

Monaco Elementary Board Communication



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Things are turning up sweet and smelling like a rose here at MES during this month of love and hearts! We have so much fun and learning going on, it's hard not to smile all the time! ☺

The month began for our teachers and support staff with **STAAR training** on February 1st after school. Our Monaco PTO even provided a spread of delicious snacks and drinks for all to enjoy because food always helps everyone think and learn clearer. ;)

The next day, February 2nd, was not only Groundhog Day, but even more exciting..... it was the **100th Day of School!!** This is a very special event, especially in the lower grades, as they count and eat lots of yummy snacks, make a T-shirt to commemorate the day, and make fun crafts using one hundred items. How fun it was for all!

Yesterday, on February 6th, our campus staff brought cookies to take to Lowe's Home Improvement store in Denton, along with a signed banner from students, to thank them for all their support of our **MES Learning Garden**. Employees there were so happy and surprised to receive the treats, and it was very rewarding for us to give a little back.

Coming up on Thursday, February 9th, the library will hold an **Accelerated Reader Information Night** for parents of 1st grade students to give them an insight into AR and how to log on at home for their children to take tests.

Next week, we will be raising money for our school during the Monaco PTO sponsored "**Fun Run**" in the gym on February 14th - 16th. Students collect pledges from family and friends to run during their PE classes for 3 days. This is the PTO's big fundraiser and they are anticipating huge monetary returns to help our school. We are very grateful to have such wonderful, hardworking parents on our campus!

On the 16th, our **1st grade students** will perform a **musical** called Winter Songs. As the title suggests, this musical is filled with songs about snow, valentines, and other wintery themes. Students will get to show off their talents in front of an audience that evening.

The next day, February 17th, our **1st graders** will head out on their **field trip** to Casa Manana to see a live performance of Charlotte's Web. What a great time to be a first grade student!

On February 20th, to better educate our parents on the new STAAR testing program, MES is having a **STAAR Information Parent Night**. Teachers, along with our counselor and principal, will be here to answer questions and lay out the format and rules of STAAR. Also, suggestions on how parents can help students prepare at home for testing will be discussed.

The month will wind down with **Kindergarten** students taking their **field trip** to the Dallas Museum of Nature and Science. This will be their very first field trip... talk about excitement and fun!

Report cards for the end of the 4th six weeks grading period will go home to parents on February 22nd.

To culminate this month of love, a favorite event will return to MES that our students dearly LOVE! The **Scholastic Book Fair** will be in the library the entire week of February 27th – March 2nd. Books about everything will be sold, to learn from and laugh along with, which help students discover the lifelong love of reading. Proceeds will benefit our library book fund.

***“Roses are red; Violets are blue.
When it comes to an awesome School Board,
Aubrey ISD rules!!”***



“Happy Hearts Month with love from MES!!”