

Mineola Elementary School
BOARD REPORT
November, 2012

- **October 23** – We had our first Family Science Night, and it was a great success. Families were able to visit different rooms and participate in a variety of science experiments. They had a lot of fun, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. We had over 500 people attend the event.
- **October 24** – Doc Deason, the weatherman, came to speak to our third grade students as part of their study on weather. He did a great job relating weather to the kids, and he brought a fun video for them to watch also.
- **October 25** – The fifth graders took a field trip to UT Tyler. The university always puts on a great and informative program for our students. They got a chance to ask questions and learn about the possibility of attending college and what they can expect. They were also taken on a tour of the entire university.
- We are in the process of conducting teacher evaluations. Our teachers are really working hard to create learning experiences for our students. They are incorporating higher level thinking activities and technology, as well as trying to relate all new learning in ways that our students can apply to in their everyday lives. We have some really fine teachers, and they are committed to providing a quality learning experience for all of our students.
- **November 12** – Veteran’s Day program at the high school gym. All of the elementary students and staff attended. Our students wrote essays about veterans, as well as creating a Wall of Honor to display relatives who have served, or are serving in the military.
- **November 13** – The cafeteria sponsored our annual Thanksgiving feast. We always have quite a few parents and family members purchase meals and come to eat with their children.
- **November 16** – We had our first BUG awards to honor students who improved their grade in any subject by at least two points from one six weeks to the next. This is sponsored by the Kiwanis of Mineola.
- **December 3-5** – Drop Everything and Read Week. We have guests come up to the school all week long to read to our classes and we announce periodically throughout each day for students to “drop everything and read” for 5 minutes. This fun week emphasizes the joy of reading for our students.
- **December 4** – Power for Life assembly. This character building assembly will use body building and feats of strength to teach character and good choices to our students.
- **December 7** – We will hold our annual Christmas Sleepover fundraising event. This is a big highlight for our students every year, and one of our major fundraisers for our Student Activity Fund.
- **December 14** – 2:00 p.m. DARE graduation. Our fifth graders will celebrate the end of the ten week drug, alcohol and bullying awareness program taught by the Mineola Police Department.