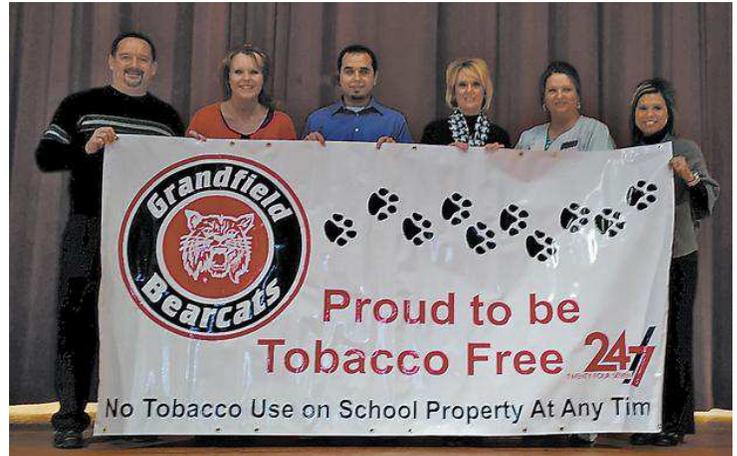


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Grandfield enacts tobacco-free policy

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GRANDFIELD A new 24/7 Tobacco Free policy has been enacted by Grandfield Public Schools to prohibit smoking or other use of tobacco products in order to improve the health and quality of life for its students.

Under the new policy recently approved by school trustees, tobacco use of any kind on school property is prohibited 24 hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days a year.

Nathan McGee, coordinator for the Red River Tobacco Education Consortium, said it is important to have policies that prohibit tobacco use at schools because over 90 percent of current adult tobacco users started at or before the age of 18.

"Grandfield has taken a big step in improving the health and quality of life for the future of their youth," he said. "The tobacco industry targets youth through clever ad campaigns, price reductions, and by strategically placing cigarettes in the hands of movie stars. Tobacco use is the number one preventable cause of death and disease in the United States and yet every 90 minutes a child becomes addicted to tobacco in Oklahoma. The Red River Tobacco Education Consortium wants to thank the Grandfield School District for passing this policy and protecting the youth of Tillman County."