

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

From: Mrs. Susan Holloway, Career and Testing Coordinator
Mrs. Jaime Noles, Vice Principal, Aubrey High School

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Subject: Board Communication

Family & Consumer Science and FCCLA – Ashley McIlravy

Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness, Human Growth and Development, and Interior Design:

In all Family and Consumer Science courses, we are finishing the year by studying careers and career skills. Some of the skills that students are working on in class are: listening, working with others, written communications, developing transferable job skills. Students are also learning how to secure, maintain, and terminate jobs.

FCCLA:

Members are preparing for next year by hosting fundraisers to help the National Bound Team and Region Officer. They are also beginning preparations for next year so more projects can occur to help our schools and communities even more than this past year. Students are really working to improve our chapter for next year.

English – Dawn Dooley

English II has completed Animal Farm this quarter. Through reading this novel, the students were challenged to look at various political leaders throughout time, how each gained prestige, touted policies, and experienced success and failure. Students also discovered the significance of national anthems and monuments in building national pride, and looked at the causes and results of various labor strikes. Additionally, students drew parallelisms from the characters in Animal Farm to those of the Bolshevik Revolution, and experienced the use of satire to make a point. Also, students analyzed the political speeches of the character, Old Major, and Martin Luther King, Jr. We are currently reading Shakespeare's, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, which is also a satire. In order to make Shakespearean English more understandable, we have done extensive pre-reading discussion. We are watching a theatrical production of each scene, followed by reading that scene aloud together in class.

English III

- The Great Gatsby* Test
- The *Gatsby* Green Light Project
- Pollock Short Story: "Going West"
- Review for Semester Final

AP Language and Composition

- Review Essay Types
- AP Multiple Choice Practice
- take AP Test
- Read *The Great Gatsby*
- color/character analysis project

Student Council – Brandee Gallagher

The Aubrey High School Junior Senior Prom was held this past Saturday at Texas Motor Speedway. The Junior Class Prom Committee did a fabulous job and a great time was held by all. Prom is a parent/student directed event, but Student Council still assists with prom voting. As we did last year, we did paper nominations in English classes, and voted as we did with Mr. and Miss AHS, using Survey Monkey. This process is great for reducing time, human error and it also engages more students to participate.

On April 16, Student Council held a meeting after school for those interested in running for Stu Co Officer Positions for the 2014-2015 school year. We had a lot of interest this year in running for the Council, which is great. Nominees created campaign signs and posters and gave a speech to their class on May 2. New officers were announced on Thursday, May 8. We are looking forward to working with this group of leaders! The new Student Council Class Officers are:

Sophomores:

President – Riley Babcock
Vice President – Hannah Carney
Secretary – Ashleigh Berry
Representative – Kyndal Brown

Juniors:

President – Eddy Quintana
Vice President – Tyler Kelley
Secretary – Seth Mellick
Representative – Andrew Brewer

Seniors:

President – Diana Ramirez
Vice President – Aubrey Wilson

Secretary – Bailee Clemmer
Representatives – Alexa Beaty, Ivana Gharbi

May 5-9 was Teacher Appreciation Week. The Student Council provided lunch from Villa Grande for the teachers on Monday. On Tuesday, the Freshman put candy bars in teachers' boxes. On Wednesday, the Sophomores provided teachers with goody bags of chocolate treats. On Thursday, the Juniors thanked the teachers for making them "such smarties" and gave them candy. On Friday, the Senior class provided teachers with cookies to represent having made them "such smart cookies." The students enjoyed doing this for the teachers and are very appreciative of all the teachers do for AHS students.

May 8th was the Freshmen Step Up Day in which the current eighth graders come to the high school. Student Council Officers assisted Ms. Wright with this event by providing groups of students with tours of the school. The current Junior Class Officers stayed back and talked to the eighth graders regarding Student Council. Freshman Officers will be elected in the fall.

It is hard to believe the school year is winding down. It has been a good year for Student Council, and we are already looking forward to exciting things for the new school year.

Math - Marissa Cabrales

Now that the Algebra 1 EOC has been taken we will continue on to our last unit of the school year. I will be teaching my students how to simplify radical expressions and perform operations with radical expressions (something that they will be required to do while solving problems in both Geometry and in Algebra 2).

Tracie Zatopek

Geometry: Three-dimensional figures; volume and surface area

Math Models: Quadratics; graphing, solving

Algebra III: Trigonometric Identities; Verifying, solving, simplifying

Tasha Bass

We have finished the core of the calculus course and have been prepping for the AP test. We will then begin to review for the final exam.

We are studying solids in geometry. We will be finished with the core of the course by the end of next week at which time we will be prepping for the final exam.

Greg Lortz

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 trigonometric functions but are now

looking at the sinusoidal graphs which appear in periodic graphs of heartbeats, sound waves, etc. 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

Ag and FFA – Tracy Yarbrough

As for the FFA, we are wrapping up our exciting year. Last Monday we had five public speakers compete at the District level and all five of them advanced to Area on Saturday. Area proved to be an exciting event.

Reanna Gomez - 1st Animal Science category (ADVANCED to STATE)

Austin Furlow - 2nd Soil Stewardship category (ADVANCED to STATE)

Corinne Griffin - 4th Ag Policy category

Kayla Franco - 5th Ag Science category

Karlee Collins - 10th Jr. Prepared category

All of these students had to write and present their own public speech over the course of the year. Many of them competed at Houston and San Antonio as well. Reanna and Austin will compete in July at the Texas FFA State Convention in Ft Worth.

FFA also hosted our Annual Parent Member Banquet on Tues May 6th. We had roughly 240 attend the even in the MS cafeteria where we honored many student and parents for their efforts this year. We heard retiring remarks from our Senior Officers- Reanna Gomez and Maddie Marcom. As well as honored Mr. Yarbrough for his 10 years of service in AISD. We elected our new officer team and viewed our Year in Review Slide Show. It was a very memorable night for all of us!

Not sure if we mentioned our total Livestock Show and Sale Amount. We are PROUD to announce that the Aubrey Livestock Show and Sale brought in just over \$74,000 (\$16,000 more than last year). We paid out just over \$51,000 to students for livestock projects and extra monies. This was the BEST year we have had with buyers, supporters, parents and kids coming together for one night to help support the program. We appreciate all who attended.

Brittany Williams is serving as our 2014-15 Chapter President this year and will be attending the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington DC this summer to represent the Aubrey FFA.

Overall, this was an amazing year! Thank you for ALL of your continued support!

Band – Ron Chapman

It has been yet another amazing year for the AHS band program and the band program in general. I believe this year we simply have had more success in the classroom and in competition than we have maybe ever had.

As for the Chicago Trip, I truly hope you enjoy the video the band has put together for you as well as the thank you letters. Chicago was an amazing experience we have given our youth, one they will remember for their life time. I cannot thank you enough for your support. I hope in the future, when we ask to show off the best of Aubrey to the world, we would be supported and endorsed with great enthusiasm.

Here is a short list of accomplishments of the band program this year.

2 ATSSB All state members selected; first time in 7 years.

14 ATSSB All region members at HS

4 ATSSB All Area members at HS

49 Qualifying Medals for UIL State solo and ensemble.

Over 65 UIL First division medals at Region Solo and Ensemble

1st Division Marching Band - UIL

1st Division Concert Band - UIL

1st Division Sight Reading - UIL

UIL - Sweepstakes Award - again!!!

1st Division Sight Reading, HS concert Band - UIL

Recognized as Outstanding Band in Chicago Master of Music Festival.

First Full year of Jazz Band - Earned first division UIL / Multiple community performances.

First Full year of Indoor Percussion - NTCA - earned multiple 1st divisions

First Full year of Color Guard - NTCA - earning multiple 1st division ratings and finished ranked 12th out of 76

All three MS bands earned 1st Division at Sandy Lakes

MS Symphonic Band outstanding band of the day at Sandy Lakes

The 2014/15 school year is a state advancing year for AHS Marching band. We are asking for a bit more budget wise (10K) to help us in that area with equipment and support. We are simply loaded for bear as the saying goes when it comes to next year. We expect to field a band with more than 130 students. We are always competitive at Area, but this time we are out for blood. We have great kids, great community, and wonderful support and are doing the small things we need to get us back to the top of class 3A in the state. Our kids are committed and very excited. We have told our parents we are going to achieve next year like never before. We are putting in writing our expectations, and we are shooting for a state medal in marching band next fall!! Your continued help and financial support of the band program is greatly appreciated. As you can see by the results above, your financial commitment to the band is worth every penny.

Thank you once again for being the board you are. Your support of music and music education throughout AISD is simply amazing. We all strive to make Aubrey America proud of their music programs

UIL and AcaDec – Edgar Jackson

Aubrey UIL Academics had a successful spring season!

In the NSDA national qualifier, we had two competitors in the finals, and one student, Baylee Friday, has qualified in humorous interpretation for the national tournament in to be held in Kansas City this June! Congratulations to her as well as Taylor Hood for making the finals in dramatic interpretation!

In the UIL regional competition, Baylee and Taylor both advanced to the state meet in Austin (Baylee 1st place, Taylor 3rd place) in poetry interpretation! Our testers also came very close to advancing with the following results:

- Zane Perkins-5th place computer applications
- Venus Hong-9th place accounting
- Sean Collins-8th place social studies
- Sean Collins, Luke Hartman, Hanyu Lai, Crystal Wang-3rd place social studies team

We have so much to be proud of this year as a team, and the season still isn't over! The UIL state meet will be held in Austin on May 19-21, and the NSDA national tournament will be in Kansas City on June 15-20. Cheer us on to victory. Go Chaps!

Theatre – Joseph Dassinger

Improv Troupe

Students are currently working on putting together long-form improvisational scenes and developing a repertoire of characters.

Theatre I

Students are starting the basic stage combat unit. Students will learn how to safely learn and perform stage combat and how to properly perform it in a scene.

Theatre II/III/IV

Theatre II/III/IV students are rehearsing their Children's Play, Holka Polka, that they will be performing at both elementariness, one on May 22 and the other on May 27.

Technical Theatre I/II

Students are finishing up their Technical Theatre Collaboration Project and are about to start their final project, which is tech design, including all tech. elements.

Middle School Theatre

Students are starting on their playwriting project, in which each group of students will write a play using basic playwriting formats and elements in order to create a well-developed story.

UIL High One-Act Play

The High School One-Act Play, Blood Wedding, made it all the way to Area this year and we just closed it with our final performance last Monday. The students worked very hard on this play and did their very best with the show, and we are all very proud of their hard work and accomplishments this year. The students are already excited and getting ready for next year.

Yearbook – Rashidur Rahman

We are eagerly waiting to see the finished product (Yearbook) and at the same time working diligently for the digital yearbook. The digital yearbook will cover events that we are not in the yearbook because of the spring delivered Yearbook. The digital yearbook will be given out during summer to the students who have bought the Yearbook which will cover prom, rose cutting, graduation and other spring events.

Social Studies - Shon Ranton

World Geography has just finished South East Asia and Oceania. We are now beginning a short unit on Pop Culture and its influence before semester test review time.

Science – Mrs. Wimbrough

Environmental Science:

We are learning about environmental policy and ethics. In biology, we are preparing for the district mandated end of course and will be moving into a unit on invertebrates.

Biology:

We are currently working on our animal system Unit. We will complete this with a booklet on the major systems in the human body.

Pre-AP Biology:

We are working on the Plant Unit. They are testing the effects of the amount of light on plants. When they are done with that investigation they will design their own investigation for their plants. If they have time they will do the investigation.

AP Biology:

We are currently preparing for the AP Exam (12 May) and then they will be presenting their research projects. This semester they have selected a particular cell and they will be sharing how this cell works with in the human body and what is unique about its structure.

Pathophysiology:

We are currently completing our stress and aging unit. As part of this unit they will be preparing a booklet to take with them to college about their college - hopefully the information in this booklet (such as - how do I drop/add a course; what to do if I get sick, where is the library and other relevant data)

Chemistry:

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Physics:

All physics classes are creating a 'board game' that involves the answering of physics questions in order to win the games. The games have a theme based on a unit from the year. This will help to review the material and prepare them for their final.

Volleyball – Lisa Deaver

Volleyball is winding up the spring skills training which was offered to 2014 high school players every Sunday Feb. - May. We will soon shift into Summer Skills Training on Tuesday's beginning in early June, and we will have open gym on Thursdays this summer. This will be open to all MS & HS players. Also, in July, we will host a Summer League for JV & Varsity on Thursday nights. The athletes and parents are being told that summer conditioning, including jump training, speed; strength and agility are of the utmost importance. Many options have been offered for the girls to get the conditioning done. The notes from the parent meeting held on May 4th are posted on the Volleyball webpage. Summer Camp will be held for two age groups, 4th - 6th Grade & 7th - 8th Grade, on June 4 - 7. Registration is online.

Athletics – Keith Ivy

We are quickly approaching the end of the school year and we are all very excited about what the future holds for Aubrey Athletics. We are looking forward to a fun and successful 2014-2015 in all sports for the girls and boys. It's a great time to be part of a great school district, community and overall athletic program. The future is bright and we can't wait to kick off the school year and athletic seasons next fall.

7 on 7 schedule 2014

The Varsity and JV started on Tuesday, May 6th in a 7 on 7 league in Sanger at 6pm. The Varsity went 2-1 on the night by defeating Pilot Point 13-7 and Krum 30-15. The only loss came to Sanger in a tough and hard fought game. The JV group played extremely hard and gained some valuable experience on the night. I'm very proud of both groups because they exemplified what a true Chaparral is with great effort and class. Our JH teams begin next Monday, May 12th in Sanger at 6pm. The HS and JV teams will play 5 consecutive weeks on Tuesday nights and the JH will play 4 consecutive weeks on Mondays. All games begin at 6pm.

We have a state qualifier 7 on 7 scheduled in Celina on June 14th for the Varsity and JV teams.

Strength & Conditioning Camp

We will start our workouts on June 4th this summer and all boy/girl athletes will be invited. In the past it has been boy athletes only and I have changed that to ensure our girl athletes are given the same opportunity to prepare themselves for a successful upcoming year. We will invite all incoming 7th graders to incoming 12th graders. We will have different sessions for the HS/JV boys,

HS/JH Girls and JH Boys. This camp will run for 7 consecutive weeks taking off two days the 1st week and two days the week of the 4th of July.

We will have workouts on Monday through Thursday in the mornings. All information will be handed out to kids and given to parents by the athlete. The camp will work on flexibility, agility, strength development, core work and speed training. It is vital that we have ALL athletes there on a regular basis to prepare themselves mentally and physically for a successful athletic school year. Some athletes will be out of town for summer league play and vacation but we expect them at workout when they are in town.

Summer Sports Camps

We will be handing out information to athletes for our camps over the last two weeks of school. This is a list of the dates for the camps:

Boys Basketball-June 3rd-7th

Girls Volleyball-June 4th-7th

Baseball-June 16th-19th

Football-June 23rd-25th

*As more camp information comes in it will be shared with the athletes.

*Football and Volleyball 2-A-Days will begin on Monday, August 4th.

Coach Keith Ivy

GO CHAPS AND LADY CHAPS!