

Mineola Elementary School  
School Board Report  
December 2014

1. Mineola Elementary School hosted their Thanksgiving feast on Thursday November 20<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 125 parents signed in to enjoy the meal.
2. Amber Johnston, Region VII consultant completed her final day of training with teachers on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The final session focused on questioning strategies and comprehension instruction.
3. Gayle Fuller, from Step Up to the TEKS met with all math teachers to discuss the alignment of new TEKS, provide strategies, and focus on math literacy.
4. Professional Learning Communities met with Dr. Eberling from UT Tyler. The focus of the session was English as a Second Language and accelerating vocabulary. She provided small changes that can make a difference to ELL students.
5. Caring and Sharing picked up 1,957 cans from Mineola Elementary.
6. K-Kids participated in the Christmas parade by entering a float in the festivities.
7. UIL team practices are in full swing as students prepare for their competition on January 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.
8. D.A.R.E. Graduation for fifth graders is scheduled for Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30.
9. Nominations for Gifted and Talented are open. Teachers or parents are welcome to recommend a child for this program.
10. The latest copy of the school newspaper is out. The quality of student writing is reflective of the instruction in the classroom.
11. The Mineola High School Choir and the Elementary School Choir performed for MES during morning assembly. The Elementary choir will perform at Community Bank on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.
12. Rachel Hulse, East Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (ETCADA), began small group sessions that focus on personal strengths, appropriate expression of feelings and anger, healthy everyday choices/consequences, resisting negative peer pressure, goal setting and healthy relationships.
13. The Robotics team received a 4<sup>th</sup> place in Engineering and Design and 9<sup>th</sup> place in Arena Run.
14. Mr. Smith from Kiwanis, known to MES as Dr. Science, presented a lesson on electricity and currents to fourth graders. He will be a guest in several other science classes this month.
15. Coach Drennon, Noah Sneed and Cameron Sorenson visited MES and talked to student about goals and “the next play”.