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Community

The *League of Women Voters of Richardson* has a special presentation for **Parkhill Junior High** students **Taylor Wilson, Molly Francis** and **Jillian Fisher** for winning the top three positions in the essay contest to promote voting awareness. Their teacher is **Cyndi Moore**. All four will receive U.S. Saving Bonds for their efforts.

The Board and district recognize the outstanding efforts of community partners the **University of Texas at Dallas** and **The Heights Baptist Church**.

Staff

The **RISD Communications Department** received seven total awards at the 2007 Texas School Public Relations Association Conference in Austin. *Tuesday Notes*, the district's internal electronic newsletter, was judged 'Best in Texas.' The district also received Crystal Commendations for both the *Balancing Act* school finance board game and the 2006 RISD bond package materials.

Students

RISD 2007 Invention Convention Outstanding Grade Level Award Winners include:

Kindergarten: **Isabella Vallejo, Spring Creek; Jack Katz, Brentfield; Grant Mootz, Big Springs**

First Grade: **Sam Eppich, Prairie Creek; Riley Hague, MST; Campbell Wilkinson, Hamilton Park; Lauren Schleinat, Mohawk; Sadie Walker, Big Springs**

Second Grade: **Brenna Holley, Prairie Creek; Justine DeOcampo, Stults Road**

Third Grade: **Betsy Shook, Canyon Creek; Zackary Contreras, Prairie Creek; Preston Smith, Spring Creek; Sir Robert Walker, Hamilton Park; Tristan Dustin, Yale**

Fourth Grade: **Trent Myers, Cole Buonasera and Brian Wilmarth, Prairie Creek; Adam Gruszecki, Mohawk; Bria Manning, Terrace; Ron Nissim and Dan Nissim, Spring Creek**

Fifth Grade: **Martin Taylor, Lake Highlands** (named Most Patentable invention); **Samantha Trust, Prestonwood; Nazmus Sakeb, Stults Road**

Sixth Grade: **Ellen Zippi, Big Springs; Blake Tarlton and Melissa Tarlton, MST**

Eighth Grade: **Candace Dipaolo, Forest Meadow** (invention named Best of Show)