

Congratulations! We made it to the end of the first full week of the 2022-23 school year! It has been an exciting week at Booth-Fickett. Thanks to all of you for making this possible.

As our week began there were a lot of kindergartners that were unsure about school. However, I am thrilled to report that by today most of them are excited to be big kids who are in school and learning. Most of them bring a snack every day and can eat that in the afternoon. We do have a few snacks available for students who have not eaten, so please email your teacher if you need a snack for your child. The first & second graders look like scholars as they navigate their day learning about social emotional issues, reading, writing, and mathematics. They are all participating in a music class, a computer class, and some time with Mr. Bennett. Technically, he is our behavioral specialist, but he is so much more than that. He manages lunchtime, playground time, and anything else that others are not able to support throughout his day.

Our intermediate scholars (3rd-5th) are working hard with more social emotional learning, music opportunities, mathematics, reading, and writing. We strive to meet every student where they are academically and emotionally. This week I saw the fifth graders politely greet me as I entered their classroom. The fourth graders were playing a fun game of sparkle, and the third graders (currently a large class) were working on kindness to one another.

Our middle school scholars started high school credit courses at Palo Verde High School this week. Nineteen students are taking Algebra or Geometry at PVHS every morning. Their parents are transporting them to PVHS and a school bus returns them to our campus after their classes. All of our students are encouraged to ask about honors or accelerated classes.

Middle school scholars also experienced their first assembly this week. The assembly highlighted some of our best talent with Mr. Jeff Sawyer's jokes and Mr. Al Albritton's singing. Students were even able to play with beach balls between speakers. Scholars showed school spirit and understanding of school rules as well as who to turn to when they need adult support.

As I finish our first full week as your building principal, I am happy to report that the best part of Booth-Fickett is your children. We love our scholars. We aim to move them higher in every aspect of their education. I hope to meet you at the PTO event at Peter Piper Pizza on Wednesday, August 17th from 4pm to 7pm. (I understand the homeroom with the most families participating will earn a pizza party.)

Warmly,

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