

Dear Parents and Students,

The second six weeks is coming to an end and we are entering the holiday season. It is hard to believe that we will be completing the fall semester in a matter of weeks. October has been a very busy month for our campus. The week of October 24<sup>th</sup> AIS celebrated Red Ribbon Week. We had Miss TX visit our campus, as well as Eddie Coker. Both guests promoted good decision making, avoiding drugs and alcohol, along with an anti bullying message. Our students dressed up each day to promote a particular theme that supported the ideals of Red Ribbon Week. Our fifth graders also completed the Stay Safe program that culminated in their graduation ceremony early in the month.

Currently our students are participating in UIL, Run Club, and lots of extracurricular activities outside of school. Please help our kids stay organized and on top of their classroom assignments. Be sure to ask your child if they are checking their planners each night, checking the website, and paying attention in class. If we work together I am confident our students will be happy, successful and well balanced!

If you have not seen the new mat in the front entry please come inside to see it! The PTA purchased the mat this school year. It looks amazing! The PTA is also sponsoring two assemblies and Argyle Nights in the spring, and purchasing additional materials for art, music, and PE. Thank you parents and PTA members for supporting AIS!

As most of you know the state of TX has changed the testing standards that will evaluate our students this upcoming year. We will no longer be taking the TAKS test. The new test is called the STAAR (State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness). The new tests will be much more rigorous and demanding. As the fall semester continues the teachers will begin transitioning our students to these new standards. The entire campus will be conducting Benchmark Testing for Math, Reading, and Science. The test dates will be December 6-8. Please help us by insuring your child is at school on those days. The data we collect from these exams will guide us in our curriculum decision making for the spring semester. Argyle Intermediate School is an Exemplary Campus and we want to continue our tradition of excellence as we transition to the new state standards.

We look forward to the New Year! Please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's teachers if you have any questions. On behalf of the entire faculty we wish you and your family a happy and peaceful holiday season!

Sincerely,

Conrad Streeter