

# Sunray Middle School

## Principal's Report

February 2016

### ➤ **Winter Benchmark Tests and STAAR Released Tests**

All students in grades 5-8 have completed the midyear/winter Star 360 benchmark tests in Reading and Math. Also, the Science classes have taken a released STAAR test at each grade level. The benchmark tests measure student progress, identify strengths and weaknesses, and predict outcome of the STAAR tests. The released test results give students and teachers an idea of where to focus instruction as we move closer to the March, April, and May STAAR test dates.

### ➤ **National Junior Honor Society**

NJHS Induction ceremony was held Thursday, February 4, 2016 in the middle school library at 7:00 P.M. We had 20 nominees that met the needed requirements, and there were 12 existing members. This brings the group total to 32 members for this year! Over 75 guests were in attendance. Requirements for the nominees are a 90% average in core classes for the last three semesters as well as the student must have attended school in Sunray 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's dance will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2016, in the middle school gym. It will be open to all 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders, and will run from 7:00-9:00 P.M. Admission fee for the dance is \$5.00, and the proceeds go to the ABBIT awards fund.