

## **Sunray Middle School**

### **Principal's Report**

**February 13, 2017**

#### ➤ **Winter Benchmark Tests and STAAR Practice Tests**

All students in grades 5-8 have completed the midyear/winter Star 360 benchmark tests in Reading and Math. This assessment measures the progress made by students since the beginning of the year, identifies their strengths and weaknesses, and predicts the outcome of the STAAR tests. Teachers in our core classes have administered the released STAAR tests to their students, also. The data from these two assessments helps teachers know where the emphasis and focus must be for the after-school tutorials as well as in daily instruction for whole classes.

#### ➤ **Valentine's Dance**

We had our annual Valentine Dance on February 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-10:30. It was a somewhat smaller crowd than last year's, but the students that did show up had a great time. Total amount raised and where the proceeds are going will be reported in March.

#### ➤ **NJHS Induction**

We will be having the induction of our new members into the National Junior Honor Society on Monday, February 20, 2017. It looks as though the numbers of new members will be down from last year. I will give a full report of the names of the inductees on the next board report.

Requirements for the nominees are a 90% average in core classes for the last three semesters as well as the student must have attended school in Sunray for at least one full semester. Student names are placed on a ballot and are then appraised by teachers in the areas of character, service, citizenship, and scholarship.