

Thursday, April 23, 2009

Dear Dr. Eli Whitney,

Enclosed you will find 5th grade student and teacher reactions to the Randolph AFB field trip on Wed. April 22. Talk about getting fired up to do well in school, gain self discipline, and the accountability...the Randolph AFB trip did it! The students have been improving in academics, attendance, completing homework, and most are thinking about their future. This is a first for Five Palms students! The teachers and I are just as excited with the students' reactions toward the fieldtrips provided by you, Dr. Whitney and your program GAMER/MOST.

Enclosed you will find more student reflection on yesterday's Randolph AFB fieldtrip.

When Mr. Hoppes and Mr. Bruce Baker first came to address the faculty at Five Palms Elementary I spoke to them after the meeting and shared the current district assessment results. I have constructed a data grid to show what your wonderful life saving program has done for Five Palms.

	Before MOST	After joining MOST
Attendance		
5th Grade	93%	96% Overall
4th Grade	94%	
3rd Grade	94%	
Reading		
	District Assessments # 1	Assessments
5th Grade	21 % pass	
4th Grade	18 % passed	district test - 70 % passed
3rd Grade	27 % passed	64 % passed TAKS
Math		
5th Grade	24 % passed	
4th Grade	15 % passed	district test - 80 % passed
3rd Grade	1 % passed	66 % passed TAKS
Homework		
5th Grade	20 % turned in	90%
4th Grade	50 % turned in	90%
3rd Grade	25 % turned in	75%
Behavior		
5th Grade	discipline reports 20 a day	2 or 3 a week
4th Grade	discipline reports 7 a day	3 or 4 a week
3rd Grade	discipline reports 10 a day	2 or 3 a week

The staff at Five Palms, Student Body and I can not thank you enough for bringing to reality what a program that truly motivates students to accept responsibility for his/her future. If only the government would invest into your program, the GAMER, by granting funds with a stimulus packet, that would solve many future problems in our economy and society. I pray that you and your committee will find the support needed to keep this wonderful program for students going.

Five Palms will continue to keep you informed on our progress.

Sincerely, Ms. Pineda – Interim Principal

Ms. Liz C. Pineda