

Mineola Elementary School
School Board Report
November 2013

1. Third Grade:
Gifted and Talented students participated in the Imagine Fair.
The third grade curriculum focused on a fieldtrip to the Scientific Circus held at Caldwell Auditorium in Tyler. STEM Scope strategies were used to connect Science to Math to Reading of expository text.
2. Fourth Grade:
Native American studies culminated in student-made products including teepees and forts. Literacy groups incorporated writing and the novel, Stone Fox. Science, technology, and math incorporated the study and design of electrical circuits.
3. Fifth Grade:
Students applied analysis strategies to evaluate their reading histories from their third through fifth grade years. They used technology to complete research over an author. In science they analyzed the force needed to create a Newton of energy through a variety of collaborative labs. Math students utilized the interactive journal in their study of prime and composite numbers.
4. Science teachers attended the CAST, Center for the Advancement of Science Teaching conference in Houston.
5. The Principal's Coffee was held on November 1 and featured Fourth Grade curriculum. Students read essays, presented technology products, sang and completed a Robotics demonstration to parents.
6. The Parent Advisory Council met on November 6.
7. Mineola Rope Trick team performed at Iron Horse Days and at the Primary campus.
8. The canned food drive was launched at the Elementary campus on November 11th and will end on December 9th. The project is a partnership with Kiwanis of Mineola.
9. A group of fathers and grandfathers met to organize Super Dads during weekly meetings in November. The group adopted the name Super Dads as a result of our students' response to seeing their dads at school more frequently. The group is developing a vision that will support all students on both the Primary and Elementary campuses. They plan to meet each Tuesday at 8:30 in the morning and one Tuesday a month at 7:00 p.m.
10. Bring Up Grades or BUG awards were presented to students who made a two-point grade improvement in any subject. The Kiwanis of Mineola sponsors the project.
11. Students from third, fourth and fifth grade participated in a contest sponsored by the Pilot Club. Artwork, essays and poetry related to the meaning of freedom were judged and nine winners were selected. These students and their parents were honored at a Pilot Club dinner.
12. Planning for the Christmas Sleepover has begun. The event is scheduled for December 13th.