

Mineola Elementary School  
School Board Report  
November 2014

1. Mineola Elementary School celebrated their fundraiser with Limo Rides and Pizza. Students and families worked together to raise \$17,480.40.
2. Amber Johnston, Region VII consultant will work with teachers on unpacking the TEKS for Figure 19 which are the comprehension TEKS. The process involves identifying the verbs within a TEK and identifying specific strategies for instruction.
3. Daily 5 update: Region VII consultant visited classrooms during Daily 5 and provided input. Identified areas of strength included the quality of literature being used by teachers and the terminology for comprehension instruction. The consultant also complimented MES for their PLC process of addressing student needs and collaboration for professional growth.
4. Kids' University is involved in a research project about Christmas Around the World. Students adopted a specific country and will research various celebratory practices. They will compare their findings to their own traditions.
5. Professional Learning Communities met this month to review assessment data from the October assessments. Reading teachers are developing novel studies focused on teaching Figure 19. Math teachers are planning interventions for students who are struggling. Specials teachers are studying intervention strategies for ESL and Special Education students.
6. Ms. Massey will participate in the National Young Readers Principal Challenge on November 13. The challenge is in partnership with Book It (Pizza Hut) to inspire students to read more. Fifth Graders asked Ms. Massey what she would do to get them to read more. (Would she read all day, outside, in a deer blind and possibly face danger like Big Foot?) Yes! Thursday she will attempt to read from bell to bell in hopes of winning 101 copies of Jeff Kinney's ninth book in the Wimpy Kid series for the students at MES. The most original event posted on Twitter will be selected.
7. Mineola Tractor Supply donated a Deer Stand/tent to the students of MES as their way of supporting our efforts to read more. The deer stand will be used as part of the National Young Readers Principal Challenge.
8. K-Kids received their Single Service Award. Kiwanis' members Mr. Curry and Mr. Castro visited MES to present the trophy, certificate, and patch. The second place honor acknowledges Mineola Elementary out of clubs in the Texas-Oklahoma area. The service was for the promotion of student fitness through morning clubs.
9. UIL team practices are in full swing as students prepare for their competition on January 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.
10. Captain Newman spoke to MES students about safety during activities such as Trick or Treating, parades and festivals.
11. Mineola High School football players and volleyball players volunteered to open car doors on Friday November 7<sup>th</sup>.
12. B.U.G. Awards, Bring Up Grades, hosted by Kiwanis was held November 14<sup>th</sup>. Students who raised their average two points or more were honored.