Monaco Elementary School School Board Communication

February 2015



February finds us working hard in **Fish Camp** (Tutoring). Students are excited to be a part of camp because we have wonderful teachers, tutors, and staff who are working diligently with our students to bring about successful results.

MES had a good turn out to our **STAAR Parent Information Night** on the 2nd in the cafeteria. Concerned parents came to hear about STAAR and had numerous very thought-provoking questions. Each parent walked away with a printout report of their student(s) progress and information on how to access the same programs used here at school at home.

After much re-scheduling, the **Board Appreciation** meeting was on the 4th. All campuses presented gifts to the members in recognition of their hard work and dedication to Aubrey ISD.

Our counselor, **Tracy Reynolds**, was honored on Friday the 6th for **National School Counselors Week**. She was very surprised and pleased with her gifts. MES students made her a huge poster citing the attributes of an excellent counselor. Many grade level students presented Ms. Reynolds with hand-made cards and letters.

Walk the Line-Students in 4th and 5th grade did a unique Guidance lesson this week to learn ways they can show compassion and empathy with one another. The activity involved walking across a line and learning how to relate to someone else's feelings. Both grade levels were very involved and many positive comments came from this lesson.

District Site Base will be coming up on the 10th. Teachers, staff, and parents look forward to seeing what improvements will be made.

Monaco PTO is sponsoring **Valentine Grams** this month for students. They will be on sale through the 12th with delivery on the 13th. The PTO also brings around a **Sweetheart Cart** for all the teachers to choose their favorite treats. They will also have a teacher meeting for the **Fun Run** on the 23rd to plan for the huge kickoff and actual event taking place in March. Fun Run students can obtain sponsors or donations for their run. PTO takes very

good care of our school and teachers and meets many of our academic needs throughout the school year.

Third Grade will finally get to go on their field trip re-scheduled from November on Friday the 13th. Bad weather kept them from going to Elm Fork on the UNT campus. They are really excited and hope for beautiful weather!

Students will receive a holiday on the 16th for **President's Day**. Teachers and staff will be attending meetings to prepare for the coming STAAR testing.

Kindergarten has their field trip planned for the 20th. They will be going to the **Dallas World Aquarium**! What a great place! There are lots of cool exhibits including an inside Rain Forest! Their faces are always shining when they get off the buses. They always have such great fun!

First Grade will have their choir concert the evening of the 26th. They are always inventive and extremely cute in whatever they do.

We at Monaco Elementary wish you a <u>Happy Valentine's Day!!</u>