

Monaco Elementary School

School Board Communication

May 2014



We are in the home stretch! This school year is wrapping up fast. There are a lot of activities going on this month, so let's get moving!

We started out with **Kindergarten Round-Up** on Thursday May 1st. We had 66 kinder students show up and only about 6 or 7 who still have packets out. That's the most we've ever had! We have given out at least 5 more packets since then because the area around here is really growing!

May 1st was also **Principal's Day** here at MES. There was a steady stream of students bringing gifts, flowers, notes, and pictures to Mrs. Lowman throughout the whole day. PTO had arranged for the students to know Mrs. Lowman's favorite color and flower.

Coach Andrews and Coach Giddens did a great job on both **Field Days** for the MES Students! **K-2nd grades** had Field Day on the 2nd. The coaches had the whole playground mapped out with lots of activities. Students and parents alike had a great time. There is a picture of their Field Day at the end of the board notes.

The **Aubrey Education Foundation Gala** was on Saturday the 3rd at the McCutcheon Stables. Many items were donated that had been made by the Monaco students. We are so fortunate to have such an organization to help with obtaining critical equipment and programs that are used to forward the success of our students.

The week of May 5-9 was **National Teacher's Appreciation Week**. Many students brought some kind of gift or flower at least once to their teachers. Also **National Nurse's Day** was on Tuesday of this week. Lots of cards and drawings hung outside Mrs. Walker's office. The PTO treated all the teachers and staff to a **Cinco de Mayo** day on Monday. A big **THANK YOU** to the District for Pizza on Wednesday! Teachers were treated to an extended

lunch time from the PTO moms! There were a great many moms helping out to make this a successful and special treat. **Breakfast** was provided on Friday morning by the Mrs. Lowman, Mrs. Brooks, and the office staff. Waffles, fruit, and egg casserole were just a few items on the menu that morning.

Don Painter came on May 6th to take **pre-graduation pictures** of our darling Kindergarteners. They will receive a diploma with their picture on it and also proofs. We can't wait to see how cute they will look!

We also had two **Baby Showers** on the 6th. Ms. Amity Price will be having her son, Noah, in August and Ms. Dondi Gibby will be welcoming her daughter, Kinsler, in July.

The 2nd graders went to the Planetarium for their **AR Field Trip**. They earned this by reading certain books and passing content tests about them. Although it was a bit wet (it rained) that day, they had a great time. Instead of going to the park for lunch, they came back to campus and had lunch together in the library.

Field Day for 3-5 grades was held at the Aubrey HS football field on the 9th. Brockett students joined Monaco students for a great day of fun and sun! Along with the teachers and staff who went, there were a great number of parents who showed up to enjoy some of the festivities. There is a picture of MES Field Day students at the beginning of the board notes.

May 13th and 14th were **STAAR re-test** days. We had a very small number of students to re-test. **SRA** Testing (STAAR Readiness Assessment) will be going the week of the 12th and 19th.

The PTO arranged for a fundraiser at **Mable Slab Creamery** in Little Elm on the evening of the 15th. Mrs. Lowman, along with some of the teachers and staff, were "guest" ice cream scoopers for the night. Up to their elbows in ice cream: What a way to go!

Third-Fifth grade students went to the **Ft. Worth Zoo** on the 16th as part of a special AR program in the library. It is called **Genre Gems**. This is the first year for this program. The students had several genres to choose from. They had to complete a certain number. After reading the book, they would test for content and then blog about the book. Some of the genres available were; poetry, non-fiction, biography, science fiction, and fiction, just to name a few.

The **M&M's (Monaco Muscians)** will perform on the 22nd with the AHS Band to precede them in the program. The AHS Drama team will be here for a performance on the 27th at 2:00 pm.

Our annual **Extravaganza** will be on the 28th. Students in grade 3-5 have an exceptional time spending their Monaco Bucks they have worked so hard to earn. There is always many ways to get wet, bounce up and down, and have game time.

May 29th will be our **Club Day**. Teachers and parents donate their time and talents to share their hobbies and interests with all the students at MES. Students were permitted to select the club they would like to experience. Some of these clubs are anything from working with horses and old cars to tie-dying and Lego building. One of our very own board members, **Annette Crooks**, volunteered to lead a horse club activity. There is always something for everybody!

Our **Final Huddle** of the year will be on the 30th. This will start at 9 am and will be school wide. We usually have lots of parents who come to huddle. **UIL** students will be receiving their awards and medals at this time. We will also have early release this day.

June 2nd will be award ceremonies for a few of the grade levels. **Kindergarten** and **5th Grade Graduations** will also be on this make-up snow day. Kinder will be at 10 am in the gym and 5th grade will be at 8:30 am in the cafeteria. Early release will also be today.



Have a safe and fun-filled summer!!