

Sunray Middle School

Principal's Report

February 2015

➤ National Junior Honor Society

NJHS Induction ceremony was held Thursday, February 5, 2015 in the Middle School library at 6:30 p.m. that evening. We had 12 nominees that met the needed requirements, and there are 11 current members. Requirements for the nominees are a 90% average in core classes for the last three semesters as well as the student must have attended Sunray school for at least one full semester. Student names are placed on a ballot and are then appraised by teachers in the areas of character, service, citizenship, and scholarship.

➤ Valentine's Dance

A Valentine Dance was held on Saturday, February 7th for Middle School students in the gym from 7:00-9:00. The proceeds from the dance go to our ABBIT fund to help pay for the end-of-year rewards to students that make A's and B's on their report cards at least one six weeks of the year.

➤ Lonestar Math Cup

Mrs. Carney is enrolling her 7th & 8th Math students in a competition in the Think Through Math program. They will be competing against every math class across the state of Texas. Titles up for grabs include: *2015 Lonestar Math Cup State Championship* with banners, t-shirts, and trophy, *Top class in your region* with \$50 gift card for pizza, *Gurus of Giving* also with a \$50 pizza gift card, and *Evening and Weekend Warriors* with a \$50 pizza gift card.

➤ Winter Benchmark Tests and STAAR Released Tests

All students in 5-8 have just completed the midyear/winter benchmark tests in both Reading and Math. Our campus is now using the Star 360 program from Renaissance. It will serve both needs for benchmark testing and progress monitoring of all students.

We've also been administering the released STAAR tests in Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies. This will give teachers an idea of where to focus instruction as we move closer to the March and April STAAR test dates.