

Monaco Elementary School Board Communication

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Happy New Year 2012 to all our Aubrey ISD Board members! It's hard to believe that the first semester of school is complete, and now we have started our second semester along with the New Year at MES. We as a campus, have many goals to strive toward including new testing to prepare for and tutoring to get students ready. Of course, along the way, there will be time for field trips, musical performances, and assemblies to recognize accomplishments as well.

On the 3rd of January, our students returned all bright and shiny in their new apparel received over the holidays. The following day, **Benchmark Testing** began in fourth and fifth grades. With the new STAAR testing, there is a time limit so testing will begin at 8:00AM and end at 12:00PM. To better prepare our students now, benchmark testing is administered in the same way. These benchmarks continued through January 10th. Also, **Report Cards** went home on January 4th with student grades from the 3rd six weeks grading period. To acknowledge those students who earned A, AB honor roll and perfect attendance, our first **HUDDLE** of the new year took place on January 6th. During this assembly, "Making a Difference" awards were given out as well.

The second week in January, brought **TPRI testing** in kindergarten, first, and second grades. Teachers were approved substitutes to cover class time to complete these tests. This testing was completed on January 12th so data could be used on that Friday, during **Teacher Inservice** on January 13th.

The third week will bring a **School Holiday** to honor Dr. Martin Luther King on Monday, January 16th. The long awaited **AR Field Trip** will be on January 18th. Students have worked hard to reach goals set to earn this trip. Books are read, tests taken on comprehension, and scores tallied to reach a set goal. Students from second through fifth grade can participate and at last count, MES has around 125 students attending! Their trip this year is to the Frisco AMC movie theatre to see the movie Hugo followed by lunch at CiCi's Pizza.

I purposely saved a very proud moment this month until the end of these notes to share with you all. At our HUDDLE assembly back on January 6th, we had a special guest visit MES to receive a special donation from five of our 5th grade students. These awesome students had organized their own fundraiser, **Cancer Stoppers**, back in November to raise money to fight cancer. In only 4 days, the group raised over \$200 to be used for research by the American Cancer Society! MES is very proud of their efforts and desire to help others, so it was arranged for a representative from the American Cancer Society in Ft. Worth to be at HUDDLE to receive the check. What an inspiring thing these students did, and they are not finished with their fundraising yet!



Lastly, Monaco Elementary teachers and staff would like to express our many thanks to YOU, our AISD School Board. With your guidance and support, Aubrey ISD continues to be a leader in education. We appreciate all of your efforts to "Help Our Kids Shine" in all their educational endeavors! Enjoy your appreciation dinner and all the special attention you will receive on January 18th. You all deserve it! ☺

P.S. While I was typing these notes, MES received word that our Aubrey Elementary Schools are the District 9-3A UIL Champions!! Congratulations to our MES and BES students, coaches, and everyone involved. What an awesome accomplishment!