

To: AISD Board of Trustees
Mrs. Debby Sanders, Superintendent

From: Mr. Jeff Mulkey, Principal, Aubrey High School

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Subject: Board Communication

FCCLA – Ashley McIlravy

This past weekend 6 Aubrey FCCLA Officers represented Aubrey High School at the Peer Education Training in Dallas, Texas. The students were trained in the areas of Texting and Driving, Student Violence, and Healthy Lifestyles. With the training received, students will now lead trainings of their own here in Aubrey America. The conference was sponsored by Texas FCCLA, TxDOT and All State.

Student Council – Brandee Gallagher

Homecoming 2013 was a great success! The Student Council spent part of the summer and the beginning of the school year planning activities, decorations, and floats to celebrate our school and to show our Aubrey pride.

We kicked off our Homecoming 2013 with our Homecoming Dance. We had about 135 in attendance, up a bit from last year, and all the kids seemed to have fun. We used the same DJ as last year, Junior from Kiss FM, had a balloon drop and served light snacks and juice. The highlight of the dance was the announcing of the grades 9-11 Princes and Princesses.

Freshmen Royalty was: **Logan Moore** and **Mallori Denney**
Sophomore Royalty were: **Branson Bounds** and **Elizabeth Meza**
Junior Royalty were: **Chandler Teague** and **Ivana Gharbi**

Monday, September 30 was the Community Pep Rally. The Underclassmen Homecoming Court was presented to the community along with the Senior Court Nominees who were as follows:

King Nominees

Clay Kelly
Michael Page

Queen Nominees

Gracie Chauncey
Reanna Gomez

Cooper Turrubiarte
Jack Ver Hoef

Gloria Mahurin
Kristina Martin

Also on Monday, we began our lunchtime games. On Monday we did a water balloon toss. On Tuesday, we did Tug of War. Wednesday was the TP war. Thursday was the Centipede Race and on Friday we had the Chubby Bunny contest.

Participation in the games increased as the week progressed, but the Seniors showed the most participation, won the most games and earned the most points overall toward the coveted "Chaparral Cup" for which teams are competing this year.

Friday, October 5 was the Homecoming Game and Crowning Ceremony. While it was too windy to use the balloons we had purchased, the ceremony went off very well.

Samuel Heath, captain of the Varsity Football Team, crowned and "sashed" the Football Sweetheart, a Senior Court Nominee whom the football players feel has been the most supportive to their organization.

Brooklyn Housden, captain of the Cheer Squad, "sashed" the Cheerleader Beau, a Senior King Nominee the squad feels has been very supportive of their efforts.

Shelby Holton, last year's Homecoming Queen, and Matt Davis, last year's Homecoming King, were in attendance to crown this year's recipients. The Senior Court Royalty is as follows:

Cheerleader Beau was Clay Kelly and the Football Sweetheart was Kristina Martin. Homecoming King was Cooper Turrubiarte and Homecoming Queen 2013 was Gracie Chauncey.

In addition to the dance, games and ceremony, the students wanted to show their school pride to the community as well. Thus, each Student Council officer worked to create a float for their respective class. Class Royalty rode on the floats. Each class chose a type of movie, based on the AHS Theme of "Make it an Epic Year."

The Freshmen Class' theme was animation and they created a "Finding Nemo" float. The Sophomores had a western theme and they created a giant western "A" float. The Juniors had the super hero movie theme and, having the most participants, created a float on which they all dressed in a super hero costumes. The Seniors, having the "classic" theme created an "AHS Titanic" float.

All classes worked very hard on their floats, and the weather did not necessarily cooperate with some of the decorations. However, they had fun and look forward to participation again next year. The Junior Class even brought home a trophy for **First Place** in the "School" category, earning 200 points toward the "Chaparral Cup." Way to go!

Now that Homecoming is put to rest for another year, the AHS Student Council is getting ready for the first Carter Blood Care Blood Drive, scheduled for Thursday, October 24. Last year we had around 70 donations and hope to meet that same number this year.

English – Dawn Dooley

English I

Reading: Short Stories ("Scarlet Ibis" "The Necklace" Gift of the Maji")

Vocabulary: Vocab from the short stories

Grammar: Subjects (in declarative sentences, interrogative sentences, and exclamatory sentences)

Writing: Odyssey Project

English II

Reading: Short Stories ("fall of the House of Usher," "The Once and Future King," "Morte D'Arthur," "The way to Rainy Mountain")

Vocabulary: Vocab from the short stories

Grammar: Subjects (in declarative sentences, interrogative sentences, and exclamatory sentences)

Writing: Julius Caesar projects

Eng. II/Pre-AP

Deaver's English II has completed a short story unit and a major expository paper in addition to several daily journal entries and essays. The students are currently studying a poetry unit focusing on the conventions and forms of poetry. The second unit test will be administered Friday, Oct. 11. Students are working hard to meet high expectations.

English III

American short stories and poetry unit going through the timeline of American literature

Go over literary elements and analysis

Write literary analysis essay over short stories

Grade level vocabulary from stories

Fiction Book Report Project and Presentation

Revising and editing skills

Clauses: independent and dependent

AP Language and Composition

The Scarlet Letter
Classic literature book report project and presentation
Finish Rhetorical analysis essay
Dialectical journal
AP Multiple Choice Practice and Strategies

Theatre Arts – Joseph Dassinger

High School Fall Show

We are a couple weeks into our Fall Show and everything is going great. The students are enjoying it and learning a different type acting style and time period in theatre, Commedia dell'arte.

This year for our Fall Show we are doing a show called Commedia Dell'Shakespeare.

Here are the dates of the performances for the fall show as of now:

Thursday, November 7 Pre-Show at 7:00 pm and Performance at 7:30 pm

Saturday, November 9 Pre-Show at 7:00 pm and Performance at 7:30 pm

Saturday, November 16 Pre-Show at 7:00 pm and Performance at 7:30 pm

Sunday, November 17 (Last Show) Pre-Show at 7:00 pm and Performance at 7:30 pm

~This will be a Dinner Theatre with a pre-show along with the performance.

Drama Club

We have just started are Improv Tuesdays back up, where students in and out of Theatre come to learn about the Art of Improvisation and how it can relate to becoming a better actor, or help you build your skills like: social, creativity, critical thinking, reactions, spontaneous thinking and reacting, brainstorming, speaking, and many more. We meet every Tuesday from 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm after rehearsal.

Theatre I

Students are about to start learning about Improvisation.

Theatre II/III/IV

Theatre II/III/IV students are about to start working on scene work.

Technical Theatre I/II

Students are currently about to start a unit on building/construction and will start building set pieces for our fall show.

Middle School Theatre

Students are learning about Mime and Pantomime.

UIL Jr. High One-Act Play

We will be having auditions and technical position interviews this Wednesday, Thursday, and Callbacks will be held on Friday for our Jr. High One-Act Play Competition, Alice in Wonderland.

~Competition will be Saturday, December 14 at Princeton High School.

Math- Marissa Cabrales

The math classes have given the first unit benchmark tests. They have also been reviewing objectives from the previous year that are needed for this year's course.

We have several students signed up for the PSAT and PLAN tests. They will be administered on Oct 9th and Oct 16th.

Also, the teachers have divided up a group of students needing tutorials for TAKS and EOC retests. They will be working with these students at least once a week.

Volleyball-Coach Deaver

The Lady Chap Volleyball teams have started district play. This is a great group of hard working young ladies. They have a joyful attitude, and they are learning many life lessons through the sport. It's an honor and privilege to be associated with these girls, their parents, and this coaching staff.

Science- Penny Wimbrough

Physics: We are currently finishing our unit on 1 dimensional motion. The students have done a series of labs using motion detectors, spark timers and lab pros.

Pre-AP physics: The students just completed a 'problem-based' learning activity in which they assumed the role of insurance agents. From clues they were given about a car accident, they had to decide who was at fault using kinematic equations.

Biology: We are currently looking at the structure of organic molecules and are building paper models of their structure.

Pre-AP Biology: We are currently studying the action of enzymes and will be doing a lab that investigates the effects of the enzyme amylase (found in saliva) on starch molecules.

AP Biology: We are working on our evolution unit and they are preparing to present about a part of population evolution using power points.

Medical Microbiology: They have selected and cultured their unknown and they are beginning a unit where they will become proficient at isolation streaking and gram staining so they can identify their unknown.

Environmental Science: The students are studying the different levels of ecological organization. They are working in groups to design a poster that accurately describes the characteristics of different biomes.

Biology: Students are working to understand the different types of macromolecules using paper organic molecule models.

Chemistry: The chemistry group is currently learning chemical bonding, covering periodic trend, electron configuration and bonding. The students have just completed a chemical bonding lab where they observed the properties of ionic, covalent and metallic bonds.

Pre-AP Chemistry: The Pre-AP chemistry group is currently studying chemical bonding, covering periodic trend, electron configuration and bonding. The students have just completed a chemical bonding lab where they identified ionic, covalent and metallic bonds based on observed properties such as conductivity and solubility.

BETA Club - Jeff Whitmire

We had an introductory Beta meeting, Thursday, October 3, and interested students picked up applications to return by October 18. Invitations to new members will be delivered before the end of the month.

Spanish Club – Brandee Gallagher

The AHS Spanish Club convened for its first meeting of the year on Friday, September 21. Our kick off to the year included putting together a bulletin board in the C-Hall to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept 15-Oct 15). We hung various posters detailing the contributions to society of Hispanics throughout history. Then we went outside to do a piñata.

The kids had a lot of fun and look forward to the upcoming October meeting, to be held on Friday, October 25. At this meeting we will be playing a variety of games associated with “El día de los muertos,” a celebration common throughout Latin America. We will also have snacks and order T-shirts.

Daisy Granados, an AHS student, has really taken a leadership role with the Spanish Club, coming up with game ideas, helping organize and planning t-shirt designs. I would like to recognize her dedication to this growing organization and her passion for making Spanish Club a fun time for all students involved.