

# School History:

## Enrollment

Kindergarten through fifth grade.

## Pupil/Teacher Ratio

Kindergarten - 17.5:1

First grade -22:1

Second grade - 20:1

Third grade - 20:1

Fourth grade -24:1

Fifth grade - 25:1

## School History

Fairview Elementary School opened in August, 1962 with an enrollment of 533 students in grades 1-8. The school was built to fill an existing need for a comprehensive consolidated elementary school in the western part of Williamson County. It united Triangle, New Hope, and Fairview Schools. In 1971, grades 7 and 8 were moved to the high school and in 1972, a Kindergarten program was implemented. Due to continued growth in the area, the 6th grade was transferred to Fairview Middle School in 1982 and the 5th grade in 1988. In August, 2000 Westwood Elementary School was opened due to increased enrollment. Fairview Elementary and Westwood Elementary shared their location until the new building for Westwood was completed and opened on January 5th, 2001.

## Community

Peaceful, quiet, convenient, and serene, are a few words to describe Fairview's small town atmosphere. Located in the vicinity of Nashville, Brentwood, Franklin, Dickson, and Spring Hill - we are a short commute to almost anywhere in middle Tennessee. Bowie Nature Park is the largest city operated park in the United States with a glorious 850 acres and numerous lakes to enjoy. Bicycling, horseback riding, fishing, running, and walking can be enjoyed every day of the year. The community raised over \$100,00 to build and construct the Treehouse Playground, which is handicap accessible, which is located near the entrance to the park. With the proposed I-840, Fairview expects to grow and prosper from the first exit on the interstate. The city and community are dedicated to monitor grow in order to retain our present small town atmosphere.

## Before/After School Care

YMCA Fun Company on-site

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

A formal conference schedule coincides with the first nine weeks report card. Additional conferences are held, by appointment, upon request.

## Parent Support Organization

Westwood Elementary has a very dedicated and active PTO. They promote Breakfast with Santa, Parent's Night Out, playground maintenance days,

among other things. The PTO is very active in assisting teachers, recognizing teacher efforts through National Teachers Week, National Education Week, and Teacher Appreciation Day. PTO meetings are held regularly throughout the school year with a large number of faculty present.

### **Special Programs**

WES is involved in the Accelerated Reader Program. Each year there is a school wide point challenge. Reading Recovery, a program sponsored by Title I, is offered to first graders. This is an individualized program that teaches students to become independent readers and writers. Junior Achievement, Destination Imagination, and Newspapers in Education are also offered to WES students.

### **Library/Media Center**

WES Library/Media Center is staffed by a library media specialist and a library assistant. An average of 430 students (K - 5th grade) visit the library each week. Our entire media center is computerized. Students are able to search for books and information on computer terminals. The AR program provides immediate feedback to our students. Our services include the following: scheduled and open check out times for all classes, storytelling, an annual book fair, video programs, encyclopedias, and internet access.

### **Academics**

WES, an accredited elementary school by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, currently has 23 classrooms for grades K-5, one , two Resource classrooms, two Reading Recovery classroom, a Reading Specialist, a shared Music teacher, a Library-Media Center, a Guidance Office, a shared Art teacher, a shared Spanish teacher, and a Gym for Physical Education classes. Education at WES focuses on meeting the needs of each individual child. The use of developmentally appropriate practices allow teachers to meet each child where they are and implement a growth plan for them.

### **Guidance**

We have a full time counselor. She meets regularly with each classroom to teach and reinforce skills such as group dynamics, problem solving, anger management, and self esteem. The counselor meets throughout the year with small groups addressing specific common concerns. The counselor is also available to work individually with students and to meet with and support parents and teachers.

### **Special Education Services**

We have a number of special education programs at Westwood Elementary. Our Extended Resource program provides consultation, inclusion, support help sessions, and full instruction in math, reading, and language arts. Students enrolled in our gifted program receive service within the regular education classroom with the help of our gifted consultant. Related services include speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy.

### **Fine Arts**

WES strongly believes that physical education is an essential component in the total development of all children. A certified, physical education teacher exposes students to many types of activities designed to increase each child's self-esteem, endurance, strength, coordination, and sportsmanship. WES participates in the Cooper Institute's FitnessGram program and tests students in grades 1st - 5th two times each year. There will be a WES jump rope team and a WES skills basketball exhibition team. During our jump rope unit students will participate in a school contest in January for the most consecutive jumps.

### **School Colors**

Blue and Red

### **School Mascot**

Tigers