

To: AISD Board of Trustees
Dr. James Monaco, Superintendent

From: Mr. Jeff Mulkey, Principal, Aubrey High School

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Subject: Board Communication

FCCLA - Sharon Pelzel

Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness:

Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness students investigated the results of diet-related health risks, such as osteoporosis, heart attacks, gout, diabetes, etc. Students also researched eating disorders, especially anorexia, bulimia, binge eating disorder, and obesity. Students will be studying the digestion process in the next grading period.

Human Growth and Development:

Students in Human Growth and Development took a look "in the mirror." They completed their study of all the different types of growth in adolescence. They researched the ways in which the family influences adolescent development and guidance techniques for their age. They will begin their study of the 20-40 year-old age span next.

Interior Design:

Interior Design students have been learning from the experts. Local realtor, Michelle Scribner, has given the students invaluable information about their housing dollar. They looked at real rent versus buying scenarios and took a field trip to local rental and for sale properties. She guided them with tips whether they are renting or buying.

Another hands-on, service-learning project was led by local do-it-yourself expert, Robin Davis. Each student designed a small wooden project that will be donated to the Aubrey Education Foundation Gala. Mrs. Davis taught them painting and texturing techniques as well as other finishing techniques they can use in a home application.

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America:

- Four FCCLA State-qualifying STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) teams will compete at the State FCCLA Leadership Conference, April 11-13, at the Sheraton Downtown Dallas Hotel. Seventeen local chapter members will be attending the event. The State qualifiers are:
 - Promote and Publicize FCCLA!: Amy Miller, Melani Rebolledo, Stephanie Soto
 - Chapter Showcase Manual: Ana DeLeon, Maria Lopez, Elena Velez

- Chapter Showcase Display: Alexa Beaty, Kelly Woodley
- Chapter Service Manual: Bailee Clemmer, Shelby Saxon, Kendyl Wright
- FCCLA Member, Shelby Saxon, qualified and will be performing with seven other FCCLA'ers from throughout the State in the FCCLA's Got Talent in the first general session of the State Meeting.

Science – Penny Wimbrough

Chemistry/PreAP - We completed our unit on Thermochemistry were students determined the number of calories in a chesse puff and discovered how heat is transferred. We will be starting our unit on Nuclear Chemistry next week.
AP Chemistry - We just finished up our unit on Acids/Base Equilibrium. Students completed a lab investigating indicators and the proper selection of an indicator for various titrations. We are now starting electrochemistry.

Anatomy & Physiology: We have just finished our unit on the respiratory system. Thanks to the AEF grant we were able to use our new Lab Quest 2s with or probes to measure the amount of oxygen used under various circumstances. This week we will complete the mink dissection and move on to the digestive system,

Pre-AP Biology: They have just finished their Bacteria/Virus project. This project included them selecting a bacteria or virus; doing research on it and then presenting a power point of their findings to the class. They will now move on to invertebrate animals which will include the picklus autopsy activity. During this activity they autopsy a pickle and describe the autopsy as if the pickle were a real invertebrate animal (Picklus domesticus).

Biology: We are just beginning their Plant Unit. During this unit they will germinate and grow corn and pea seeds. When the seedlings are grown they investigate the effect of various amounts of light on the growth rate of the seedlings.

Physics: is looking forward to and planning to attend the Physics day at Six Flags this year. They will get to take measurements and physics in action on the rides.

Cheer – Sharon Clemmer

The cheerleaders just finished a candles and cookie dough fundraiser to help offset the cost of cheer camp. We are practicing on Monday nights in addition to our time in cheer class in preparation for camp and football season.

UIL – Edgar Jackson

The Aubrey High School UIL Academics program had a strong showing at its district competition, finishing 2nd in overall points.

We are also proud to send 15 students in 8 different events to the regional contest in Commerce, TX next Friday and Saturday.

We are proud of the overall performance of the entire team this year, and we look forward to continued success.

Student Council – Brandee Gallagher

Last weekend was the Aubrey High School Prom. The venue was beautiful and a good time was had by all! The prom committee, headed up by Tracy Chauncey and Amber Slaughenaupt, did a fabulous job and certainly deserve recognition for their efforts. The Student Council helped the Prom Committee by doing the nominations and voting for Prom King and Queen. We did paper nominations, but then used Survey Monkey to do the actual voting. It worked very well and is something we want to use in future voting situations.

This coming Thursday, April 11, is the spring Carter Bloodcare Blood Drive from 8:30-2:45 in the auxiliary gym. We anticipate 70 plus people to donate and hope for 20 units of double reds to be collected. Each person donating can save up to three lives. So we have the opportunity to make a huge impact!

To wrap up the 2012-2013 school year, Aubrey High School Student Council will be accepting nominations for new 2013-2014 Class Officers. And after school informational meeting will be held Friday, April 19 for those interested in running for positions, and the voting for officers will take place May 17 during class meetings.

Spanish Club – Brandee Gallagher

Our March Spanish Club meeting was a great success. We had chili pepper races (plastic chili peppers), did blind folded chili pepper art and had a great time all around.

The kids have decided that they would like for the entire club to have the opportunity to go to dinner together in lieu of having an April meeting. We are considering Garibaldi's in Denton as it offers both Mexican and Peruvian dishes and it is close enough for parents to bring their kids without too much travel. Parents will also be invited to share dinner with us, and each person will pay for their own meal. Information/ permission slips will go home next week to parents, but we think it will be a fun time for the kids.

English – Dawn Dooley

English I- 6th 6-weeks

Reading: Finish *Great Expectations*

Vocabulary: Words from *Great Expectations*

Grammar: Parallelism, Active and Passive voice, Who vs. Whom

Writing: Finish cooking scripts and present to class

Eng. II/Pre-AP

Students are continuing our study of SAT vocabulary. We are using various proofreading marks to edit our work, as well as reviewing different elements of grammar. We are finishing the year with a study of Shakespeare's play, *Julius Caesar*.

English III Board Notes:

Literature- finish *The Great Gatsby*

Non-fiction, career-based

Vocabulary- from *The Great Gatsby*

Writing- write character analysis for *Gatsby*, write research paper over career interest, MLA format with works cited page; also write letter of interest to employer

Theatre Arts – Joseph Dassinger

High School One-Act Play

The UIL One-Act Play advanced from District and will be competing at Area at Wilmer-Hutchins High School in Dallas, TX on April 13, 2013 at 7:00 PM. While at district we also came home with several awards including: Best Actress: Baylee Friday, All-Star Cast: Maggie McCullough, Honorable Mention All-star Cast: Erin Mears and Taylor Hood, and Best Lighting Design: Daisy Ibarra. The cast and crew have been working very hard over the past three weeks and are ready for the UIL One-Act Play Area Contest.

Drama Club

Currently in Drama Club we are getting for the end of the year and next year.

Theatre I

Students are finishing up two person scenes and then will be starting stage combat scenes.

Theatre II/III

Theatre II and Theatre III students are still currently working on a Children's Play that they will be performing at the elementary schools and possibly the middle school in May.

Technical Theatre I/II

Students are currently working on a group scene project.

Middle School Theatre

Students are finishing up two person scenes and then will be starting a class play.

AG and FFA – Tracy Yarbrough

Our FFA Farm Business Management team placed 6th in our Area contest at Texas A&M Commerce. They were one place out of qualifying for state. We are the alternate team to go if anyone drops out. Emma Kennedy was 7th high individual of the contest.

Art – Jo Gifford

Art 1 students are competing in the 4th annual Vans Custom Culture shoe design contest. Students started the design process at the end of January, designing shoes for the contest themes: local flavor, music, art, & action sports. In February, students participated in group critiques to narrow down the designs. Once the designs were chosen for each category, the designers were notified and artwork began on the actual Vans Shoes. Designers/Artists were Eduardo Antonio, Miguel Antonio, and Donovan McGuire with artwork assistance from Marco San Miguel. On April 4th, shoes were photographed and submitted for entry. On April 22, the top 50 entries in the nation will be announced and voting will open to the public. After the public vote closes, the top 5 finalists will fly to New York where the grand prize winner is to be announced. The winning school will receive \$20,000 for their school's art program.

www.vanscustomculture.com

Social Studies – Shon Ranton

World Geography is in South Asia, and soon to move on to East Asia. All the while preparing for the STAAR test.

