

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

From: Mrs. Shannon Saylor, Principal

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Subject: Board Communication

Family & Consumer Science and FCCLA – Ashley McIlravy

Courses:

Principles of Education – After studying the history of education, students have now studied what it takes to be a good teacher/trainer. This includes qualities, aptitudes, and characteristics of effective teachers, issues that impact education, roles and responsibilities of teachers, and what is expected of teachers.

Dollars and Sense – Students in this course have learned about setting goals, managing priorities and are now on to studying about cash flow statements and net worth. To demonstrate their abilities, students have used Microsoft Excel to produce statements of net worth using cash flow statements from “clients.”

Fashion Design – During the last month in this course, students have learned about the business of fashion. This includes import/exports, business structures, and beginning to create their own fashion company.

Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness – Students in this course have learned the basic principles of food preparation throughout the past month. To demonstrate their knowledge, they have participated in several food labs. They also have researched and taught the class about different decades in the food industry.

Interior Design – Students have learned the Principles and Elements of Design and implemented them by producing a design of a Master Bedroom for their “client” using the Chief Architect software. We are now studying what influences our housing choices, color choices, and factors that impact the housing market.

FCCLA:

Membership – We are currently holding our membership drive. We have 50 members as of 10/3/14 which is an increase from last year.

Projects - We will be hosting the Fall Leadership Workshop at AHS on 10/6. We have 3 other schools that will be attending: Saint Jo, Muenster, and Farmersville.

English – Dawn Dooley

English I – Mrs. Bradford

We will be finishing up with the non-fiction unit and moving into poetry. During the poetry unit, we will utilize the TPCASSTT method to break down the poems and find their meanings. After poetry, which should be 2 weeks at the most, we will begin the mystery unit. The mystery unit is designed to help student with inferences, which seems to be a struggle for all age groups. We will read *And Then There Were None* or *Ten Little Indians* by Agatha Christie. This should take us into the beginning of November.

English II – Mrs. Deaver

In English II, we are in the middle of a poetry unit. Students have written some very good sonnets. Some of them were quite humorous while others were very full of emotion. Students have completed their first major paper and first unit test. We will be completing our study of analyzing poetry and move into a study of drama in the next couple of weeks.

In Pre AP English II, the students are off to a quick start and a hefty reading schedule. We are diving in to the novel Life of Pi in order to study the art of narrative storytelling, culture, and taking an opportunity for self-reflection. The kids are working very hard to keep up with the reading/annotating schedule and are doing a magnificent job in classroom discussion. This novel will lead into their annual research paper. For this course, the students will research a culture's literary traditions. Meanwhile, each week we study grammar rules using Daily Oral Language exercises in addition to 10 vocabulary words. Give these Pre AP kids a handshake if you see them and tell them you appreciate their dedication to the AP program because it is not for the faint of heart! (Ms. Judd)

English III – Ms. Dooley

- read short stories by Twain, London, Chopin, and Thurber
- analyze for literary elements such as characterization, theme, point-of-view, and irony
- test over short story elements
- literary analysis essay: C/C two of the stories we read for lit. elements
- book report presentations
- sentence structure, revising and editing
- begin pre-reading activities for *The Crucible*

English IV- Ms. Judd

In English IV, we have already journeyed through the Anglo-Saxon period and read the epic, Beowulf. The students loved visualizing the monster, Grendel, reflecting on the concept of heroism, and finding out about early British culture. We have now entered the Middle Ages and are reading "The Prologue" of The Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer. They are good at

calling out characters who aren't as noble as they should be. We will wrap up this study with an expository essay: "What do women really want?" using the Wife of Bath's tale as a jumping off point. You may hear this question asked in your household if you have a son in this class as part of his research for the essay. It is always fun to discuss/grade these. In addition, students have been working several days a week on grammar skills using Daily Oral Language exercises as bell ringers. We also have 10 weekly vocab. words that the students use in context in order to learn them, rather than simply memorizing definitions. They know every Friday is vocab. quiz day!

Band – Ron Chapman

The Aubrey HS band is now well into our marching season. As you may have noticed at football games, we have a huge band and a lot of action on the field. We have addressed many needs this year to include the purchase of new sousaphones, fantastic music writing and upgraded our percussion section and teacher greatly. We are doing well, and have high expectations this year.

However, as I have learned through the years, nothing is guaranteed in life. We will have 5 performances at CH Collins in the next three weeks. We will be competing this Saturday in a Prelims / Finals competition for US Bands. We will perform at 10:15am and sometime in the evening. We will have UIL Region Marching Contest on October 18th with a performance time of 1:00pm. We will have Area "B" marching contest on October 25th. We will be the 2nd band of the day as well. So, we will expect to perform at around 9:00am. We believe we should once again make finals that evening. After that, no body knows. We have a great show, wonderful music and the kids are doing a great job.

In order for us to qualify for State we must beat one of 4 bands that have been going to state for the last decade!! Those four bands are always state finalist as well - so you can see the mighty task at hand. As I have told my students, in order to just get to State, you must be one of the top 7 bands - period. This is a mighty high task at hand.

Thank you to Mrs. Sanders and the entire board for all their support of the band program.

Student Council – Brandee Gallagher

The latter part of September and the beginning of October have been a very busy time for the AHS Student Council.

The week of September 15-19, the Student Council organized games for the different classes to play during their lunches. We did a "Six Legged" race, a "Chubby Bunny" contest, a water balloon toss and then a "Sumo Showdown." Each of the games during both lunches allowed classes to earn points toward the Chaparral cup. The overall winning class for the week was the _____ with 1850 points.

On Friday, September 19 we crowned the 2014 Aubrey High School Homecoming Royalty. The Senior Court was made up of Cole Cannon, Chandler Teague, Jason Westmoreland and Tyler Williams, Bailee Clemmer, Brooklin Housden, Kenzie Parrent and Storee Yzaguirre.

Our Homecoming King was Cole Cannon and our Homecoming Queen was Bailee Clemmer. These winners were voted on by the entire student body. We also crowned the 2014 Cheerleader Beau and Football Sweetheart, people voted on by the Varsity Football Team and the Varsity Cheerleader Squad as having been very helpful and supportive. The 2014 Cheerleader Beau was Tyler Williams and the Football Sweetheart was Storee Yzaguirre.

Prior to the ceremony we had announced the Under Classmen Royalty:

Freshman Class Prince and Princess: Cody Bryant and Emily Keith

Sophomore Class Prince and Princess: Cooper White and Acelin Merchant

Junior Class Prince and Princess: Kevin Williams and Aspen Brock

On Saturday, September 20, we had the Homecoming Dance. With the theme, *A legendary Evening*, the room was draped in red, white and gold fabric with matching table clothes and decorations. We had a light snack bar and served juice and water. 142 students attended, so nearly the same number as last year and they all seemed to enjoy themselves.

On Friday, October 3 we had our annual Fall Blood Drive. Our projected units were 50 whole blood and 15 double red units. With this year's participation we have the power to save nearly 200 lives. We surpassed our goals with 61 whole blood units and 16 double red draws. We were very pleased with the participation in this fall blood drive. We worked with Coach Ivy to ensure the drive was done during a by-week, allowing football players to donate and we thank him for encouraging the athletes' participation in this worthwhile cause.

Finally, on Saturday October 4 at the annual Peanut Festival, the Aubrey High School Student Council Officers and other interested class members created floats to show their Aubrey pride. Each class was represented in the parade with the Senior Class bringing home the trophy for their creativity.

So now it is time to take a breath. Our next event will be the Angel Tree program in November and then getting ready for the Daddy Daughter Dance. Thank you all for your support of the AHS Student Council.

UIL and AcaDec – Edgar Jackson

UIL

Aubrey UIL is off to a great start! Aubrey High School hosted its novice tournament on September 27th, and many of our own novice debaters came away victorious! Kedrek Holland

and Makenzie Kirkpatrick finished in 6th place for CX debate. In student congress, Matthew Alfaro finished in 5th, and Nathan Scammel finished in 2nd. We are proud of the great success from all of our novice speakers and debaters.

The Aubrey High School speech and debate team traveled to the Princeton Fall Invitational this weekend and began our season along with 42 other schools. Becca Trissell and Kedrek Holland finished undefeated and in 4th place for advanced CX debate, and Becca also finished among the top three speakers in the tournament. We are proud of them as well as our other speakers and debaters, and we look forward to the rest of our winning season. The next tournament will be in Melissa on October 18th.

AcaDec

The Aubrey AcaDec team is hard at work preparing for this year's topic, Alternatives in Green Energy, and we are also hard at work raising money to fund our field trip to Branson, Missouri to explore nature and energy in the Show Me state. Thank you to all community members for your support of our team.

We will have more information about this year's competition after the coaches meeting on October 21st, but we are confident that your Chaps will be successful!

Theatre – Joseph Dassinger

Improv Troupe

In improv we are currently working on creating characters and long-form improv scenes.

Theatre I

Students are currently beginning their pantomime/mime unit, in which they will learn to build effective movement through their body and expressions.

Theatre II/III

Students are doing an acting technique research paper and will be teaching a unit over their technique. Students will then be moving onto their 2 person scenes in which they will incorporate different acting techniques.

Technical Theatre I

Students are about to start tool safety, and then start constructing set designs and props for the fall show, *The House of Dracula*.

Technical Theatre I/II

Students are currently creating a stage layout with dimension and will start their *The House of Dracula* set designs that would be utilized in the same size space.

Middle School Theatre

Students are starting up beginning pantomime/mime to help create environment, facial expressions, and body movement.

Fall Show

The High School Fall Show, *The House of Dracula*, is currently rehearsing and the students are excited and doing a wonderful job. This play is helping the students to work on 1-on-1 character interaction, comic timing, being in the moment, and building character relationships, and it is showing with their progress. Performances dates are November 9, 10, 16, 17.

Science – Mrs. Wimbrough

Biology:

We are currently looking at Biochemical molecules: their structure and functions

Pre-AP Biology:

Are studying Biochemistry and looking at enzymes and other Biomolecules such as proteins, lipids, nucleic acids and carbohydrates.

Physics:

Pre-AP Physics:

Physics:

We are finishing our unit on 1d kinematics and will continue our studies of motion with Newton's laws. We will explore these with a series of small labs in class.

Pre-AP Chemistry:

We are studying atomic structure and electron orbital movement and using the periodic table as a tool for understanding the shapes of these orbitals.

Anatomy & Physiology:

5th period just completed an exciting field trip to UT Southwestern Medical Center. While there they were able to attend seminars on skin cancer and epilepsy. They were also able to go to the gross anatomy lab and handle human organs such as the heart, liver, intestines and brain. A great educational time was had by all! 6th period will be going 28 October.

Environmental:

We are beginning our unit on climate and climate change with a focus on finding solutions that can be implemented in everyday life to make the smallest negative impact on the environment.

Art – Cindy Dale

All art classes are learning how to apply the *Elements of Art* and *Principles of Design* in their original artworks. Creativity is nurtured through the development of visual communication, collaboration and innovative problem solving skills. Individuality and use of imagination are encouraged as students explore a variety of art media and equipment, including drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, and ceramics. Students are very fortunate this year to learn how to use a printing press and fire their ceramics in a new kiln!

The creation of a life-size, completely handmade fall paper mache' tree will soon adorn the front foyer of the high school. This group project is led by student volunteers who want to enrich our surroundings and celebrate the changing seasons. After Thanksgiving, the tree will be changed to a winter theme.

All art students are eligible to participate in VASE (Visual Art Scholastic Event) in February of 2015. Determined by skill, UIL rules, and the desire to share their artwork with certified jurors, these talented art students will represent Aubrey High School well! Students will commit to VASE by the first part of January upon our return from winter break. In the meantime, students will be planning and preparing for this noteworthy event in the field of art education.

Social Studies – Shon Ranton

World Geography is beginning our unit on Human Geography.

Cheerleading – Sharon Clemmer

The cheerleaders had a great Homecoming week, starting with the community wide pep rally on September 15th.

It was an honor to help the Volleyball teams by painting signs and helping decorate the gym for their PINK OUT game that was held on Tuesday, September 30th.

We will be representing Aubrey High School in the Aubrey Peanut Festival Parade this Saturday, October 4th.

Athletics – Keith Ivy

HS Volleyball

The pink out game was a big success. Thank you for all the support from AISD administration and family, and the community of Aubrey. I couldn't be prouder of this district and the way the team played. Aubrey was well-represented on every level.

The middle school teams are over 1/2 way through their season, and the high school teams have 7 games left. We will be recognizing our middle school players this Friday, Oct. 10, and senior night will be Tuesday, Oct 21st.

MS Volleyball

Records

7A: 1-5

7B: 1-5

8A: 2-4

8B: 3-3

The Jr. High Lady Chaps volleyball teams will play in Sanger on Monday October 6. Then at home against Gainesville on Thursday, October 16.

Each week the teams are getting better. Last week we played Argyle, the best team in the district. Each team competed well and showed lots of improvement compared to the first week of volleyball season when we played Argyle the first time. The teams are working hard in practice each day, their goal is to win their district tournament on November 1.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

The Aubrey girls cross-country teams competed in the Ken Garland Invitational Meet at UNT on Sept. 27th. Ciomara Velasques placed 94th and Kaitlyn Wofford got 96th out of 166 runners in the Varsity division. Amy Kubicek and Ashley Mattheus also competed for the Lady Chaps in the Junior Varsity division. In the Junior High girls division, there were 435 runners and Madison Kriger placed 20th with a time of 13:51 and Kathymae Dow placed 28th crossing the finish line in 14:07. Team members competing in this meet were Kriger, Dow, Arianna Schaeffer, Lauren Knapp, Lauren Strittmatter, and Vivian Rocha.

The Aubrey Lady Chaparrals also competed in the Celina Invitational on Oct. 4th. Ciomara Velasquez, Kaitlyn Wofford, and Daniella Bramblette all competed for the Varsity while Ashley Mattheus was the lone Lady Chap runner in the Junior Varsity division. Each girl ran a personal best time at this meet. The Aubrey Junior High Lady Chaps had a good showing as well. Madison Kriger and Hope Royal received medals by placing 4th and 14th and Kathymae

Dow placed 21st. Other team members running were Lauren Knapp and Vivian Rocha. The teams will compete again on Sept. Oct. 13th at the Slidell Invitational.

HS FOOTBALL BOARD REPORT

Records:

Varsity 0-5

JV 1-3-1

Freshman 3-1

The high school football players are working extremely hard each and every day. We are raising the bar and the expectations for our players and our coaches. We are very excited to finally start district and look forward to improving every week. The bye week really helped us in getting players healthy and concentrating on their grades. We cancelled all morning workouts and encouraged all kids to attend both the morning tutorials and after school tutorials during our off week. We stopped practice from 3:45-4:45 each day to allow kids to go raise their grades and make sure we have no ineligible players after the 6 weeks report. The varsity team appears to have no academic failures at this time and the sub-varsity will possibly have a couple. We have worked very hard as a coaching staff to emphasize the importance of academics to these young men. I truly appreciate all of our teachers and principals for working with our student-athletes to promote academics and school pride.

We will be attending Monaco Elementary on Friday, October 17th to open car doors during drop off and participate in the Athletes for Literacy program. We will read to the kids afterwards. We attended Brockett Elementary during homecoming to participate in their pep rally a few weeks back. We are always looking for ways to improve school pride and get involved within our community.

Middle School Football

This is my first year as the Middle School Boys Athletic Coordinator and I could not have asked for a better group of young men. These boys have come in every morning with their hard hats on and ready to work. I came in with high expectations and to this point these young men are exceeding them. The leadership that our 8th grade captains (Will Greenwood, Luke Sciba, Jacan Farmer) bring to the table has trickled down through the entire 7th grade team. This great team first attitude and work ethic will not only make for a great season at the middle school level but prove to have a long lasting impression in our program for years to come.

Trey Baez

Records:

“B” Teams 0-0-2 (Both games were ties)

7th “A” 1-1

8th “A” 2-0

HS & MS BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

We had a CC meet this last Saturday at Celina. All runners ran a personal best time. Logan Moore placed 6th overall out of 77 runners with a time of 17:12. In CC you take your best 5 runners finish to determine your team place. Our top 5 runners are 2 sophomores and 3 freshmen. Our HS team is in a very strong CC district and currently setting in 5th place when compared to times of our District opponents. Sanger has the fastest times with Argyle, Celina, and Gainesville currently next in line. We are ahead of Krum in times. Our next meet is next Monday, Nov. 13 at Slidell and then we have the District meet on Nov. 22.

Middle School CC team also ran at Celina Saturday. They run a 2 mile course. We had 3 finish in the top 20 out of 132 runners. Jordan Barnes finished 4th with a time of 11:23, Ethan Mellick finished 9th with a time of 12:02 and Luis Mendoza finished 19th with a time of 12:34.