

**Mineola Elementary School**  
**BOARD REPORT**  
**February, 2013**

- **February 13-15** – Our fifth grade students attended Sky Ranch for the much anticipated three day science camp. Our students participated in many hands-on science based activities including forces of nature, ranch life, limnology, and challenges. They had a great time learning and having fun at the same time.
- **February 13/14** – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students took “mock” STAAR tests while the fifth grade students were gone to Sky Ranch. We will use the data from these benchmark tests to remediate based on weaknesses as determined by the data.
- **February 14** – Our K-kids Fitness Club students performed at the high school pep rally for our high school basketball girls on Valentine’s Day. These students have performed at two Friday night games, and they have been a huge hit among the fans.
- **Campus Leadership** – We have formed a campus leadership team at the elementary school that will meet every other week for the remainder of the school year. Our primary purpose is to review everything we do on our campus to determine effectiveness. We will pour over data and scrutinize programs, and we will brainstorm ways to improve everything we are doing. We will also be formulating our budget for next year.
- **February 25** – All third grade students will receive a free dental check-up offered through our clinic.
- **February 28** – The high school Anchor Club will be presenting our fifth grade students a lesson on brain safety in a short assembly in the multi-purpose building. The high school students will perform skits and give our students important information about protecting their brains.
- **March 7** – Our third graders will take a field trip to the planetarium as part of their unit of study on the planets.
- **March 18-22** – Our fourth grade students will participate in “Camp Write-along” all week. They will be preparing for the upcoming writing STAAR test by participating in this camp themed week of fun writing activities.
- **STAAR Test Preparation** – In the coming weeks, we will be intensively preparing for the upcoming STAAR testing season. We will have several benchmarks and a lot of focused data analysis to determine where our weak areas are. We will also offer targeted instruction for individual students based on the benchmark data. Many of our students are participating in the after school program as well. All of our students and teachers will be working very hard over the next two months to prepare for these tests.