

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Colony Meadows Community,

Welcome back for the second half of the school year. "Happy New Year 2009!" The fall semester was fast paced with many memorable events. In September we had an unexpected visitor named "IKE" that threw us a pretty hard punch. We lost six days of instructional time and caused a great deal of havoc within our community. Our patience was tested with lost of electricity and damage to homes was widespread. Throughout the ordeal families worked together and weathered the storm with dignity and respect for all.

Academics has also taken a fast pace in an effort to make up the time missed during the storm clean up. Our enrollment remains stable around 600. Students have also been engaged in classroom interventions and tutorials. TAKS Testing will be here before we know it in March! I encourage all parents to take an active role in their child's academic success. Become part of the VIP's Program at Colony Meadows and volunteer your time if possible.

Thanks to Carol Scott, President of the PTO for her leadership this school year. The wonderful Fall Festival and Tiger Run were a great success with fun moments to be cherished. Thanks also for all

of the assistance that our grade level room moms do for our students. Without your help we could not do all the wonderful programs at CME. The fifth grade Patriot's Day celebration and Winter Music Choir Program under the direction of Sharon Cotter, Music Teacher and Choir Director were both huge successes. Special thanks to our hospitality committee for all of the special events that you have planned and done for the staff and teachers. You are the best!

We are also very pleased to announce that Eileen Graves, fifth grade teacher was voted as CME Teacher of the Year for 2009. Mrs. Graves was selected by her peers at CME. She will represent our school in the district search for, "District Teacher of the Year." We wish her well!

As you can see many exciting events have taken place this year already at CME. I want to thank the parents for your cooperation and assistance in all of the endeavors that benefit our students. Your caring and concern is outstanding and well recognized throughout the district.

In closing I would like to wish all of you a very happy New Year!

*Sincerely,
Eugene Dupont*