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Richardson, Texas

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INFORMATION ITEM

TOPIC: Commendations – Recognition of Board Members, Community, Staff, Schools and Students

Staff

Dobie Primary Family Literacy Center HIPPY Program was awarded *STELLAR* program status for 2007-2008.

The award winners include: **Kit Prince, Maria Loera, Leticia Mena, Juanita Magaña, Alma Cardenas, Janneth Vasquez, Johanna Betancourt, and Esther Llouise.**

Students

Berkner High School Band placed 11th in the 2008 *UIL State Marching Competition*. **Berkner** achieved a *Division One* rating in the *Region Three Marching Competition*, and placed in the *Top Three* in the *Area C Marching Competition* to qualify for the State competition.

They are directed by **Frank Troyka, Reagan Brumley, Mickey Owens, Christopher Adler, Michael Reed, Russell Smith, Scott Ward, and Mark Moreno.**

Berkner High School String Orchestra recently placed 10th in the 2008 *Texas Music Educators Association Honor String Orchestra Competition*.

They are directed by **Craig Needham, Mark Davenport, Janet Lattanzi.**

Nineteen students from **Berkner High School, Lake Highlands High School, Pearce High School, and Richardson High School** were recently named *Texas Music Educators Association All-State Band, Choir, and Orchestra*. They will perform at the 2009 Texas Music Educators Association Convention February 11th through the 14th.

The All-State Band honorees include: **Cameron Carbone, BHS; Cameron Prince, BHS; Diane Stout, BHS; Haley Bates, PHS; Jake Fogel, PHS; Jesse Campos Gutierrez, RHS; Jesus Bermeo-Hernandez, PHS; John C. Owens, BHS; Madeleine J. Owens, BHS; Ryan David Fyffe, PHS; Sebastian R.Grady, RHS; and Toby Webster Furr, LHHS.**

The All-State Choir honorees include: **Amanda Murphy, RHS; Carmen Burroughs, LHHS; Caroline Watson, RHS; Hector Felix, RHS; and Shelby Thiedeman, PHS.**

The All-State Orchestra honorees include: **Hanna Choi, BHS; and Thomas Baek, BHS.**