



# Monaco Elementary School

## Board Communication

**November - December 2010**

November began with excitement about books and many informative parent meetings. The first week of the month included a **Scholastic Book Fair** in the library, with so many exciting new books to choose from. On Tuesday evening, we had a Family Night at the Book Fair with a special guest appearance from Batman (Mrs. Lowman) and Robin (Mrs. Spencer – 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher). This event was a resounding monetary success with funds going toward new books for our MES library!

Also, during the first week of November - **teacher/parent conferences** were going on during the school day, before and after school, and especially on the 2 early release days set aside for accommodating parent schedules. We had high attendance for these informative meetings and great feedback from parents.

**Picture retakes** were November 3<sup>rd</sup> and our campus Fundraiser products came in for delivery on November 10<sup>th</sup>. On November 16<sup>th</sup>, our MES campus and BES campus had an **Intra-district UIL Meet** to determine the Aubrey combined Elementary team to go on to District Competition in December.

Our wonderful PTO provided a **luncheon** on November 16<sup>th</sup> for our campus..... awesome as usual! And more food and festivities came on November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> with Thanksgiving Feasts in PreK through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. A much anticipated break came next with our district closing for a week for **Thanksgiving holidays**. We had an activity at school before the break to write down all the things we are thankful for in our lives, both from staff and students. These thoughts were then made into a bulletin board on one of our hallways. We are all thankful for our administrators, teachers, staff, and school board - who as a team, make our district one of the best in Texas!!!

On to the merry month of December with an enrollment of 448 students! Our **MES choir** is scheduled to perform on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Aubrey's Christmas Tree Lighting and also at our monthly PTO meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup>. This week will also include important **Benchmark testing** in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades. These tests provide vital information for teachers to help students achieve on the TAKS tests to come.

Our choir will get a day off campus as it travels to Kids Corral Daycare and Stonebriar Mall for a **caroling Field Trip** on December 13<sup>th</sup>. This trip will be followed by the **Accelerated Reader Field Trip** to the Dallas Symphony on the evening of December 16<sup>th</sup>. What a rare opportunity for students, whom earned the points required, to experience the symphony with holiday music to enjoy as well!

Much anticipation will be the call of the day on December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> as our combined Elementary team goes to the **UIL District Competition** at the NCTC campus in Gainesville. We cannot wait to hear about all their accomplishments and great scores; could there be a Championship in the wings?!? We shall see! Good luck to all participating students and their coaches!

As our **Christmas/Winter Break** approaches, the students will have holiday parties and early release days on December 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. An early but most sincere wish to all of our Aubrey ISD School Board members and their families :

**Happy Holidays and Happy New Year 2011  
from all of us at MES!!!**

