



Rural

West Tallahatchie School District: Webb, MS

West Tallahatchie School District, located in northwest Mississippi, is one of our state's most rural districts. Tallahatchie County has 14,394 residents living within 644 square miles. The main industry in the District is agriculture. Our student population is 99% African American and 1% Hispanic. Over 98% of the students district wide receive free or reduced lunch.

This past summer, we proudly served over 13,710 students and community people breakfast and lunch during June and 8,944 during July. We provided transportation each day to and from the various communities located within our District. We converted an old bus into a mobile reading lab and provided a mobile literacy program that traveled and provided books and technology to students and their families that were being served in our

cafeterias each day. Students were able to check out books, practice reading, take Accelerated Reader quizzes on laptop computers, and were given time to read before and after being served breakfast or lunch. We posted book stands in the cafeteria, and kept our libraries opened to accommodate potential readers. This motivated students to attend everyday to get a nutritious meal and at the same time increase their reading levels to become higher achieving students in the classroom.

When asked how they enjoyed the summer feeding and reading program, students responded by saying the food was delicious and the opportunity to read books was invigorating. They knew that by reading during the summer that it would create better success in school.

The literacy staff developed a photo exhibit and made a video of students and parents participating in the mobile literacy program.

A collaborative effort by West Tallahatchie School District, Title I, and the Summer Food Service Program provided nutritious meals and an educational opportunity that was rewarding and healthy.



Food that's in when school is out.



Photos of West
Tallahatchie
School District

