

Mineola Middle School

Board of Trustees Report

February 2015

- **Enrollment - 356**
- **The girls 7th grade basketball team finished the year undefeated in district play. They then won the district tournament to finish the year 14-1.**
- **The 7th grade boys are currently undefeated in basketball district play heading into the district tournament.**
- **Feb. 17 Student Council will give a presentation at the Kiwanis luncheon to explain a student council project that involves a recreational game called a GA-GA Pit. Kiwanis has donated \$500 and labor for this cause.**
- **Feb. 23 Eighth grade students will go on a field trip to the Holocaust museum. We applied for and received the East Texas Initiative Grant which paid for the entrance fee for each student and transportation reimbursement.**
- **MMS just completed our spring benchmark. We'll be studying the data for areas that need to be addressed prior to STAAR testing.**
- **MMS hosted a Valentine dance on Friday, February 13th.**
- **Rachel Holsey from East Texas Council on Alcohol Drug Abuse (ETCADA) comes every Thursday to meet with 4 small groups to discuss making good choices.**

- **United Nations just competed at Region 7 bringing home the best novice award and third place in best resolution writing.**
- **March 3 "Pizza, Parents, and Planning." A parent meeting is scheduled for 6:00 to discuss AVID and a spring carnival to be run by parents.**
- **This past weekend, our High School Indoor Percussion Ensemble went to its first ever competition in Dallas, and they placed 3rd! In this activity, they learn a show like the marching band does, and they compete against other groups from around the DFW area. This is a competition where classification does not matter, such as 3A, 4A, and 5A. The first place group, Prosper High School, is a 5A high school that we competed against. They only finished 6 points ahead of Mineola's ensemble! This is even more special for our middle school percussionists, because we have 4 young men performing with this ensemble as well!**

Will Honea - 8th grade

Armando Veloz - 8th grade

Michael Trocolli - 8th grade

Israel Rivera - 7th grade

This is an outstanding achievement for these young men considering the fact that most of the large metro-area high schools that participate in this activity bring a select group of HIGH SCHOOL students, and we have 8th graders and even one 7th grader performing!

They will continue to perform and compete in this circuit with one more contest on March 6th, and they will finish their season with Circuit Championships on March 28th!

I couldn't have been more proud of these students and their hard work and dedication to our band program in Mineola. We are so blessed with awesome students!!! (Jim Best)