

Monaco Elementary

School Board Communication

January 2011

Happy New Year 2011 to each of you! We are now two weeks into the new year, the second semester, and the 4th six weeks grading period..... it's hard to believe the school year is half over! Our teachers and staff returned to school on January 3rd from their Christmas break with smiles and a renewed spirit to inspire their students. The students returned the next day with not as many smiles, but with excitement to see one another again after a two week break.

That first week back was also a very busy one with **Benchmark Testing** in 4th and 5th grades, in the areas of Writing, Reading, and Math on January 6th and 7th. These benchmark scores will help determine those students needing to attend **Afterschool Tutoring** which will begin on January 26th. The week ended with a **HUDDLE** assembly to celebrate the student accomplishments from the 3rd six weeks period. The agenda for Huddle also included a school spirit competition with teachers planning and performing their own cheers! Quite entertaining for the students for sure!

The week of January 10th brought more testing with **TPRI tests** being given in Kindergarten. These tests are a great way for teachers to determine the growth made by students in the first semester. It was a short week of classes with Friday, January 14th, being a **Staff Development Day** and a day off for students.

The next week starts with an **All School Holiday** – Martin Luther King Day on January 17th, and our campus will be closed for the day. When we return, our 1st and 2nd graders will have their turn at **TPRI testing** for 4 days, January 18th – 21st. To end this week, a special fundraising **Spaghetti Dinner** will be held here at MES on January 21st and is sponsored by our Monaco PTO.

The MES calendar is clear the last week of January, so now is where we take a moment to say **“Thank You Aubrey ISD School Board Members”** for all you do for our staff and students here at Monaco Elementary! We are fortunate to live in a district with leaders who are truly worthy to follow down the path to success. We also hope you enjoy your appreciation gifts from Aubrey’s youngest students (Pre-Kindergarten), along with our staff gift as well.

To close, we wanted to share our new **MES Pledge** with you. This pledge was developed by our students, and our hope is that it will be proudly recited for years to come:

Monaco Elementary School Pledge

I pledge to do my best while I’m at MES.

I’ll honor and obey my teachers every day.

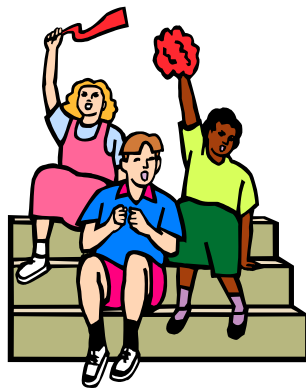
I’ll make good choices and tell the truth.

I’ll be nice to my friends and others too.

I’ll work very hard to follow the rules,

so I can take pride in

Monaco Elementary School!



“MES appreciates our School Board!!!”