

Education Department Report for the Board Meeting

Chinese New Year family day was held on February 9th with 29 children, 18 adults, 15 volunteers and one County Commissioner attending the event. Ms. Tingting Wofford and her students had the families captivated learning how to write in Chinese and how to wish one another a Happy New Year. Several people shared with the staff that it was one of the best family day events we have hosted.

The Senior outreach program took place on Wednesday, February 13th hosted by Carol Jandreau. Attendees learned about and made old fashioned valentines. The next outreach is scheduled for March 13, with members of the Campbell County Woolgrowers as potential hosts.

The multi-media committee met with a representative of the School District's IT department to talk about our ideas for the Homesteading Educational learning game we are proposing. We learned from that meeting the best platform on which to create the game so it can be used by students. From there we planned to contact three different gaming companies to see who might be available to help us and the potential costs we will be looking at in the future.

March 27th and the WWII day event is drawing ever closer. With that in mind, Robert and I went out to Cam-Plex last week and meet with Carly Klein and our Camp-Plex team to sign the contract and talk about set up possibilities. Contact has been made with Teddi Smothermon of the Powder River playhouse to try and find actors for two of the stations and things are looking promising on that front. Ms. Hinkel from the Thunder Basin High School has agreed to have her consumer science classes make ration recipe cookies again this year. Sixth grade teachers have been sending in the names of their students divided into seven different platoons so that we can create the station rotation for the event. We will be sending out requests for volunteers to help with the event on Facebook and the museum webpage and in emails at the end of the month.

Pioneer school is starting to come together, we have six open dates remaining for schoolmarms -- April 24, 25, 29 and May 1, 6 and 7th. I am waiting to hear back from Carol Jandreau and Mary Beltz about dates they might be able to teach and I have sent out a call to a few more potential teachers.

We hope that you will be able to join us on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for the opening of our new WWII exhibit "*Dear Folks: Letters Home from WWII.*"