

**Mineola Elementary School**  
**BOARD REPORT**  
**January, 2013**

- **Back to school** – Teachers and students returned to school on January 8, 2013. The teachers were very thankful for the work day on January 7. We are very excited about the second semester, but anxious about all of the work we have ahead of us in preparing for the STAAR test.
- **January 11** – We had our semester AR incentive party for those students who reached their AR reading point goals for all three of the first six weeks of school. These students went to the Select Theater to see a movie.
- **January 11** – Dennis Lee made his annual appearance at our school. Dennis and his Nana Puddin characters have been presenting their character education program at our school for many years.
- We are in the process of mid-year literacy testing for all of our elementary students. The data from these assessments will help us to determine areas of weakness, and help us in determining appropriate interventions that will help our students achieve their individual literacy goals for the year.
- **January 15** – Our after school program will begin for those students who have been targeted as needing individualized help getting prepared for the upcoming STAAR tests. The program will offer math and reading on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week from now until the week before STAAR testing begins.
- **January 15** – We will have a parent meeting for our fifth grade parents to inform them about the upcoming trip to Sky Ranch.
- **January 15/16** – I will be attending the Harvard Graduate School of Education follow-up conference in Houston. We will have seminars with some of the foremost education professionals in the country, along with several Harvard professors.
- **January 16** – All of our teachers will participate in half-day training on the new website software for the MISD website.
- **January 24** – We have invited the school board members to come visit our campus and to eat lunch with our teachers from 10:30-12:30. This is our way of saying “thank you” for all that you do for our schools and our students.
- **February 5** – We will have school-wide parent meeting to discuss and answer questions about the STAAR test. Venita Watts and David Sauer will give a brief presentation and then address questions and concerns.
- **February 7/8** – The TEPSA Board of Directors will be meeting with legislators in Austin to discuss issues important to education in the State of Texas. I will be attending these meetings as the District 7 President.
- **February 13-15** – Our fifth grade students will be attending Sky Ranch for our annual science camp. They will stay two nights at the camp, while they participate in many fun science based experiments and activities.