingle Jingle Reader Day at Grahamwood with his team. It was there way of giving back during the holidays. Mr. Steve Miles was the husband of our assistant principal, DJ Miles. It was always a wonderful day when Steve and his team arrived yearly. Mr. Miles recently passed away. In his honor, GES carried on the tradition of Mingle Jingle Reader Day. Special thanks to all the readers who spanned from Directors of MSCS Optional Schools; College, Career & Technical Education; Counseling Services and Student Services; Literacy Mid-South; MSCS Library Services, Alpha Kappa Apha Sorority, Inc., Shelby County Sheriff's Department, Multinational Ministries, Shelby County Court of Appeals, and Methodist-LeBonheur Hospital.

January Happenings at the WOOD & MSCS!



January 3rd

1st day of the 2nd semester

January 8th

MSCS Optional Schools Fair
Holiday Inn University of Memphis
1 – 4 pm

January 16th

NO School
MLK Holiday



January 17th

GES Optional Open House
5:30 pm

January 23rd

MSCS School Choice Showcase
Hickory Hill Towne Center
11 am – 2 pm

January 31st

2023-24 Online Optional application process opens at 10 am for new applicants

