

Mineola Middle School
Board of Trustees Report
December 2013

- Current Enrollment - 350
- Semester exams are on the horizon. Students have been going to tutorials, working in study groups ect... to prepare.
- MS Band/Choir Christmas Concert has been moved to Thursday, December 19th at 6:30 PM in the gym. This move was due to conflict with UIL Academic contest.
- MS Region Band Tryouts were held Friday 12-13-13 in Union Grove.
- Twenty Model UN students earned leadership positions and attended leadership training on 12/9/13. These students will lead general assembly and committee sessions at a two-day competition on January 23 - 24, 2014. These students are led by Mrs. Bolden and Mrs. Crume.
- MMS has over 100 students competing in UIL Academic Events. The students competed in Brownsboro on 12-9-13 and 12-10-13. UIL one act play performed in Mabank on Saturday 12-14-13.
- The National Jr. Honor Society has applied for the Adopt a Highway program. They are trying to adopt Loop 564 in front of the administration and Middle/Primary Campus. They are waiting on approval.
- The NJHS is also conducting a door decorating contest for MMS. Teachers and students will decorate their door with a Christmas theme that is applicable to their subject matter.
- Student council is collecting cans for caring and sharing (Redding)
- In Mrs. Witt's Science class, during the LEGO Motion PBL ,sixth grade science students used LEGO kits to learn about various simple machines, how to measure and calculate speed, and the difference between potential and kinetic energy. Then students designed their own LEGO vehicles to compete in a speed competition. I found it interesting that for each class period but one, the winners were all girls. So I made it a point to encourage these ladies to consider a career in engineering.

During the past two weeks students have been working on a dual PBL called Energize Me on TV in Science and Computer Applications. The culminating products for the project include a Google Docs presentation about the different types of energy and a recorded newscast presentation about energy transformations on the iPads.

- The Fellowship of Christian Athletes Leadership Team has planned and implemented FCA meetings each Friday morning. The Prayer Team has prayed for various groups in the school (basketball teams, teacher groups, etc.) and presented them with an encouraging note and a Hershey's Hug. The Birthday Team has presented students and teachers with a free Dairy Queen ice cream token for their birthday this month. The Wacky Wednesday Team has entertained students each Wednesday during lunch with a fun, exciting student engaging game. The Fellowship Team has planned a Christmas party for the entire membership at the Golden Skating Rink. The Bible Team has passed out over 100 Bibles this year and distributed the Gospel of John booklets during the Mineola Christmas Parade.
- Boys 8th grade "A" team basketball are 6-1 on the season. 8th grade "B" team is 4-0 on the season. They play Van in Mineola tonight, 12-16-13.
- Boys 7th grade "A" team basketball is 4-3 on the season. 7th Grade "B" team is 0-4 on the season.
- On the girl's side, the 7th and 8th grade "A" teams are 0-4 for the season.
- The girl's 7th and 8th grade "B" teams are 1-3.
- The girls are at Van tonight, 12-16-13.