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From the Principal's Desk...

As I read what I wrote for last year's February "Principal's Desk," I found that I was lamenting about the continued cold and snowy weather! Wow...what a difference a year makes! I think we have set a record for the number of days we have had PE outside in December and January! I am definitely enjoying this mild winter...I hope the bottom doesn't fall out on us soon...with a foot of snow or anything like that!!

We will be celebrating our 5th PBIS Celebration of the school year today. The third grade teachers are planning a "FIESTA Celebracion" to recognize students' good behavior choices in January. We are continuing to see an increase in the number of students who are making positive choices and are able to participate in the monthly celebrations compared to the celebrations of the 2010-2011 school year. Congratulations students for making those good behavior choices!! Keep up the good work!!

We are looking forward to our "Book Giveaway Week," with activities coordinated by Mrs. Riddell, later this month. A highlight of the week will be two school assemblies by Illinois author and storyteller Brian "Fox" Ellis. He will entertain our students with tales of history, nature and life along the Illinois River. Included with this month's newsletter is an order form to purchase some of his books and CD's, if you are interested in doing so. You can learn more about him by visiting his website at <http://www.foxtalesint.com/>.

Please carefully read information about the upcoming MES PTO School Carnival, which will be held on Saturday, February 25th from 4-7 pm here at MES. Food, games, silent auction items and grand raffle items will be all part of the fun. Want to volunteer or learn how you can help out? Plan to attend the next PTO Meeting on Monday, Feb. 6th at 6:30 pm.

Finally, please pay close attention to the information in the newsletter about our second semester Parent Teacher conferences, which will also be held later this month.

Enjoy this month's newsletter...

Julie Albers, Principal