

Mineola Elementary School
School Board Report
December 2013

1. Third Grade highlights include writing connections to authors and illustrators and problem solving with geometry including symmetry, congruency, and dimension.
2. Fourth Grade integrated Reader Responses and Writing Conferences.
3. Fifth Grade special math project included creating a musical band using criteria based on equivalent fractions. Students incorporated collaboration, problem solving and technology to complete the task.
4. The UIL Competition was hosted by Mineola Elementary School on December 3rd. Eleven students placed in 24 events, which included two first place awards for speaking events. On December 5th, sixty-two students traveled to Brownsboro for the remaining events. Overall grade level results: third grade placed first, fourth grade ranked fourth, and fifth grade earned second place. Six school districts competed.
5. Bully/Bystander Awareness assembly for fifth graders was held on December 9.
6. DARE Graduation was held on Tuesday December 10th with all fifth graders completing the requirements.
7. The annual Christmas Sleepover was scheduled for December 13 with approximately 120 students attending and all teachers participating in the event.
8. Elementary Newspaper is publishing the third issue of the Mineola News and Times.
9. Robotics teams competed in Kilgore at Region VII on December 13. Results are not yet available.
10. Kids University students are communicating with schools in New Jersey, Pakistan, India, China and Russia via e.Pals and mail. They are researching holiday traditions at school and in their community.
11. Parental involvement opportunities include weekly ESL day-classes three days a week and Super Dad's meetings on Tuesdays. Barbara Dorsey of Republican Women of Wood County visited the campus with a donation of books. PAC members are researching activities to enhance and extend student involvement.
12. D.E.A.R. Week is scheduled for December 16 – 19. "Celebrity" readers from the community will read to students throughout the week.
13. The Magic Science Cart was scheduled to tour and demonstrate science concepts related to the environment. The cart is presented by high school teacher Joyce Williams's Environmental Science classes.
14. Teacher initiatives included a webinar presented by TEPSA and hosted by Mrs. Everett during lunchtime. The webinar presented information on improving critical thinking on the campus.

15. Professional Library for teachers and staff has been launched with eight new titles added in November. Teachers are initiating the method of assimilating the information to the campus as a whole.
16. Technology in the form of Apple TV is now fully functioning in all classrooms.