

Mineola Elementary School
School Board Report
October 2014

1. Mineola Elementary School hosted Report Card Pick-Up and Parent Conferences on October 13, where 292 students were represented by one or more parents.
2. Science teachers are co-teaching as a way to implement science simulations and explorations. This month they held a CSI investigation.
3. Teachers attended the Kemah Writing Training and are now implementing the process in grades three through five. Amber Johnston, Region VII consultant will work with teachers on the process.
4. Daily 5 update: During the first six weeks, teachers introduced the 5 parts of Daily 5 and worked on building stamina. Small group instruction and goal setting are introduced next along with comprehension objectives.
5. Kids University is involved in an Inquiry Based Project about Mineola and Mineola Independent School District. The product includes flyers and brochures for use in the school office as well as other key visitor locations.
6. Professional Learning Communities meet on Wednesdays to collaborate and study the campus needs, goals and objectives. In October the focus will be designing novel studies that incorporate writing and reading TEKS. Teachers will include these during Daily 5 Reading time. Math teachers continue aligning the new TEKS, incorporating hands-on activities, and problem solving templates.
7. Robotics students are designing and programming their robots to perform tasks on their arena board. Competition is scheduled at Region VII on October 18th.
8. K-Kids received their Kiwanis banner and have it hanging in the school gym.
9. UIL team practices are in full swing as students prepare for their competition on January 15th and 17th.
10. BAM Comic Book Club is a new student initiated, student led club sponsored by Mrs. McKinney. A small group of fifth graders wrote a proposal and sent a representative to pitch their idea. They completed all requirements including finding a sponsor. The group has created a Mineola Elementary super hero called Titanium Buzz with an iron stinger, which gathers strength from MES student spirit. His story will be published in the next issue of our school newspaper. There are 15 members of this new club.
11. Chess Club is another new organization on campus, which meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Joseph Armstrong is the sponsor. The club is open to beginners and “experts”. Attendance includes 16 excited boys and girls. Students will have the opportunity to compete in a UIL event.
12. Music students collaborated to write a special song for grandparents, which they performed during an assembly.
13. Rope Trick students are practicing four days a week with Coach Johnson in preparation for local performances.

14. Fifth graders are attending a tour of UT Tyler on October 16th. Students will hear about how to get into college, tour the facility, learn about study skills, and eat lunch in the college cafeteria. They will have an opportunity to purchase college shirts as well.
15. Tosha Sneed and Sabrina Dean from Smith County Juvenile Probation, presented an awareness program about making positive choices.
16. The Library hosted the Scholastic Book Fair. Students invited parents and grandparents for breakfast or lunch, and then shop at the book fair. Profits from the fair totaled \$1,184.80.