

Monaco Elementary School

Board Communication

March 2011

March is the month for shamrocks, windy conditions, and spring break. At MES, it is also a month full of TAKS testing, field trips, competitions, and fun family events! Let's start with March 1st, which was the date of our first official TAKS test of the school year. Our 4th graders, took the **TAKS Writing test** and we all anticipate great scores when the results are in!

Next, came our local **Battle of the Books competition** against our sister elementary, BES. One of our MES teams finished first and a BES finished second. These two teams will go on to compete in the regional competition later this month. Go Aubrey ISD!

Our awesome PTO had a fun **Movie Night** for our students on the evening of March 4th. Popcorn, drinks, and glow bracelets were a must as students gathered in the cafeteria to watch Swiss Family Robinson on our big screen.

On March 8th and 9th, our 4th graders again put their pencils to work on **Benchmark Testing**. They took tests in Math and Reading over the two days to give vital information to teachers on areas of strength and those still needing work.

To end the week before Spring Break, our 1st graders went on their annual **Field Trip**. This year, Casa Manana was chosen to see a production of **Pinocchio on stage**. A trip to the park in Denton followed with lunch and playing time for all. This same day, our Kindergarteners had **Rodeo Day** fun with some calf roping, bull riding, and campsite storytelling. They were the cutest little buckaroos around too!

Spring Break came in the middle of the month, March 14th -18th and we all had a great week of rest, rejuvenation, and relaxation!

The two K-2nd Aubrey **Battle of the Books** teams, went to the **Regional Competition** held here at MES on March 23rd. Teams from Pilot Point and Krum also competed at this level. When the judging was over and the scores were tallied, the **MES Red Team came out in 1st place!** We are so proud of our students and parent coaches for working very hard to bring this honor to our school. Way to go MES!

Another **Field Trip** was scheduled on March 24th, our Kindergarteners went on the road to the Will Rogers Coliseum in Ft. Worth, to listen to a **Stephen Fite Concert** entitled, It's Groovy Great to Educate. This trip was also topped off with a trip to the Eureka park in Denton for lunch and outdoor fun.

To the end the busy month of March, our favorite **Scholastic Book Fair** returns in the library for the entire last week. Also, on the evening of March 29th, we are celebrating "Under the Big Top" as part of

Texas Public Schools Week. We will host a 3-ring circus of events that night: Our **3rd Annual Math Night** will consist of fun and challenging math games for the whole family, **5th grade Science Fair Projects** will be on display in the dome area, and **Family Night at the Book Fair** will be held in the library. Student council students will also have a concession stand and a clown will greet visitors with balloons as they exit the big top. We are very excited about this chance to enjoy an evening with our Monaco families!

The last two day of March, will be a step back in time for our 4th grade students as they travel to Pilot Point to visit the **One Room Schoolhouse**. This trip completes the study of pioneer days in fourth grade. Students get to dress the part as well by wearing straw hats and bonnets, along with taking their lunch in pails or buckets too. A new appreciation of current day conveniences is gained by this trip as well!

Wishing our Aubrey ISD Board Members a Spring full of colorful, happy moments to do your heart good! Here are photos from special moments at MES!

