

Mineola Elementary School
School Board Report
April 2014

1. Third Grade students have focused on probability and graphing for Math, journal writing for problem solving and solar system necklaces to illustrate distance. Students are using expository text to research the solar system and our Earth, the unusual creatures that have been discovered, and then compare and contrast them.
2. Fourth Graders are working on text analysis including making generalizations and drawing conclusions through historical literature. Teachers are using small group instruction to address specific student goals. For math, all students are practicing real life math problem solving in review for their upcoming assessments.
3. Fifth Grade students are using technology applications to research learned and inherited traits and their effects on behavior and our ecosystems. Language Arts is emphasizing expository text and comparing two sources of information. Math students are delving into specific problem solving.
4. Bully/Bystander Awareness this month has focused on reporting what you see. The Bully Alert stories will be used during assembly for the remainder of the year.
5. Kids University is working on collaborative projects with e.pals and their partners in China.
6. Parental involvement opportunities include the monthly PAC, Parent Advisory Council, ESL classes, and Super Dad book study. The PAC voted to fund the student benches for the outdoor classroom. The bench project is a partnership between students and the Super Dads.
7. Teacher initiatives include: A visit to Bryan Jacks Elementary in Tyler by a team of four teachers, the principal, and campus counselor. The Franklin Covey Education Foundation presented the school with Lighthouse status award. The visit was an after school event. The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Students is the foundation of their campus. Teachers returned with many ideas and inspiration to be shared with MES teachers.
8. A book study on the book, *The CAFÉ Book: Engaging All Students in Daily Literacy Assessments and Instruction* continues through the month of April.
9. MES students were invited to participate in preparation for the upcoming Mineola June-bilee by creating artwork depicting a celebration of summer.
10. Mineola Rope Trick competed in the USA JR. Region 4 Championship. Individuals earned 2 first place, 13 second place, 11 third place and 5 fourth place results. MES is very proud of their performance.
11. K-Kids received a certificate of gratitude from the Leukemia Society for raising \$571.62 by collecting pennies in the community.