

Monaco Elementary Board Communication

October 2010

Autumn is in the air..... and at Monaco Elementary the number of activities and events are as numerous as the falling leaves! We are having a wonderful start to the school year with a very busy and exciting month of October.....

~ **October 5th** - our monthly **PTO meeting** took place in the evening with our awesome second graders giving a **musical performance** following the meeting. The music consisted of songs about school and the fall season. It's All At School was the title and we agree that you can find it all at MES! Also, our campus staff cannot express enough how wonderful our Monaco PTO is this year! They go above and beyond to give their time and efforts to make us all feel special and provide items requested and needed. What a great organization!

~ **October 8th** - was a very special day with our first **HUDDLE assembly** in the cafeteria. We actually had 2 assemblies – one for lower grades and one for upper classmen. A celebration of students' accomplishments during the first 6 weeks grading period is the purpose of HUDDLE. Acknowledgement of Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, Star Students, and Above and Beyond efforts were all rewarded and praised. Also, there was an announcement of the funds raised from our **annual school wide fundraiser** with American Concepts this year. In a 2 week period, our MES students raised over \$6,000 to help provide special events and supplies for our campus! We are so appreciative of all who participated. Our assembly always ends with a friendly competition of skill and spirit, intended to help our grade levels bond and have fun together.

~ **October 18th** - there will be a **Gifted and Talented** parent information meeting at Brockett elementary that evening. This meeting is designed to answer questions by parents regarding the GT program at Monaco and Brockett elementaries.

~ **October 19th- 21st** - will find our fourth and fifth grade students taking their first **Benchmark tests** in Writing, Math, and Reading. This is a great tool for teachers to assess student skills in these subjects.

~ **October 21st** - the youngest of our students, Pre-Kindergarten, will be taking a **field trip** to the Pumpkin Patch in Aubrey. This is a delightful and colorful place for these students to visit and enjoy all the fun sights of fall. They will each bring home their very own pumpkin too!

~ **October 26th** - top sellers in our annual fundraiser will get the well earned privilege of taking a **limousine ride** to Gatti Town Pizza in Frisco for lunch and games. This incentive was well received by our students this year and we look forward to this fun event.

~ **October 25th - 29th** - brings a week of drug free awareness when **Red Ribbon Week** rolls around again. Our campus will display their pledge to live a drug free life style by wearing special attire for a chosen theme of the day all week. The Aubrey Fire Department will also pay us a visit on their shiny red truck to talk about fire safety as well.

~ **October 29th** - concluding the month will be our very popular and fun **Character Parade** in the gym. This event is school wide with everyone joining the parade dressed as favorite characters from books of their choice. It is a most special time at MES!

Until next month, may you enjoy every minute of this beautiful time of year in Aubrey America with all our best wishes from Monaco Elementary!

