

James A. Monaco Elementary

School Board Communication

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Spring has definitely sprung and at MES.... we are “blooming” with so many activities and events to enjoy and educate us all.

We started off the month with our **Scholastic Book Fair** which always draws many book lovers and money for our library. Our parents even had a chance to shop as well on Family Night, March 1st. The following week we had double excitement on campus starting with **Career Day** on Friday, March 9th. Our students got to wear college team jerseys that day, and they enjoyed many speakers who came to tell them about their professions. News had broken the night before that our **first duckling** had hatched in Kindergarten! (Eggs had been incubated for 28 days and watched over by Mrs. McDowell, Kindergarten teacher.) So, Friday also brought lines of students traveling down the blue hall to view our long awaited baby duck, Howard. Since then, we have had 6 ducklings hatch and they are growing by leaps and bounds..... what a fun experience to see and learn from!

Our campus and district took a little **Spring Break** the next week and enjoyed the spring weather with some down time to revive our bodies and spirit. We are always thankful for some family and leisure time at this hectic part of the school year.

This week brings **Texas Public School week** with a traditional **Open House** planned for Thursday evening, March 22nd. Our MES families have a chance to come visit the classrooms and see all the great things our students are accomplishing. Our **Monaco Musicians** will host a bake sale that evening as well and projects will be on display in several classrooms.

Next week our 4th and 5th grade students will experience the first administration of the new **STAAR test** in Writing and Math on March 27th and March 28th.

MES students and teachers have worked extremely hard to prepare, and our campus will be closed to visitors on testing days to provide a quiet, uninterrupted venue for them to test. We are very proud of our students' efforts and want them to have every opportunity to show their knowledge on these tests.

To end the month of March, a special assembly will take place on Friday, March 30th with an **African Dance & Drum team** coming to perform. Reviews have reported the group to be very talented and entertaining. This program will be enjoyed by our entire campus.

Monaco Elementary School wishes our awesome School Board members a beautiful Springtime with many colorful memories to cherish. Thank you for all you do for Aubrey ISD!



Kindergarteners with Henrietta, the duck.