Paris Elementary Students Get Physical

The physical education curriculum at Paris Elementary School is getting bigger and better thanks to three amazing grants.

Paris was named one of only 34 schools across the country as an NFL PLAY 60 Super School. As part of the recognition, students recently spent a morning with Denver Broncos linebacker Von Miller and running back Willis McGahee. The pair led the group in fitness activities and exercises and presented the school with a $10,000 NFL PLAY 60 grant for health and wellness programming or equipment.

“It’s always good to give back when you have the opportunity to… and have an impact on their lives,” McGahee said.

“This will be a day the kids will remember for the rest of their lives,” Paris physical education teacher C.J. Cain said.

In conjunction with the NFL PLAY 60 campaign, Proctor & Gamble presented Paris with an additional $1,000 on behalf of a school parent who has excelled in helping students stay active and healthy.

Paris also received $20,000 from the APS 21st Century Technology and Learning Grant Initiative, which is currently funding the HOPSports, Inc. program at the school. The program is a global health and wellness network reaching classrooms, schools, homes, workplaces and community centers. It uses a digital platform to combine physical activity, education and entertainment.

“Enhancing visual learning for our students is so important,” Cain said. “This will help push us into a new physical education philosophy.”

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