

**Board of Trustees Meeting
Mineola Primary School
Principal's Report
November 17, 2014**

- **Jacket Dads:** The Jacket Dads have agreed to host a Father/Daughter dance on December 18, 2014. The Father/Daughter dance will serve as a fundraiser for Jacket Dad efforts throughout the year.
- **Mileage Club:** Students have walked more than 4,400 miles and will make it to Anchorage, Alaska before Christmas. Coach Wyman has put a survey on her website to plan for the next destination.
- **TerraCycle:** Four students presented the TerraCycle project to the entire student body. Each student advocated for a particular humanitarian cause and students voted to see which one the school would support. The students decided that we would use our points to help feed 166 hungry Americans.
- **Reading and Writing support from Region VII:** Ms. Johnston affirmed our progress in the Daily 5 implementation. Ms. Johnston noted the following practices:
 - strong growth in student reading stamina
 - use of technology in rotations
 - documentation of student growth in pensive
- **Focused Friday:** 1st Grade will host the first Focused Friday on November 21, 2014. Focused Friday is designed to look at a theme from a trans-curricular view.
- **Thanksgiving Feast:** The Thanksgiving Feast is on November 18, 2014. Tickets are sold through the cafeteria. Times are posted on the website and school calendar.
- **Veteran's Day Celebration:** Students attended the Veteran's Day celebration on November 11, 2014. The 1st grade performed "American Tears." Veterans received "thank you" cards made by students.
- **WCRSPA Reading Program:** The Wood County Retired School Personnel will read with 1st grade students on every 1st Thursday each month. The reading program includes a gift to each student in the form of a book.
- **Robotics Program:** The Robotics Program has begun preparing their projects for the Robotics Showcase. Each team has the assignment on engineering a specific design and programming the movement.
- **Instructional Leadership Team:** The ILT met last month to discuss possible school improvement initiatives. I-Stations, a computer based program, provides students with meaningful learning and teachers will adequate data for progress monitoring. The ILT agrees this could be a powerful tool for our school. The ILT will continue to explore the topic and visit a primary school who uses i-Stations.
- **Fall Festival:** The annual Fall Festival was very successful. The PTP raised over \$4,300 for Mineola Primary.

Other Information:

- Reading and writing support continues in December with 2 visits from a Region VII specialist
- Santa Letters will go to the Mineola Monitor on December 4, 2014
- Breakfast with Santa is scheduled for December 6, 2014
- 2nd grade will visit the Dallas Aquarium on December 9, 2014