

Mineola Elementary School
BOARD REPORT
December, 2012

- **Pennies For Patients** – This year, our students participated in a fundraiser for children with cancer. The program is nationwide, and raises money to help those children and their families. Our students brought in loose change every day for two weeks, and at the end of that time, our students had raised over \$1,300. The organization paid for the class that raised the most money to go to Pizza Hut to celebrate.
- **Drop Everything and Read** – This annual event was held the week of December 3. All week long we had parents and high school students come in as guest readers to read to our students. We would also announce several times a day to “drop everything and read.” This event reinforced the joy and importance of reading for our students.
- **Power For Life Assembly** – This character building assembly was presented on December 4 by the Power for Life team of power-lifters. They demonstrated mind-blowing feats of strength for our students, while talking to them about making great choices.
- **Staff Christmas Party** – On December 6, we held our staff Christmas party at Ange Everett’s house. We had over 30 staff members and their spouses in attendance. This is always a great time of fun and fellowship for our staff.
- **Christmas Sleep-over** – On the night of Friday, December 7, we held our annual Christmas sleep-over event to raise money for our Student Activity Fund. This year, we had 130 students attend the event, which raised over \$3,000 for our fund. The students look forward to this event every year.
- **D.A.R.E. Graduation** – This is the culminating event for our drug, alcohol and bullying awareness program for fifth grade students. This program is sponsored by the Mineola Police Department and Captain Jack Newman. Graduation was held in the multi-purpose building on December 14. At the end of the ceremony, the police department gave away new bicycles for the boys and girl who won the essay contest.
- **Caring and Sharing** – Our students participated in bringing canned food items for the annual food drive. Our students brought over 1500 food items to help feed needy families in our community.
- **After-school** – We are currently in the process of determining which of our students will need to attend after-school. The program will begin on Tuesday, January 15. Students will attend on Tuesdays and Thursdays until the STAAR test. Some of our after-school students will participate in a pilot program using both a reading and a math computer based assessment and instruction program.
- **Mid-year Benchmarks** – After Christmas break, we will begin our mid-year benchmark testing to evaluate where our students are performing academically. We will meet to plan the second semester of instruction after all of the data is assessed.