



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.

4. Awards/Achievements/Recognitions

Date: December 8, 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:*
 - November Community of Character Group of the Month
 - 2011 Holiday Card Contest Winners
 - Texas ACT Council's 2011 College Readiness Awards
 - TAEA and TETA Awards
 - TASBO RTSBA Certifications
 - November 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

November Community of Character Group of the Month

November's Keller ISD Community of Character Outstanding Students of the Month come from a 7th grade team at Keller Middle School. The character trait for November was Gratitude.

The 7th grade students and their teachers, known as "Team Headliners," were nominated by Becky Blaine, the KMS Counseling Assistant. This group of students and teachers are in the process of creating a school-wide gratitude chain, where each link has something written on it that a student and/or teacher are thankful for. "Team Headliners" started this chain with the hope that there would be so many gratitude sentiments turned in that the chain would reach around the entire school.

The approximately 150 students that are a part of "Team Headliners" are under the direction of Jen Gilpin, Jan Napier, Kim McCollum, Susan Kennedy, and Jeff Whitehead.

2011 Holiday Card Contest Winners

Kamryn Pruitt, a 4th grade student at Bluebonnet Elementary School, is the 2011 Holiday Card Contest Winner. Her design was selected from artwork submitted by campus winners from each of KISD's 22 elementary schools and is featured on the cover of this year's district holiday card, which will be sent to local dignitaries, KISD administrators, community partners, and long-time friends of the district.

Chloe Hendrick, a 4th grade student at Liberty Elementary School, along with Gretchen Mabry, a 4th grade student at Shady Grove Elementary School, were selected as this year's talented Finalists. Their artwork is featured on the back of the district's holiday card.

These outstanding artists are supported by their art teachers:

- Delisa Sims – Bluebonnet Elementary School
- Joni Anthony – Liberty Elementary School
- Anne Kendrick – Shady Grove Elementary School

Texas ACT Council's 2011 College Readiness Awards

Both Central High and Fossil Ridge High have received the "2011 College Readiness Award" from the Texas ACT Council for increasing the number of students taking the ACT Assessment over the past five years and significantly increasing their level of achievement and college readiness.

The Texas ACT Council is comprised of secondary and postsecondary educators who advise ACT, Inc. on the utilization of ACT programs and services in Texas schools and colleges. ACT, Inc. is the not-for-profit organization that provides assessment, research, information, and program management services in the broad areas of education and workforce development and the publisher of the ACT Assessment.

The ACT Assessment is the college admissions test that is used and accepted by all colleges nationwide and throughout Texas. In 2011, over 205,000 Texas students took the ACT which was an all-time high and Texas ACT scores have increased substantially over the last five years.

Only 10% of all high schools in Texas were honored for this superior level of accomplishment.

TAEA and TETA Awards

Fine Arts Director Dr. David Stevens was recently named the 2011 Educator of the Year by the Texas Art Education Association (TAEA). This award recognizes TAEA members who have significantly contributed to the association and to art education at the state, local and national levels.

In addition, Dr. Stevens was also awarded the 2012 Founders Award by the Texas Educational Theatre Association for his ongoing service to the organization. The Founders Award is the most prestigious award given by the TETA Board of Directors to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to educational theatre in Texas and to TETA.

TAEA's mission is to promote quality visual arts education in Texas as an integral part of the curriculum through professional development of knowledge and skills.

TETA strives to use all the resources available to strengthen its teachers, as well as build on existing programs around the state to continue to improve the quality of theatre education in the state of Texas.

TASBO RTSBA Certifications

Director of Purchasing Lori Tudor, along with Director of Operations and Distribution Frank DiNella, have successfully completed the requirements to earn the designation of Registered Texas School Business Administrators (RTSBA) by the Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO).

TASBO certifications are earned through a combination of specified coursework, school business experience, and training in the area of specialization. Once certification is awarded, individuals are required to complete 60 hours of continuing education every three years in order to maintain their certification.

November Heart at Work Winner

Reagan Dickeson, a 2nd grade teacher at Liberty Elementary School, was selected as the Heart at Work winner for November. Reagan was nominated by Barbara Wojciechoswski, LES Food Services Manager. Barbara noted that, *"Reagan makes my day when she writes an uplifting note on her daily lunch counts."*