

Mineola Elementary School
School Board Report
May 2014

1. Third Grade students are practicing multiplication and division in multiple step word problems. They researched the solar system and visited the Planetarium in Commerce for a firsthand experience of solar study. Students continued their study with expository writing. Reading and literacy groups have been focused on word studies and the critical thinking strategies.
2. Fourth Graders are finding out how local history has impacted our community. Students will be visiting the Oil Museum in Kilgore. Studies will continue through technology research and presentations on important characters in history. The month will culminate with the novel reading of *Class President* and a class election. The elected students will then become our new campus leaders for assembly. Math teachers are introducing the new TEKS and incorporating problem solving with fractions and decimals.
3. Fifth Grade students are using Vault Financial Literacy, which incorporates an online simulation of real life situations for problem solving. This is part of the new Math TEKS. Writing and journaling has been the focus during technology-based activities.
4. Bully/Bystander Awareness for May is completely student led. Student leaders present a segment of the program, "The Beginning of a Hero: Bully Alert" by Jim Lord. The program was donated to Mineola Elementary Mineola by Mineola Kiwanis. Student leaders connect the message to the 7 Habits and challenge us all to apply the "habit".
5. Kids University is working on collaborative projects with their partners in China and Thailand. The students are researching world aid packages and preparing one to send to an area in need.
6. Parental involvement opportunities include the monthly PAC, Parent Advisory Council, and Super Dads. Volunteer opportunities included assisting with the campus track meet, publication of the school newspaper, award distribution, and planning for the May 19th building project. The Super Dads have partnered with our counseling department to offer an opportunity to build benches for our Outdoor Learning classroom. Students will experience leaving a legacy that matters.
7. Teacher initiatives include: incorporating classroom reading centers and implementing the campus wide reading framework.
8. A study of the book, *The Daily 5: Fostering Literacy Independence in the Elementary Grades* has been completed.
9. MES Fifth Graders visited Mineola Middle School to discover the transition ahead. Students listened to presentations and toured the campus.
10. Second Graders visited the Elementary campus. Students spent time with a third grade class, exchanged letters, and watched a presentation about Third Grade.

11. Mineola Rope Trick performed at Wood Memorial Nursing Home and Heritage Nursing Home in honor of Nursing Home Week.
12. K-Kids presented teachers with m & m's for their "magnificent & marvelous" teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week.
13. The final Scholastic Book Fair of the year promoted a buy one get one free event to foster reading during the summer.
14. Choir events included a fourth grade performance on May 6th and fifth grade performance on May 20th. Both events were scheduled for the evening and featured the animated talents of the elementary children under the direction of Michelle Fischer.
15. The high school science classes will present Science Extravaganza on May 23rd. The event features hands-on experiences for students in a creative student-led setting.
16. Robotics students continue the development of their robots and programming for the Robotics competition on May 21st.
17. Yellow Jacket Synergy will be held on May 23rd. Teamwork activities and hands on experiences will be taken to the outdoors. Synergy is one of the 7 Habits and means "together is better".