## Mineola Middle School Board of Trustees Report March 2015

- Enrollment 351
- On February 26th, 27 Middle School Band students competed for a rating at the White Oak Solo and Ensemble Contest. Each of these students prepared a solo to perform in front of a judge for a rating of 1-5, 1 being the best. 25 of the 27 students earned a Superior (1) rating at this contest, each bringing home a 1st division medal.

Melissa Fisher Mineola MS Band Director

- Last year, the Middle School advanced band performed at UIL concert contest for the first time in MANY years, and came home with the most coveted award, the Sweepstakes trophy. This was yet another landmark day for the MISD band program.
- This year, the band program is taking another leap forward. On April 14th, the Advanced Band AND the Intermediate Band will perform at UIL Concert and Sightreading contest. This is a major step for our young musicians as it will further expose them to the overall experience of being active and successful musicians! We are sincerely looking forward to our students continuing to build our legacy here at Mineola.

JIM BEST ASSISTANT Band DIRECTOR Mineola Middle School

- Cheer tryouts took place over the "Spring Break Holiday" Meghan Brewington - Captain, Melea Bedford - Captain, Sabria Dean, Tiara Stephens, Kelsey Brewington, Alyssa Cannon, Tristan Kirk, Karsyn Banks, Alysa Lankford, Jaiden Chrietzberg, Valerie Garcia, Harlie Davlin, Alana Galaz, Tahjae Black and Abby Kratzmeyer will represent MMS for the 2015 - 2016 school year.
- Tuesday 3-17-15 MMS held a Pizza, Parents and Planning meeting at 6:00 in the MMS cafetorium. We had over 100 in attendance. Topics discussed included STAAR testing, attendance, possible Spring Carnival, possible student trip to Washington DC in the summer of 2016, and the AVID program. Faculty and students also showcased some of the activities students are involved in here at MMS. UN displayed their projects from competition and then showcased the robotics projects they are now working on. Art projects and the students who created them were displayed. Sixth grade science had their projects that involved the "Aurasma" app available for parents to experience. The yearbook crew was taking orders for yearbooks. Four student speakers talked to parents about the benefits of AVID and how it has impacted them academically. (Victoria Zavala and Andrea Valdez from the 8th grade. Travis Browning and Ralph Oqueri from the HS)
- MMS track teams participated in their first meet of the year on Monday 3-16-15 in Edgewood.
  7th grade boys and girls both finished 2nd overall in the meet.
  8th grade boys finished 3rd while the 8th grade girls took 4th overall. Many individuals were honored for their performances.
  \* If you like relays - 7th boys won the 4x200 and 4x400 relays. 7th girls won the 4x100 and 4x200 relays. 8th girls won the 4x200 and 4x400 relays. Next Meet: Monday 3-23-15 in Alba.

• The first round of state testing for the middle school will begin:

*Monday/Tuesday* 3-30-15 and 3-31-15 (7th grade writing) *Tuesday* 3-31-15 (8th grade reading)

Monday	4-20-15	(8th math)
Tuesday	4-21-15	(6th/7th math)
Wednesday	4-22-15	(6th/7th reading)
Thursday	4-23-15	(8th science)
Friday	4-24-15	(8th social studies)

Wednesday 5-6-15 (Algebra I EOC)