

# Monaco Elementary School

## School Board Communication

**September 2012**

The lazy days of summer have faded and been replaced with alarms, backpacks, early bed times, and school supplies as a brand new school year has begun at Monaco Elementary. On August 27<sup>th</sup>, approximately 440 students entered our campus with smiles, new clothes, anticipation, and excitement..... and it never gets old to be a part of it. ☺

First, on the new school year agenda has been **Parent Information Meetings** by grade level to provide parents with the teachers' classroom expectations and procedures. Plus, these meetings also answer any questions parents may have.... all in an effort to help students be successful. These meetings spanned from August 30<sup>th</sup> – September 11<sup>th</sup>.

On September 4<sup>th</sup>, our school had its first **Campus Site-Based Meeting** to edit and update our CIP – Campus Improvement Plan for 2012-2013. Parent, community, teacher, and administrative members came together on this evening to get the job done for MES.

In honor of Grandparents Day, we hosted **"Making Memories with Muffins"** on September 10<sup>th</sup> where students invited their grandparents to come share a muffin breakfast with them at their school. It was a huge success with more grandparents than we had ever seen before attending.... so much fun!

It was decided to commemorate September 11<sup>th</sup>, this year we would have a **Day of Service** at our school. The day started with our flags at half mass and a moment of silence during morning announcements. In classrooms, a memorial video was shown and students made posters depicting their view of 9/11. Also, in one 4<sup>th</sup> grade class, letters were written to soldiers in Afghanistan to thank them for their service to our country. After school, the major events of "Day of Service" began with teachers, parents, and students volunteering in our **Learning Garden** to prepare it for fall planting. This was followed by an evening program, opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, to kick-off our **Watch D.O.G.S.** sign-up, and a slide show was presented on new legislative laws regarding **Bullying** for our attending parents.

During the week of September 17<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup>, **DRA Testing** will be going on in grades 1-3. Also, **Choir** begins on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of this week. Our campus wide annual **Fundraiser** will be kicked off on the 20<sup>th</sup> as well with frog collecting being the driving force of sales this year. Ribbit, Ribbit!

The entire week of September 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> will be devoted to **TPRI Testing** in grades K-2. This testing is so valuable to teachers and takes a little longer to obtain from our youngest students.

Believe it or not, our first 5 weeks grading period will end on September 28<sup>th</sup> with **Report Cards** going home the following week on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

At Monaco Elementary, our theme this year is ***“Catch the Excellence at MES!”*** We have adopted the FISH! Philosophy as a teacher, staff, and student effort to Be There, Play, Make Their Day, and Choose Your Attitude in all aspects of the school day.

***To our School Board members - We hope your new school year has begun with a great outlook too toward a year full of success and many accomplishments. In Aubrey America, we wouldn't have it any other way!***

