

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Richardson Independent School District
Richardson, Texas
Date: February 7, 2005

Special Presentation – Invention Convention

Three Prairie Creek Elementary students will present their two award-winning inventions to the Board.

First-Grader Hannah Wetterau will demonstrate her "Most Patentable" invention, The Umbrella Glove. The legal firm of Baker Botts is donating the work associated with filing a patent application for the Umbrella Glove in Hannah's name.

Fifth-graders Kimberly Collins and Maggie Ofria will present their "Best Invention Related to Storage and Organization," The Book Nook. The Container Store sponsored this award.

Community

The Board recognizes district and school partner Texas Instruments for their long-term commitment to RISD students and public education. TI has provided thousands of volunteer hours and tens of thousands of dollars to RISD in an effort to improve educational opportunities for students. On behalf of Texas Instruments, the board welcomes and expresses deep gratitude to Executive Director, Office of Education Policy Educational and Productivity Solutions Lisa Brady Gill and Director, Public Affairs Communications Kim Quirk.

Staff

The Board recognizes Richardson Junior High School teacher Barbara Sucher for being named the Texas Association of Student Assistance Professionals 2004-2005 Outstanding Student Assistance Professional. Ms. Sucher is the only teacher in Texas selected for this honor.

The Board recognizes Berkner High School teachers Margaret Davidson and Leon Schram for being selected to receive a 2005 Advanced Placement Special Recognition Award from the College Board.

They are two of just eight educators selected from the Southwest United States region for this honor, which recognizes AP teachers who have contributed to educational excellence through continued use and support of the Advanced Placement Program.

The Board recognizes Director of Instructional Technology Lazette Woods and Lake Highlands High School teacher Paul Matchniff for being selected as Outstanding Texas Educational Technology Leaders by the Texas Education Agency. They traveled to Austin last week to present best practices in educational technology to state legislators

at the "Texas Capitol Schoolhouse" event at the capitol rotunda.

Students

The Board recognizes Westwood Junior High School student Tracey Tran for winning the statewide grand prize in the Japanese New Year's Card Contest sponsored by the Japanese Teacher's Association of Texas. Cards included the animal of the New Year, greeting phrases in Japanese, and information of Japanese customs and traditions that demonstrate a knowledge of Japanese writing and culture.

In addition, the Board recognizes Lake Highlands High School student Chance Curey for winning first place, and Lake Highlands Freshman Center students Julien Gonzalez and Hunter Overton for winning second place awards.

The Board recognizes the following Berkner High School students for being named Academic All-State student-athletes. On the first team is Chad Kugler, and on the second team are Corey Long, Kyle Penny and Jordan Pettit.

The Board recognizes Apollo Junior High School students Rebecca York and Amanda Farage, and Parkhill Junior High School student Zoe Kahn for winning the top spots in the League of Women Voters Essay Contest. Each student wrote an essay entitled "Why I will vote when I'm 18," and got to record their essays on radio station KERA, which played them on Election Day.

The Board recognizes the following RISD student-athletes for being named to the UIL all-district 10-5A first team in their respective fall sport:

In football, from Pearce High School, Jon Cochran, Jared Awbrey, Tyrone Denson, Michael Burke and Matt Harris; from Richardson High School, Cameron Jenkins, Jake Mechler and Jordan Hearvey; from Lake Highlands High School, Kyle Humphreys and Peter Volkmer; and from Berkner High School, Jason Lamb and Alex Uvere.

In Volleyball, selected as UIL first team all-district 10-5A were, from Lake Highlands High School, Anna Ferguson, Paige Gillum and Michaela Huff; from Richardson High School, Jessie Harpham; and from Pearce High School, Whitney Olschwanger and Caroline Richards.

In addition, the board recognizes Lake Highlands High School's Michaela Huff for being named UIL District 10-5A Setter of the Year.