

Monaco Elementary Board Communication



November/December 2011



Happy Holidays to all of you! How fast this first semester has flown by at MES!! We began the month of November with our **Scholastic Book Fair** drawing big crowds daily in the library. Our first week also included our first pirate educational adventure entitled, **SWASHBUCKLE!** Families came out on the evening of November 3rd, to find a pirate map waiting to help them find math/science activity clues to solve a riddle. Those who solved the riddle, had their name put in a treasure box in which one lucky name was drawn to win \$100 cash! What a fun and exciting evening we all had together.... **ARRRGH!** **Parent conferences** were also held that first week with early release days on Thursday and Friday to accommodate parents' schedules. Our six weeks celebration of grades and attendance, aka **HUDDLE**, took place on November 7th with a candy cane race to get us in the holiday spirit. Students were acknowledged and given honor tags and certificates for their achievements. The following evening, our **Campus Site Based Committee** met to revise our Campus Improvement Plan for this school year. We appreciate our parents, community members, and teachers who serve on this important committee. The week ended with **Veterans Day** and a special guest, Army SFC Billy Payne, came to talk to students about Veterans Day and our American flag. His two children attend MES. Our **3rd graders** went on their **Field Trip** to Elm Fork Learning Center in Denton on November 11th as well. Science exploration was the theme of their trip - from space, to water, to ground, the students looked at planets, microorganisms, and artifacts. The next week brought **All Smiles**, a mobile dental unit, to give requested dental check-ups to our students on November 14th. Later that week, there were **Feasts of Thanksgiving** in the lower grades on the 17th and 18th and a **Musical Performance** from 2nd grade on the evening of the 17th entitled The Character Tango. Family and friends enjoyed both with many types of wonderful food to share and sweet songs to make everyone smile. We also concluded a canned **Food Drive** on November 18th in which we collected over 2000 items of food for families during the holidays. Some of our Student Council members organized a **Cancer Savers Donation Drive** for only a week and raised \$200 to go to the American Cancer Society! How proud we are of our students and their efforts to help others. We all took a well needed break for Thanksgiving from November 21st – 25th. MES is truly thankful for all our administrators, teachers, staff, and students who make our school a success!

Classes will be back in session again on November 28th with our students getting ready for **Benchmark Tests** in all grade levels the first week of December. These tests give our teachers vital knowledge to better instruct all of their students. Our Student Council will sponsor a **Breakfast with Santa** on December 3rd followed by some planting fun in our **Monaco Learning Garden** to burn off all those pancakes eaten! Our **2nd graders** will take their **Field Trip** to the Ft. Worth Museum of Science and History on December 9th. They will tour the exhibits and watch the movie Polar Express.... how fun and festive that will be!

The week before Christmas Break is always a busy one and this year will be no exception. Students who wish to participate in **Battle of the Books K - 2nd grade** will take qualifying tests to see who will make the teams during the week of December 12th-16th. Our awesome **PTO** parents will provide a **luncheon** on the 13th for all our MES staff. We so appreciate all their efforts to support our school and provide our staff with wonderful gifts of food throughout the year! The **District UIL Competition** will take place at the NCTC campus in Gainesville on December 12th and 13th. We wish all our teams the best as they prepare to bring home the GOLD to MES! Another field trip will take place on December 14th when our **MES Choir** will take their annual **Caroling Trip** to Stonebriar Mall in Frisco and Countryside Nursing Home in Pilot Point. Songs of the holiday season will be sung to all with appreciation from grateful audiences. The 15th and 16th of December are **Early Release Days** with parties, gift exchanges, and lots of great food. A two week Christmas break will then follow and bring us all back together again in a brand New Year on January 3, 2012.

“Thanksgiving Blessings and Good Tidings of Great Joy are wished to all our Aubrey ISD Board Members and their families from Monaco Elementary School!!!”

