

Monaco Elementary Board Communication

 **December 2012** 

Jingle Bells are ringing and Christmas Choirs are singing...the start of the Holiday Season is here! At MES, the month starts with **Benchmark Testing** on December 4th and 5th in fourth and fifth grades. The next week, these tests continue on December 11th and 12th in third and fourth grades. Teachers have been working hard to create these benchmark tests to assess their students and give them valuable information for next semester.

On December 6th, both Aubrey Elementary Schools will travel to Argyle for a **UIL Invitational Meet** competing against Krum, Lake Dallas, along with Argyle in all events coming up in the February District Meet. Students have been practicing many hours to prepare and bring back the first chance at winning gold for our schools!

Brockett and Monaco Elementary 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will have a rare opportunity on December 12th. They have the chance to **skype with the author**, Tom Angleberger, about his book, The Strange Case of Origami Yoda and Fake Mustache. Students are very excited because this book is on their Library Book Club list and a favorite too!

MES Choir Students will go on a **Field Trip** on December 17th to Stonebriar Mall in Frisco to sing Christmas songs there. After their performance, lunch will be enjoyed at Gatti Town as well.

December 20th and 21st will bring early release days at MES at 12:30PM for students. These two days will be fun as well with the 20th declared as **Polar Express Day** and the 21st will bring classroom **Holiday Parties**. Polar Express Day is a joint effort with our library crew and will be campus wide with students, faculty, and staff wearing cozy pajamas all day. ☺

The Polar Express is a popular holiday book where the main character is a boy who goes on a magical train ride in his pajamas. All grade levels will celebrate on the 21st with a festive party and gift exchange in their classrooms.

Then...all Aubrey ISD schools will take their Winter Break for 2 weeks with teachers and staff returning on January 7, 2013 and students on January 8, 2013.

From All of us at MES....

"We wish our School Board Members a most joyous Christmas Season with your family and friends and may your New Year 2013 be filled with love, peace, and happiness!"

