

To: AISD Board of Trustees
Mrs. Debby Sanders, Superintendent

From: Dr. Shannon Saylor, Principal

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Subject: Board Communication

Family and Consumer Science & FCCLA – Ashely McIlravy

Courses:

Human Growth and Development – Students are learning about the physical, emotional, intellectual, and social development of school-age children and adolescents.

Dollars and Sense – Students in this course are continuing the unit on credit cards, bankruptcy, and learning about major purchases and the cost of them to their credit.

Fashion Design – In this course, students began their first major sewing project.

Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness – Students in this course learned how to prepare healthy snacks for different age groups as well as covering the prevention of many health concerns through diet and exercise.

Interior Design – Students in this course are learning about accessories and began their final design project.

FCCLA:

State Meeting – 10 FCCLA members will be representing the Aubrey FCCLA chapter through STAR Events and Kelly will complete her duties as Region II VP of Achievement.

Youth Fair – We had 40 entries representing Aubrey FCCLA. 2 of our students were chosen best of class in the Foods Division and were in the silent auction held Saturday, March 28. Alex Lloyd sold her cupcakes for \$250 and Madelynn Juliette sold her brownies for \$260.

English – Dooley

English I

In English I, we have just finished *The Giver*. The students have major projects due over the book due on May 15th. We will then do a business writing unit. I want to concentrate on resume writing, cover letter writing, job searching, interview (etiquette, clothing, responses to common

questions), post-interview etiquette (thank you notes, following up), and job etiquette. The business writing unit will finish up our year.

Pre AP English I

In English I Pre-AP, the students are still reading *1984*. I plan to finish it the week of 5/11. The students have been assigned projects to go along with *1984* which are due on May 18th. The Pre-AP students will also be doing a business writing unit to close out the year, focusing on the same things as English I.

English II

English II just completed a unit over *Animal Farm*. Not only was the story entertaining, the history and politics generated much discussion. We are currently reading *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare. It's fun and lighthearted, yet still challenging regarding vocabulary, themes, symbols, and motifs. Students are enjoying reading the funnier parts in character.

English III

- **The Great Gatsby* Reader Response Journal
- **The Great Gatsby* Final Test
- **The Great Gatsby* character and collage project

AP Literature and Composition

- *Review for AP Test
- *Satire Project
- *Final Character Collage

Math – Marissa Cabrales

Algebra 1 - With STAAR testing completed we will have one more unit to cover. This unit will involve simplifying square roots and solving equations with square roots in them.

Tracie Zatopek
Algebra I & Algebra III Teacher

Geometry: We are wrapping up our study of three-dimensional solids so we are almost completed with the course. We will be finishing by Monday 5/11 and will be in assessment mode for the last unit next during the rest of that week. We will be reviewing for the final exam during the week of 5/18.

AP Calculus: With the completion of our study of solids of revolution, the course is complete. We are about to commence with a review for the final exam.

Gregory Lortz

Algebra 2: Rational Functions

Algebra 3: Matrices

Math Models: Exponential and Logarithmic Functions

Tasha Bass

HS Math

We are all busy getting our students for the end of the year with End of Course tests, AP exams, Final Exams and also preparing them for the upcoming math course. My Algebra 2 classes are continuing their study on rational functions. The Pre-Calculus classes have been studying systems of equations and linear programming. The problems they have been working on have real world applications to supply and demand. They are determining constraints and finding the consumer surplus, producer surplus and maximum and minimum values. Through these problems they have been able to find the optimal profit and optimal cost.

We would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

Have a great summer,

Marissa Cabrales

Theatre – Joseph Dassinger

-Advanced Theatre II/III class is performing their children's play, Sweet Dreams, which they wrote for the Monaco and Brockett Elementary this Wednesday May 13 and Thursday May 14 at 2:00 pm.

-On Friday May 22 the Jr. High One-Act Play will be having their last public performance of their One-Act play, the Ash Girl, at 7:00 pm.

-We are currently looking at Tuesday May 26, The High School, UIL One-Act plays final performance of, Afterlife: A Ghost Story.

Science – Mrs. Wimbrough

Rouk

Physics

Pre-AP and regular physics classes will be entering our study of atomic, nuclear and quantum physics. This unit serves as an opportunity to not only learn something new, but review, compare and contrast ideas from the entire year.

Hulsey

Biology: Completing animal body systems unit and moving into human body systems.

Pre-AP Chemistry: Studying nuclear chemistry within the context of nuclear fission, fusion, alpha and beta decay and nuclear half-lives.

Environmental: Completing unit on renewable and nonrenewable energy by student lead modeling of resource extraction and integration into the electrical grid to be used by consumers.

Wimbrough

Pre-AP Biology:

Working on plants. They are growing plants in different levels of light to see the effects on growth.

Biology: Working on human systems booklets

A&P: Giving Career presentations; completing the digestive system unit by calculating the length of their esophagus based on the time for a swallow of water to move to the stomach. Then they will be doing a lab that involves investigating how the senses work.

Band – Ron Chapman

The AHS and AMS Band program is wrapping up our year this week with a set of concerts at the UNT Murchison Performing Arts Center. This is a beautiful facility we rent each year in order to show case the great work and music our kids have accomplished this year. The concerts will be on the 11th and 12th of May.

Since the last board meeting the AMS band attended their UIL Concert and Sight-reading contest held in Krum. The MS symphonic band earn a First Division for their stage performance and a Division Two in their sight reading performance.

The HS band will conclude this year with their annual Awards Banquet on May 19th at New Hope Baptists Church. This should be a fun night with lots of recognition of all the accomplishments the kids have achieved this year.

The HS Band will also be taking 48 students to the State Solo and Ensemble Contest held in Austin on May 25th (Yes, Memorial Day!!). Last year we took 31 kids to the State S&E and that was far more than any other year. It has been an amazing year. We will leave on Sunday afternoon and will return late on Monday night. We have many events at the state contest and look for a great trip to Austin.

I would like to thank the Board for all their efforts and support of the band program this year. In all, we have qualified more kids to state than any other year - ever. This year we continue to pile success upon success upon success. It is my pleasure to serve the community of Aubrey as the band director.

Student Council – Brandee Gallagher

The primary objectives for the AHS Student Council for the 2014-2015 school year has been to build student pride and to encourage participation in school events. To help facilitate this, we brought back the old tradition of the Chaparral Cup, a trophy which a class can win by earning points throughout the year.

This year, we did 19 events total with the senior class earning a total of 3150 Chaparral Cup points, and capturing the trophy. To encourage greater participation next year, the Student Council is also taking the winning class on a field trip to see a Frisco Rough Riders game on May 20. This should be a great event and we are looking forward to even greater participation and spirit next year.

May 4-8 was Teacher Appreciation Week, and to celebrate our amazing AHS teachers, we brought in a BBQ meal for them on Thursday, May 7. It was delicious!

April 29-May 8 was campaign time for the 2015-2016 Student Council Officer Candidates. Voting was done during class meetings on May 8 and officers were announced on Monday, May 11. Please congratulate the following 2015-2016 Class and Student Body Officers:

Freshmen Officers

President: Autumn Gallagher

Vice President: Jacan Farmer

Secretary: Lexi Newton

Sophomore Officers

President: Victoria Clark

Vice President: Corinne Griffin

Secretary: Caleb Murphy

Junior Officers

President: Zane Perkins

Vice President: Kalina Hestand

Secretary: Ashleigh Berry

Student Body Officers

President: Andrew Brewer

Vice President: Morgan Miller

Secretary/Reporter: Aspen Brock

It has been a great school year and the new Officers will be meeting soon to make plans for the summer and for school year 2015-2016

Social Studies – Shon Ranton

World Geography is finishing a state project which is the last major assignment for the year. Before we prepare for our final exams we will be looking into pop culture. We are going to examine how culture and trends in one part of the world can affect others around the world.

Art – Cindy Dale

Welcome sunshine! The art department is happy to see the sunshine to help in drying out our clay projects! All art students recently completed their earthenware clay projects, and everyone is excited to get the work through the first firing. After the pots come out of the (new) kiln, students will glaze them using a variety of glazes for a colorful, shiny finish. It's a "hurry up and wait" situation indeed. ☺

Art 1 students have moved on to their linear perspective room drawings, in which they learn how to draw to make objects appear three-dimensional and go back in space. They will color the drawings and will add cut out objects from magazine pictures to make the room "surreal", or contain objects which are unexpected. Students have come up with a variety of fun ideas for their rooms, and they are anxious to move on to the magazine cut-out part of the assignment so they can get really creative!

Art 2&3 students have begun their organic plaster sculpture projects. They are learning the subtractive process of carving plaster into organic, non-representational shapes, with one area of negative space. Making and pouring the molds was fun for the students, and they said they felt like chemists!

The art department is getting ready to wrap up the year with final portfolio reviews, and the return of artwork completed throughout the year. Most of the students have created amazing work, and have learned a great deal this year. As always, students have "spring fever" and are having a hard time staying focused and seated! Or, perhaps it's the sunshine that has us all up and active after a long few weeks of rainy afternoons....

BETA Club – Jeff Whitmire

"Sixteen new Beta members attended the Spring Induction Ceremony Monday, April 27. President, Kalina Hestand and Vice-President, Ashleigh Berry organized the ceremony and welcomed the new members to the AHS Chapter.

Service hour recording forms are available on the Beta page of the high school web site for students who want to complete community service hours this summer, and information regarding officer elections for 2015-2016 will be available soon."

Athletics – Keith Ivy

AUBREY ATHLETICS UPDATE-MAY 2015

Girls Track

The Aubrey high school girls' track teams competed in 4 invitational meets this year (Sanger, Aubrey, Melissa, and Pilot Point) and District. All of the girls competed hard and most of them improved on their times, distances, and heights at each meet. The JV girls won 2 meets, Aubrey and Pilot Point. We have had a few Varsity athletes set or tie school records. Hannah Schmitz tied the High Jump record at 5' 2" and Charity Northcutt broke the 300 Hurdle record with a time of 49.47 seconds. We had 3 athletes qualify for the Area meet in 6 events:

Hannah Schmitz – High Jump (District Champion), 200 meters, 400 meters

Charity Northcutt – 100m hurdles, 300m hurdles

Tarah Reeves – Shot Put

The same 3 athletes qualified in 5 of the events for the Regional meet. Hannah Schmitz made the finals in the 400 meters. Overall, our track season has shown progress and has a good foundation to build upon for the future. All of the coaches are excited about our accomplishments and are looking forward to next year.

Boys Track

We made great strides in our 2015 Track Season. We took approximately 50 athletes to compete at 3 of our invitational meets. Only 4 were seniors: Logan Boyett, Noah Davis, Ryan Dick and Tyler Williams. The rest will be back! We competed in 5 invitational meets. The first meet we attended was in Sanger. As a team we finished 4th and JV placed 3rd. Next meet was our meet. We placed 4th 3.5 points out of second at a highly competitive meet. JV finished 2nd. We attended the Wylie East Track Meet during spring break with our Varsity only. We placed 4th. Melissa was next we placed 4th with Varsity 3rd with JV. Our last invitational was at Pilot Point where we placed 2nd with both Varsity/JV. We competed well in a highly competitive district qualifying in 9 (2 in 300m

Hurdles) out of 17 events for Area capped off by our District Championship Mile Relay. Area we qualified 7 for Regionals:

- 200m.- Cameron Moore- Qualified for Finals
- 400m.- Ryan Dick
- 800m.- Logan Boyett- Placed 6th at Regionals
- 110m. Hurdles- Grayson Grisso- Placed 3rd at Regionals- .19 out of Wild Card for State.
- 300m. Hurdles- Jon DelBosque, Gatlin Grisso
- Triple Jump- Gatlin Grisso
- Our 8th grade team won district in a very competitive district and we look forward to their contribution with our returners next year. We are very excited about the upcoming year and are seeing the correlation from a good strength and conditioning program under Coach Keith Ivy.

Softball

Softball: year record 4-16 1-9 in district

We made improvements as the year went on. The 5 freshman starters filled a need and replaced some of the outgoing starters from the year before. We will be focusing on keeping this group together during the summer and we will be playing in the Lindsay League during June. They are scheduled to practice two times a week and then games one day of the week. We will have 4 pitchers that will be on a weekly practice schedule with a pitching coach during the summer and into the fall. We hope that with our pitching improving and the overall team's skills and maturity will lead to more success next year.

Baseball

After a rain shortened season, the Aubrey Varsity baseball team finished with an overall record of 6-10 and the JV team finished 3-7. The final game of the season was played on Thursday, April 30th at home

Girls Athletics – Deaver

In girls' athletics, we've begun gearing up for the next year with an aggressive strength and conditioning program. We expect our numbers for ASAP to be up significantly in comparison to the last several years, and sport specific camp registrations are open. We have provided many opportunities for participation in summer leagues and skills development and continue to add to those opportunities. With the addition of the Lady Chaps Webpage to the Athletic Home Page, we have provided a central page for the distribution of information regarding all girls' athletics. Additionally, Facebook notifications are being used to alert users to new postings.

We will be holding an All Girls Athletics Informational Meeting on Thursday, May 14, at 6:00 p.m. in the high school Main Gym, and we are asking all parents of girls entering 7th – 12th this

next fall to be in attendance. At the conclusion of this meeting, we will hold a volleyball parent meeting for all the girls planning on trying out for volleyball in August.

It's been a year in which we have seen growth in the girls' athletics program, and we are aggressively building on that growth. Next year, we project a 30 – 35% increase in enrollment in high school girls' athletics for the 2015-2016 school year. At the middle school level, our numbers are projected to increase 40 – 45%. This increase is both exciting and challenging with our current facilities and staffing, but the growth is both encouraging and exciting.