

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

Aubrey FCCLA will be traveling to the Countryside Nursing and Rehabilitation home in Pilot Point to assist with Valentine's Day activities for the residents. Students will be assisting the activities director in doing the ladies hair and makeup in preparation for a special Valentine's Day lunch.

FCCLA members are also beginning preparations for the Denton County Youth Fair at the end of March.

Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness is currently learning about nutrition throughout the lifetime including proper food labeling and research additives in our food.

Human Growth and Development is currently studying about the physical, emotional, and social development of a 20 - 39 year old.

Interior Design is learning about furniture, accessories, and appliances.

English – Dawn Dooley

English I:

Reading: Romeo and Juliet (Pre-AP: Rebecca)

Writing: STAAR Expository essay

Vocab: Romeo and Juliet vocab words

Grammar: Quotation Marks

English II:

Reading: Jekyll and Hyde

Writing: STAAR Persuasive Essay

Vocab: Jekyll and Hyde vocab words

Grammar: Quotation Marks

English III:

-finish career and college research paper and present to class with a visual aide

-begin persuasive techniques and logical fallacies unit

- Commercial project
- continue DOL and SAT Vocabulary activities and quizzes
- The political book report: due after spring break

AP English:

- finish *Fahrenheit 451*
- Fahrenheit 451* research paper
- AP argumentative essay
- AP multiple choice
- Syntax activities

Theatre Arts – Joseph Dassinger

Improv Troupe

Students are currently working on scene building in order to build long-form improvised scenes. We also will be performing some improvised skits during lunches in upcoming weeks.

Theatre I

Students are learning about different techniques in to help them act naturally.

Theatre II/III/IV

Theatre II/III/IV students are in the middle of rehearsing short 10 minutes scenes in which they use objectives to block their scenes.

Technical Theatre I/II

Students are now working on constructing UIL One-Act Play set, scenery, props, and costumes.

Middle School Theatre

Students are about to start a new unit of how to build characters through the text of a play.

UIL High One-Act Play

We are currently in the rehearsal process of our One-Act Play, *Blood Wedding*, and it is going great. The students are very excited, invested, and are coming together on both the acting side and technical side in creating this great show. They are all looking forward to our contest which is March 20 at Lone Star High School. We will be performing our school performance during the week before Spring Break.

Science- Penny Wimbrough

Physics:

We have just completed our unit on Momentum. This unit was topped off with our 'egg drop' project. The students were charged with the task of creating a 'nest' that would carry and protect an egg from breaking after a 2m fall. We are now starting a unit on waves in which the students will take photographs of waves in real life.

Pre-AP Physics:

Pre-AP just completed their first RLE or 'real life example' paper. Every 3 weeks they will relate the physics concepts they are learning in class to experiences in their own lives.

AP Biology:

We are continuing on our genetics unit by looking at human genetics and genetic variation.

Pathophysiology:

They have just completed a lab examining and testing simulated Urine for abnormalities that are indicative of disease. Next we will be looking at dialysis and how it works.

Biology:

They have just started their evolution unit. They are looking at the effects of natural selection on a population of "Teddy Grahams".

Pre-AP Biology:

The Pre-AP classes are attempting to transform bacteria by placing a plasmid containing a jelly fish gene into bacteria. Next they are going to begin their evolution unit by looking at how the Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium is calculated for a population.

Yearbook – Rashidur Rahman

Yearbook students are busy putting the Yearbook together. Even though we are ahead of schedule but we still have a lot of ground to cover. We have covered 100% of the student body in the yearbook. It was a very long process but we have achieved it. Students are working endless hours to bring out the best yearbook ever. They are working after and before school and also during weekends to make sure no one is left out; but at the same time, we know there is always room for improvements and the areas where we did not do that well, we will strive to get better for next school Yearbook. As of today only 44 more books left, if you want to get a yearbook please buy it before it's gone.

Cheer – Sharon Clemmer

Signups for the 2014-2015 cheerleading squads started on February 3, 2014.

Required forms are due by Friday, February 21st.

Mandatory Tryout Clinic is Monday, March 3rd.

Tryouts will be on Friday, March 7th.

*The tryout information is listed on the cheerleader website.

We have added a second “Girls Night In” fundraiser for the Brockett girls on Friday, March 28th. Monaco “Girls Night In” is Friday, April 4th.

Band – Ron Chapman

The band is back in full spring these days. The band has grown and matured in a way that is wonderfully representing Aubrey HS and Aubrey ISD almost every weekend. In the months of February and March the band, and sub groups of the band will be competing all over north Texas in Winter Guard (indoor flag competitions) and Winter Percussion Line (indoor percussion competitions). Each group has a minimum of four events that they will be competing in including Championships held at the end of the season.

The HS also has a new Jazz band that is going to be performing. Their first performance will be at UIL for Solo and ensemble festival on March 1st. They will also be competing in the Temple Community College Jazz contest. They will be looking for other opportunities to represent our community in the coming weeks. We are also scheduled to perform in April at the Denton Jazz Fest!!

March 1st brings us Solo and Ensemble Contest where most of the band is entered in one event or more. This year we hope to qualify more than 30 students to State!!!

March 4th will be the Region Concert and Sight-reading contest held in Krum. We will be going after our 6th Sweepstakes Trophy and are working hard to bring back the first ever Double Sweepstakes, with both Varsity and JV bands earning the top marks. The top band is playing a wonderful UIL Grade 4A Program this year, full of extra challenges for our students.

On the MS side, we are offering a MS solo and ensemble contest that took place on Monday, February 10th. The vast majority of our band students took part in this as we brought in judges from all over north Texas to evaluate their performance and give

medals. It was a fun night for all, and a very positive performance for our young musicians.

I could not be more pleased with the overwhelming support the band has and how music education in Aubrey is very much alive and well. This shows in every contest we go to, and every performance the band gives. We are grateful to our principals and administration for all they offer to make music a great part of the Aubrey education.

UIL and AcaDec – Edgar Jackson

Academic Decathlon

Our season wrapped up at the regional competition in Plano on January 25-26th with a fifth place finish and a few individual awards. Congratulations to the kids for all of their hard work and preparation. We now await the relapse of next year's topic and will begin preparation again in March.

UIL

February has been a busy and successful month for the UIL academics team! We have gone to three different competitions and have received over 20 individual awards including sending two debate teams to the state tournament in March! We are on a roll and ready to make a run at the district academic title. Thank you for all of the support we have received, and we will continue to do Aubrey proud.

Beta Club- Jeff Whitmire

The Beta Club is brainstorming ideas for spring community service projects and National Beta Week activities to promote and grow our chapter.

Meetings are currently the third Wednesday of each month.

Social Studies – Shon Ranton

World Geography is finishing the unit on Europe. Next up is Russia and the former Republics.

Student Council – Brandee Gallagher

The AHS Student Council has been very busy this month. This past weekend, February 8, we held our second annual Daddy Daughter Dance, a masquerade ball. A great evening was had by all, I think!

We sold over 200 tickets this year, as compared to 164 last year. So we had a significant increase in attendance. We deposited nearly \$3800.00 from dance proceeds. The Junior Class took keepsake pictures and a representative from the AHS Yearbook Staff took photos for the yearbook.

The same as last year, we served finger foods, but this year included a chocolate fountain, which was a big hit. Because this event was such a big fundraiser last year, we invited other groups to take a “station” to use as their own fundraiser.

The AHS FCCLA used designed and sold masquerade masks and the Junior Class took photos.

It was another successful fundraiser, but more importantly a fun evening for the students of Aubrey ISD and we are already looking forward to next year’s “Daddy’s Princess” evening.