

Mineola Elementary School
September, 2013 Board Report

1. Meet the Teacher Night was held on Tuesday, August 20th. Approximately 300 parents signed in with their student.
2. The first day of school progressed smoothly with 377 students currently enrolled.
3. Fifth graders are researching, designing and building Solar Ovens. They have partnered with third graders who will participate in the final step of cooking and sampling their product. Mr. Smith, a retired physicist, and Mr. Fry, another volunteer, assisted in setting up the science labs and working with small groups.
4. Fourth graders are launching a school wide newspaper and journalism club as a venue for integrating writing across the campus. They are collaborating with Jim Phillips, journalism teacher at the high school.
5. Third graders are learning about financial literacy through checkbook entries. The checkbook will be used to integrate the new math TEKS, support discipline, and personal responsibility.
6. The 7 Habits of Happy and Effective Kids is being introduced through PE classes, library time and morning announcements. The Habits will support character development, leadership, positive peer interaction and school pride.
7. Fitness Grams are in progress during PE. Morning Clubs have started which include Marathon Club, Zumba, Performance Club, and Basketball Club. Parents are also taking advantage of the morning clubs, including Mrs. Marquez who has volunteered her time for Zumba instruction. K-Kids has begun its membership drive.
8. Parent Liaison, Linda Hernandez, hosted the first Principal's Coffee. Parents gathered for coffee and a time to hear about the Third Grade. Parents have signed up to volunteer for a variety of involvement opportunities.
9. Mineola Elementary is proud to present Kid's University through our new Curriculum and Instruction Specialist, Errin Allen. Kid's University will provide expanded learning experiences in areas students are interested in. The initial project will incorporate e.pals, which links students with children in the U.S. and around the world.