

Monaco Elementary School

School Board Communication

September 2013

Summer has faded fast and now students are attempting to roll out of bed and into a brand new school year at Monaco Elementary. On August 26th, approximately 470 students entered our campus with smiles, new clothes, anticipation, and excitement.

We began our new year with **Parent Night**. This also included our annual **Watch D.O.G.S. Kickoff** and a fifth grade parent meeting for those attending their 3-day field trip to **Camp Goddard**. It was a very busy evening!

In honor of Grandparents Day, we hosted "**Making Memories with Muffins**" on September 6th 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!

On September 12th, our school will have its first **Campus Site-Based Meeting** to edit and update our CIP – Campus Improvement Plan for 2013-2014. Parent, community, teacher, and administrative members come together on this evening to get the job done for MES.

We will commemorate September 11, in memory of **9-11**, with Mr. Gregory reading a passage about commitment, bravery, and sacrifice and then lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence, and flags at half-mast. Each classroom will "remember", (the Catch Word of the Day), in their own way.

Choir began on the 10th and 12th of this week. We have a record number of choir members this year. 123! Wow!

Our campus wide annual **Fundraiser** will be kicked off on the 20th as well with Penguin collecting being the driving force of sales this year.

Our 5th graders will be going to **Camp Goddard** Sept. 23rd- 25th. They always have a great time.

The entire week of September 30th – Oct. 3rd 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.

Student Council is up and running with all feet on the ground. They have jumped right into fundraising. Mr. Gregory will again lead them to great things.

At Monaco Elementary, our theme this year is once again ***“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! We wish you a year full of success and many accomplishments.

