

Monaco Elementary School

School Board Communication

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Happy New Year!

We started back with several new students added to the roster and **Benchmark Testing** for 3rd through 5th grades on the 7th – 9th. Benchmarks assess academic growth. The lower grades were so quiet moving about the halls. They did a great job.

Huddle came about on the 9th. The students really enjoy Huddle time, as do the parents and staff. Awards for **Perfect Attendance** for 9 weeks and **A/A-B Honor Roll** and **FISH Awards** were passed out. Students with perfect attendance get a chance to eat lunch on the stage on huddle day. Huddle is concluded with our M-E-S is the BEST chant!

We had **TPRI** Testing (Grades K-2) at the end of this month. TPRI is used to monitor academic reading growth. The reading assessment is given three times a year. Students showing difficulties will be included in FISH Camp – after school tutoring on Wednesdays.

PTO hosted a **Teacher's Luncheon** on the 15th. The teachers really look forward to these times. They received a duty-free lunch and were then able to eat as a whole team.

In recognition of **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**, Aubrey ISD will be closed. We honor the great strides Dr. King made in his short time.

There will be lots of excitement and energy around here when the **Chinese Acrobats** perform for our students on the 23rd at 2 pm. We are looking forward to their arrival with great anticipation!

Starting on the 28th, **Fish Camp**, our version of tutoring, will commence. We have great teachers who know how to focus on the needs of our students while making learning fun. Fish Camp will continue through April 15.

MES received the **Texas Honors Circle Campus Award** for successfully combining cost-effective spending with academic excellence. We received a five-star FAST (Financial Allocation Study for Texas) rating and are recognized for demonstrating both academic and financial effectiveness. MES will be featured on the FAST website at <http://www.fastexas.org>.

Of course we cannot forget that **National School Board Recognition** is this month. We are blessed to have such a caring and dedicated school board. Without your support we would not be able to meet the many needs of our students. We also would like to thank all of you for the concern you show in diverse ways to all of our faculty and staff at Monaco Elementary and to Aubrey ISD as a whole. We hope you enjoy your night of appreciation.

Thank You Aubrey ISD School Board!!