

TRADITION LIVES ON

Gladewater Middle School has always been a place of quality education and tradition that has impacted many lives and produced great individuals. This campus, over the years, has provided support and given opportunities to help people overcome obstacles and realize their dreams. A mural hangs in the New Middle School to honor the traditions of the Gladewater Bears.

Today, outstanding teachers share varied learning tools and resources with the middle school students in modern classrooms with technological advances where the traditions live on.



Bear Facts

GLADEWATER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - "THE RACE FOR EXCELLENCE HAS NO FINISHLINE."

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THE ART OF READING



In 5th grade Reading, we studied drama, author's perspective, and summary. Students performed a play and discussed the elements of drama. We read different versions of "The Three Little Pigs" to look at the author's perspective of each story. For summary, we learned a new strategy SWBTS (Somebody, Wanted, But, Then, So) which has helped the students be more successful in identifying summaries on fiction pieces of work. We have also begun guided reading groups and stations such as writing centers, iStation, spelling practice using the smart board, reading with partners, and reading to self.

CALORIMETRY

Students in Mr. Norman's Environmental Science class tested the fuel efficiency of various biomass fuels using calorimetry. Groups measured the temperature changes of a known quantity of water as the heat from burning fuel sources increased the temperature of the water. Each group used SPARKvue data systems and temperature probes to provide real-time data during the experiment.



WATCH DOGS

Have you heard about our Watch DOGS program at Gladewater Primary School? Watch DOGS are "Dads of Great Students" and they volunteer by showing up and helping in classrooms, at lunch, on the playground, in the Gym, and by patrolling our school to make sure it is safe and secure. Studies have shown that a positive male role model can



have a unique impact on a child's development and their success in school. In fact, a male role model can even increase the likelihood that a child will graduate high school! At GPS, we have Watch DOGS signed up for nearly every day on the calendar until the end of the school year. If you are a father or father figure and are interested in being a part of this program, please call our office and we will help you sign up. Watch DOGS get their picture taken with their special student for the Watch DOGS wall of fame.

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THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

For the second six weeks, English I students studied dramatic literature. In the spirit of autumn, freshmen read the play version of Washington Irving's, *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. As a result, students were required to create a movie poster based on the play. Learners were graded on creativity, which included visuals, outstanding quotes, tag lines, and casting real celebrities as characters in the play, such as Matthew McConaughey as Ichabod Crane, and Scarlett Johansson as the fair Katrina. Students also wrote their own alternate ending. As a close to the six weeks, these artistic posters were displayed in the hallway outside their classrooms.

BRIGHT IDEAS IN SCIENCE

Fourth grade students are beaming with information about insulators, conductors and electrical currents. Mrs. Taylor's Math and Science class caused Weldon to "light up" with an experiment involving Christmas lights, a battery and various items around the classroom including M&M's, scissors, pencils and even human hair. The students created a circuit and tested the circuit with great success. The Science teachers in fourth grade are looking forward to creating more bright ideas for the students at Weldon.



MERGING



Thank you to our community, school board, and Superintendent for a successful merge of Broadway Elementary and Weldon Intermediate. Our newly constructed and updated campus provides our students with state-of-the-art technology that includes Smartboards in the classrooms and new iMac laptops. We couldn't be more proud!



HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

Primary students are learning about past and present traditions and holidays by celebrating with feasts and reading stories about the First Thanksgiving. During the month of December, students will experience hands-on learning activities.



LAWS OF MOTION

Mrs. Brown's 8th grade Science class conducted several experiments while studying the Laws of Motion. Students used everyday items such as balloons, balls on a track, toy cars and marbles to learn the various laws.

