

Frontier Village Brings History Alive for 5th Graders

Fifth grade went on an exciting field trip to Frontier Village and watched history come alive. Both Confederate and Union historical re-enactor troops were there to share with the students. As we moved from station to station, we were able to hear and see demonstrations of life for the common man and soldiers in the 1800s. We got to sit in a one room school house without the technology we have today. The students had a blast purchasing root beer in bottles from a tap and candy from vendors dressed in time-period clothing. At noon, we gathered at the Eisenhower statue for a Veterans Day Observance and a 21-gun salute.

Counselor's Corner

This year, like last year, the elementary school will again be in partnership with Grandma's Holiday Helpers with their "Blanket Drive." During the week right after the Thanksgiving holiday, November 28—December 2, we are asking that you donate blankets to help needy children and families in the area. Last year, we received over 100 blankets to help children and families stay warm during the winter. And like last year, the classroom donating the most blankets this year will be treated to a Pizza Party!

Student of the Month—November 2011

Our November Student of the Month is 3rd grader Hayden Thompson from Mrs. Adam's class. She would like to be introduced to the School Board by Mrs. Clark because "she is nice and she was my kindergarten teacher."

Hayden's hobbies include swimming, racing, skating, drawing, playing dress-up with her brother and writing stories.

Hayden's family members include her Nana, Papa, Grampa, Mom, Dad and brother.

Congratulations, Hayden!

November/December Dates to Remember

November

21-25—Thanksgiving Break

25—Cindy Howland Birthday

28—Back to School

28—Blanket Drive Begins

28—School Board Meeting 7:00

December

2—Blanket Drive Ends

2—Grades due—3rd 6 weeks Progress Reports

5—9 Santa's Workshop

5-16 Student Council's Crisis Center Stocking Drive

7—3rd 6 weeks Progress Reports go home

8—Christmas Choir Program:

MS Cafeteria

PK-2 @ 6:30pm/3rd-5th @ 7:30pm

16—Early Release

19-30 Winter Break/Students come back January 3.

PTO News:

Volunteers Needed for Santa's Workshop

Week of December 5—9

8—11:30 morning shifts

11:30—3:00 afternoon shifts

Contact/text 214-364-0149

Alyssa Mathes

Stephen Fite Concert

Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st grade took an exciting trip to see a Stephen Fite concert in Sulphur Springs. Stephen is a renown children's entertainer and musician. While at the concert, the kids had a "fantastic" time singing and dancing in the aisles. The classes enjoyed a picnic lunch in the park and played outside in the beautiful weather. A great time was had by all!

Tom Bean Elementary Receives Grant from Exxon Mobil/Kwik Check

Tom Bean Elementary has received a \$500 education grant from the good folks at McCraw Oil Company of Sherman and Kwik Check Food Stores, Inc. of Bonham. The \$500 was awarded by the Exxon/Mobil Education Alliance program and will go towards enhancing math and science instruction on the elementary campus. Approximately 4,000 schools were nominated but only 3,400 grants were awarded. A special "THANK YOU" goes out to Sherry Capehart of Kwik Check Food Stores, our local KC Foods and McCraw Oil Company for their support of our community and our kids!

Student Council Food Drive

The Tom Bean Elementary Student Council sponsored a food drive November 7—11 to benefit local area food pantries. These pantries feed several families in our community throughout the year. This year, Tom Bean Elementary students partnered up with students from the Middle School and High School. Together, a grand total of over 1,900 products were donated. Thank you for participating in this year's food drive!

First Baptist Church of Tom Bean, sponsored Mr. Glenn Little on November 9 at the Elementary School. Mr. Little presented the students many science experiments about the different states of matter concentrating on the element of gas.

Thank you First Baptist Church!

Great big thanks to our Elementary PTO!! Through their generous gift, the Elementary School purchased 18 new desktop computers for the teacher classrooms for student use.

Because of a deduction in technology funding, we would not have been able to replace these computers in our conversion process this year. These computers are used by the students to access different education software available to us through the internet.

THANKS PTO and Parents for all of your hard work and donations!

November Jr. Tomcats

Ashley Canania, Bryce Robinson, Kaylin Cripe, Ryan Hall, Caden Ford, Delaney Hemming, Kirklyn Smith, Fallon Clark, Kara Mathes, Emma Lowing, Riley Ford, Alexa Foy, Briana Yale, Katy Allen, Jacob Mathes, Alex Perdue, Lindsey Garner, Kirsten Duncan, Ellie Bailey, Chris Garrison, Brantly Flynn-Winters, Colby Jones, Lexi Williams, Kyleigh Oates

