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INFORMATION ITEM

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Community

The Board recognizes **Capital One Auto Finance** for their outstanding and continued support of Mark Twain Elementary through their ongoing and highly successful partnership. Capital One Auto Finance has provided ongoing financial, material and volunteer support to Mark Twain Elementary, and through their actions provide a model of what a school partnership can be.

Staff

The Board recognizes RISD Director of Fine and Performing Arts **Michael Mamminga** for receiving the *Texas Bandmaster's Association Lifetime Achievement Award*. Dr. Mamminga has continued RISD's tradition of outstanding achievement and overall excellence in music education. Through his efforts and those of his outstanding staff, RISD's music program continues to earn repeated state and national acclaim.

The Board recognizes **Prairie Creek Elementary's** Special Services Team for receiving the *ARC of Dallas All Kids Can! Award* in June. Arc of Dallas is a non profit group that supports adults and children with special needs, and the Prairie Creek team was honored for their outstanding work with a specific PCE student who, along with his parents, nominated them for the award.

Team members include **Mary Ann Schwab, Sharon Johnson, Jill Barretto, Jean Pedraza, Janelle Huffman, Liz Beetley, Laura Gattus, and Peggy Marlowe.**

The Board recognizes **Prairie Creek Elementary** fourth-grade teacher **Jill Barretto** for receiving the *Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas' Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award*.

The Board recognizes RISD Purchasing Department's **Jeanne Miller** for successfully earning the designation of *Certified Texas School Business Specialist*, specializing in purchasing, from the Texas Association of School Business Officials. TASBO certification is earned through a combination of specified coursework, school business experience, and training in the area of specialization.