

**December 4, 2006**

## **Community**

The **Lake Highlands Women's League** will be recognized for their long-standing involvement in, and support of, RISD's Lake Highlands-area schools.

## **Schools**

The following RISD schools have received one or more *Gold Performance Acknowledgements* from the Texas Education Agency in recognition of superior performance in specific academic areas.

Campuses can receive a Gold Performance Acknowledgement in different ways, including "Commended Performance" or "Comparable Improvement."

Commended Performance in a given area indicates that a significant portion of all student populations scored at a "commended" level or higher on the corresponding TAKS tests for that subject. Commended usually means that students got about 95% of the questions correct on a test.

Comparable Improvement in a given area indicates that TAKS scores in that area improved significantly among all student populations as measured against an index of similar campuses statewide.

Gold Performance Acknowledgements can also be earned for exceeding specific attendance goals, exceeding a specific level of graduates on the recommended plan, and having graduates especially well-prepared for post-secondary education in specific subjects as measured by exit-level TAKS results.

The campuses include:

**Berkner High School - Ron Griffen**, principal – Commended Performance (CP) in Reading; Comparable Improvement (CI) in Social Studies

**Lake Highlands High School – Dr. Bob Iden**, principal – CI in Mathematics

**Pearce High School – Karen Neal**, principal – CP in Social Studies; CI in Mathematics and Reading; Higher Education Readiness in Math

**Richardson High School - Charles Pickett**, principal – CP in Social Studies; CI in Reading; Recommended High School Program

**Apollo Junior High - Jack Noteware**, principal – CP in Reading, Writing and Social Studies; Attendance Rate

**Lake Highlands Freshman Center - Jayne Farmer**, principal – CI in Reading and Mathematics

**Parkhill Junior High - Judy Marcum**, principal – CP in Reading, Writing and Social Studies

**West Junior High – Walter Kelly**, principal – CP in Writing

**Westwood Junior High – Peggy Dillon**, principal – CP in Writing

**Arapaho Classical Magnet – Susan Horowitz**, principal – CP in Mathematics, Writing and Science

**Aikin Elementary – Elizabeth Kackley**, principal - CP in Reading, Mathematics, Writing and Science; CI in Reading and Mathematics

**Audelia Creek Elementary – Mike Savage**, principal – CI in Reading and Mathematics

**Big Springs Elementary – Denise May**, principal – CP in Mathematics, Writing and Science; CI in Reading

**Bowie Elementary – Nicole Farrar-Myers**, principal – Attendance Rate; CP in Reading, Mathematics, Writing and Science; CI in Reading and Mathematics

**Brentfield Elementary – Steve Lemons**, principal – Attendance Rate; CP in Reading, Mathematics, Writing and Science

**Bukhair Elementary – Oscar Figueroa**, principal – Attendance Rate; CP in Mathematics

**Canyon Creek Elementary – Beth Carstens**, principal – Attendance Rate; CP in Reading, Mathematics, Writing and Science; CI in Reading

**Dartmouth Elementary – Kathy Clayton**, principal – CP in Reading, Mathematics and Science; CI in Reading

**Dover Elementary – Fernando Medina**, principal – CP in Reading and Mathematics; CI in Reading and Mathematics

**Forest Lane Academy – Megan Barringer**, principal – CP in Mathematics; CI in Reading and Mathematics

**Forestridge Elementary – Kathy Higgins**, principal – CP in Reading, Mathematics, Writing and Science

**Greenwood Hills Elementary – Larry Hines**, principal – CP in Reading, Mathematics, Writing and Science; CI in Reading

**Hamilton Park Pacesetter Magnet - Dr. Cindy Montgomery**, principal – Attendance Rate; CP in Writing and Science

**Heights Elementary – Nancy Kinzie**, principal – CP in Reading, Mathematics, Writing and Science; CI in Mathematics

**Jess Harben Elementary – Chris Goodson**, principal – CP in Reading, Mathematics and Writing

**Lake Highlands Elementary – Kim Sullivan**, principal – CP in Writing and Science; CI

in Reading

**Mark Twain Elementary – Jennifer Martin**, principal – CP in Mathematics and Science; CI in Reading and Mathematics

**Merriman Park Elementary – Larry Labue**, principal – CP in Writing and Science

**Mohawk Elementary – Billie Snow**, principal – Attendance Rate; CP in Reading, Mathematics, Writing and Science; CI in Reading and Mathematics

**Moss Haven Elementary – Carole Kilduff**, principal – CP in Reading, Mathematics, Writing and Science

**MST Magnet – Mike Forsyth**, principal – CP in Mathematics, Writing and Science; CI in Reading and Mathematics

**Northlake Elementary – Glenda Howell**, principal – CP in Science

**Northrich Elementary – La’Shon Easter**, principal – CP in Reading, Mathematics, Writing and Science; CI in Reading and Mathematics

**Northwood Hills Elementary – Mackie Kazdoy**, principal – CP in Mathematics, Writing and Science; CI in Reading and Mathematics

**O. Henry Elementary – Carol Mixon**, principal – CP in Reading, Mathematics, Writing and Science; CI in Reading and Mathematics

**Prairie Creek Elementary – Kyle Stuard**, principal – Attendance Rate; CP in Reading, Mathematics, Writing and Science; CI in Reading and Mathematics

**Prestonwood Elementary – Duana Kindle**, principal – CP in Reading, Mathematics, Writing and Science; CI in Reading and Mathematics

**Richland Elementary – Greg Gaston**, principal – CP in mathematics; CI in Reading

**RISD Academy – Nelwyn Shows**, principal – CP in Mathematics and Science; CI in Mathematics

**Skyview Elementary – Brenda Payne**, principal – CP in Mathematics; CI in Reading and Mathematics

**Spring Creek Elementary – Carol Tool**, principal – CP in Reading, Mathematics, Writing and Science; CI in Reading and Mathematics

**Springridge Elementary – Megan Timme**, principal – CP in Reading, Mathematics, Writing and Science; CP in Reading and Mathematics

**Spring Valley Elementary – Keith Forte**, principal – CP in Mathematics and Science; CI in Reading

**Stults Road Elementary – Darwin Spiller**, principal – CP in Reading, Mathematics, Writing and Science; CI in Reading and Mathematics

**Terrace Elementary – Philip Henderson**, principal – CP in Mathematics and Science; CI in Reading and Mathematics

**Thurgood Marshall Elementary – Wanda Watkins**, principal – CP in Mathematics; CI in Reading and Mathematics

**Yale Elementary – Philip Bates**, principal – CP in Reading, Mathematics, Writing and Science; CI in Reading

**Wallace Elementary – Jeremy Gilbert**, principal – CP in Mathematics, Writing and Science; CI in Reading and Mathematics

**White Rock Elementary – Becky Reidling**, principal – CP in Writing and Science; CI in Reading

### **Staff**

The **RISD Communications Department** has won a prestigious *Katie Award* from the Press Club of Dallas for Excellence in Journalism and Mass Communications through the RISD Website. RISD's homepage was judged the best nonprofit website among entries from the Southwestern United States, including Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Colorado and New Mexico.