

Mineola Middle School
Board of Trustees Report
May 2015

Enrollment – 350

We are proud to announce that the robotics teams were very successful at the **Region VII Robotics Competition** on Tuesday, May 12th. Out of 108 teams from across our region, including Longview Middle School teams, an 8th grade team of Gavin Leeman and Spencer Rhodes brought home the **1st place trophy** in the arena portion of the competition. A sixth grade team of Jonah Fischer, Valerie Garcia, and Emmitt Brown placed **5th** overall. Also, a sixth grade team consisting of Nathan Rojas, Sarah Arcand, Levi Bowden, and Ramiro Mata brought home the **1st place trophy** for the Engineering Judge's Choice award which was based on the design of their robot.

MMS Coaches include Teresa Crume, Julie Heard, and Kara Ledkins.

The **6th grade math** team is in the middle of a PBL assignment. The project began with a trip to Caldwell Zoo where students conducted observations and attended education classes covering the design of zoo enclosures conducted by zoo employees. Students were then given the assignment to design a zoo consisting of 5 zoo enclosures and produce the blueprints and budget sheets for the enclosures that are composite figures using a variety of shapes that meet minimum and maximum requirements. The 6th grade designers were required to calculate the cost of ground covering (rock or grass) and fence. Students will also produce a map of their complete zoo design using the scale $.5 \text{ cm} = 2 \text{ yards}$. Students will then complete a budget sheet to purchase animals that are on sale at various percentages off. This requires students to find the new sale price of the animals and determine if their selection of animals are within their budget. Students will present their final project as well as a final budget

sheet that will cover the cost of the entire zoo. (Bonnie Garrett – Beth Godair)

In the midst of their 10th and final PBL, **6th grade Science** students have been researching the physical and chemical properties of the first 20 elements on the periodic table. They are using the information to create a 3D model of a comic book character based on the attributes of their chosen element. Then they are working within a group to write a story about their element characters. The story and models will be used to create into an electronic illustrated story using the Strip Designer App on iPads. Final productions of the stories will be presented to Elementary school students. (Susan Witt)

The **MMS Student Council** just finished their 1st Pennies for Patients Campaign for Leukemia and Lymphoma research. The campaign consisted of a week of fund raising events ending in a total of \$1,115.82 collected. Four classes collected over \$100 and 7 classes collected over \$50. Next week they are sponsoring A Week of Wellness. Each day will feature activities that correspond with the pillars of wellness: Economic wellness-interest inventory and career exploration, Environmental wellness-launch of district wide recycling program, Nutritional wellness-healthy foods game, mental wellness-relaxation and positive stress relief, Social wellness-friend grams.

On Friday, May 15th, the middle school bands went to Canton to their annual Band Contest/ Splash Kingdom outing.

On Friday, May 22nd, Mineola Middle School will be hosting our annual 8th grade luau @ 6:00 in the MMS commons area.

Tuesday, May 26th, our 8th graders/parents will meet with administration and counselors from the High School to go over class options for incoming freshman.

Wednesday, May 27th, 8th grade student will visit the High School for their annual orientation.

The MMS awards assembly will be on Thursday, May 28th beginning at 1:30pm.