



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The community of Keller ISD will educate our students to achieve their highest standards of performance by engaging them in exceptional opportunities.

3. Awards/Achievements/Recognitions

Date: November 10, 2011

SUBJECT: DISTRICT STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

FUNCTION: Media Services

DISTRICT KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

- **Excellence in Student, Parent and Community Relations**

FISCAL NOTE: None

Background Information:

- *Attached are outstanding achievements by:*
 - October Community of Character Student of the Month
 - GFOA Finance Awards
 - 2011 NCEA Higher Performing School Recognitions
 - 2010-11 Green Ribbon School Award
 - October Heart at Work Winner

Administrative Considerations:

- None

Communication Deployment:

- Board Meeting Minutes
- www.KellerISD.net
- School Notes
- E-news

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Respectfully submitted,

Shellie Johnson,
Director of Communications

October Community of Character Student of the Month

Diana Nguyen, a 9th grade student at Fossil Ridge High School, has been named the Keller ISD Community of Character Student of the Month for October. The character trait for October was Courage.

GFOA Finance Awards

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) recently awarded Keller ISD with two prestigious finance awards:

- The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for fiscal year ending August 2010
- The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for fiscal year beginning September 2010

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program encourages and assists state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare comprehensive annual financial reports that illustrate the spirit of transparency and full disclosure.

The Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program encourages and assists state and local governments to prepare budget documents of the very highest quality that reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the GFOA's best practices on budgeting.

Keller ISD has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the past four years and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the past three years.

Congratulations to the Keller ISD Finance Department:

Kristin Williams
Margie Rideout
Karen Fiscus
DeArcy Robinson

Faith Morbitzer
Susie Wing
Debbie Adams
Misty Ketchum

Diane Dodd
Shelisa Hollis

2011 NCEA Higher Performing School Recognitions

Both Bluebonnet Elementary School and Bear Creek Intermediate School have both been named as a 2011 Higher Performing School (formerly known as *Just for the Kids Higher Performing School*) by the National Center for Education Achievement (NCEA).

NCEA identifies Higher Performing Schools based on two measures: above-predicted growth based on a value-added analysis, or an above-predicted percentage of continuously enrolled students scoring at the Commended level on the 2009-2011 Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS).

The National Center for Educational Achievement (NCEA) is a non-profit, non-partisan ACT organization whose mission is to help K-12 students reach College and Career Readiness (CCR). NCEA carries out data analysis, research, advocacy, and program development that promote high academic standards and student achievement.

Congratulations to:

Bluebonnet Elementary School Principal Stacy Blevins
Bear Creek Intermediate School Principal Tedna Taylor

2010-11 Green Ribbon Schools Award

Timberview Middle School was honored with the 2010-11 Green Ribbon Schools Award for their efforts in making their school environment a healthier and happier place by completing the Four Cornerstones of a Green Ribbon School Program. Timberview Middle is one of only 41 schools honored with the award for the 2010-11 school year.

Congratulations to Timberview Principal Carrie Jackson, as well as to TMS Science Teacher Sheryl Schickedanz, who spent the past year working on the program, which includes the following Four Cornerstones: Eco-Campus, Nature Adventure, Health & Fitness, and Natural Classrooms.

October Heart at Work Winner

Renee Hayes, an Office Paraprofessional at Timberview Middle School, was selected as the Heart at Work winner for October. Renee was nominated by TMS Assistant Principal Ashlee Ely. Ashlee thanked Renee for all her *“hard work with attendance”* and commended her for *“doing a great job.”*