



From the Principal's Desk...

Welcome back to school and welcome to 2011! I hope that you and your family had a wonderful Christmas break and were able to spend the time with family and friends. I am sure our students enjoyed all of the snow that fell during our break! It was absolutely a White Christmas! While the students were gone, our custodial staff worked primarily on installing new ceiling tile in Ms. Baker's room. The new ceiling really brightens up her classroom and our head custodian Tim Pyles along with high school head custodian Mel Koch, did a great job getting the new tile (and grid work) in. It is my goal to have the tile in the other two first grade classrooms, along with the hallway ceiling, replaced during summer vacation.

The end of December marked the end of the second quarter. Report cards will be distributed on Friday, 1/7. We ask that you sign and return these in a timely manner. I know that some teachers are still trying to collect the report cards which were distributed at parent-teacher conferences in October.

And speaking of parent-teacher conferences, we will conduct them again in February. These conferences will be primarily for parents of students who are receiving Tier II and/or Tier III reading and math services, along with those parents whose students we have some significant academic and/or behavioral concerns. You will be contacted by your child's teacher if we feel it is necessary to meet with you during the Winter Conferences.

And finally, we want to congratulate kindergarten teacher Michelle Essert and her husband Kyle on the birth of their son, Landon Carter, born on December 14th. He was a few days late, but well worth the wait! This is the third baby boy born to MES teachers this year. Pictured below are the new moms~Mrs. Lindstrom, Mrs. Essert and Mrs. Siemers~at a shower held for them in late November. While Mrs. Essert is on her mater-



nity leave, Mrs. Melissa Actis will be filling in for her in her classroom. Congratulations again to Michelle and Kyle!!

It's a new year...a time to resolve to make positive changes in our lives. I will be taking this opportunity to make some positive changes in my life ...I hope that you will too! May 2011 be a healthy and happy year for you and your family!!