

BOARD REPORT

Mineola High School

March 2014

- **Robotics** – The robotics team competed on March 1. The team of Carmen Suarez, Kayley Lantrip, and Patrick Prince placed third in the invention category and will go on to compete at the State level in Houston on April 12.
- **Business Professionals of America** – We had two students place at the regional level. They participated in the State competition in Houston the week of March 3. Those students are Amanda Moses and Sparkle Dennis.
- **Anchor Club** – The club attended the State convention in February. Emily Wilkerson was selected as the State President and Mrs. Abbott was named the State Advisor of the Year. The MHS club was named as the Outstanding Club in the State for 2013. Emily and one other member, as well as Mrs. Abbott, will be attending the international convention in Chicago in July.
- **FCCLA** – The Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America organization competed at the regional level on March 1 in Irving. Tristan Mosher won first place in Entrepreneurship and Hannah Backer and Kayley Lantrip won 2nd place in National Programs in Action. These students, along with Mrs. Patty Hawkins, will be competing at the State competition in Corpus Christi in April. Stacy Melo was also elected as Region III Vice President of Programs.
- **Spring Sports** – Tennis, track, baseball and softball are all preparing for district play and doing well. Baseball and softball have had three straight tournaments over the past three weeks.
- **Vision** – In one of the best and most energetic faculty meetings this year, the faculty and staff of MHS developed a new vision for our campus. As we begin the process of changing and improving what we do here at MHS, we felt like we needed a guiding vision or goal to focus on. Here is the vision that we created together: ***"The VISION of Mineola High School is to create a safe, disciplined learning culture that will nurture, engage, and challenge students so that they are excited life-long learners and leaders."***
- **Committees** – Every staff member at MHS has been assigned to a campus improvement committee specializing in specific areas. Each committee has been given a detailed agenda to study, research and develop plans for change. Our goal is to study everything that we do at the high school to see if it fits in with our vision. Every single teacher turned in their "bus ticket" to ride the bus for change at MHS. It is a very exciting time!
- **Benchmark Testing** – We administered the last of the benchmark tests for the school year. We will be reviewing the data from the benchmark tests to determine and develop instruction and remediation leading up to the State assessments. The first EOC tests will be English at the end of March.
- **Guest Speakers** – We have two guest speakers coming to our school in the next two months. Sean Carter will be here on March 17, and Christian Moore

will be here on May 2. Both of these men are motivational speakers. The middle school will join us on March 17.

- **FAFSA Night** – On March 6, we had our annual FAFSA night so that senior parents could come to get help with filing their FAFSA for financial aide and scholarships. TJC representatives were on hand to give information about financial aide and help parents through the process. We had over 20 people in attendance.
- **UIL** – UIL speaking events competition will be on March 19. Academic competitions will be March 21, and One Act Play will be March 28.
- **Blood Drives** – We have two blood drives scheduled for the Spring. The first is March 21 and the second is May 16. Carter Blood Center will sponsor the blood drives. Seniors who donate will be given a red cord to wear at graduation.
- **Teacher of the Year** – The staff of MHS overwhelmingly voted Mr. Jerald Cameron as their choice for Teacher of the Year for 2013/14.