

Denton Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Certificates of Recognition
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NAVO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Teacher's aide wins online grant

Tina Simpson, a teaching aide in the life skills department at Navo Middle School, won a \$200 grant from PCI Education. She was one of 20 winners nationwide selected through www.weareteachers.com as a recipient of the award. The online classroom resource guide allowed fellow teachers to vote for the top ideas and choose the recipients.

Ms. Simpson's idea involves teaching students in the life skills classroom about the elements of fables and their impact on cultures across the world. The grant will allow her to purchase materials so the life skills students at Navo can do the classroom project.

GUYER HIGH

English teacher receives 2011 Bracken Reading Award

Colleen Graves, Guyer High School English teacher, was named the recipient of the 2011 Bracken Reading Award by the Texas Association for the Improvement of Reading.

Mrs. Graves received the award after proposing a classroom literacy project that was deemed to have the highest impact on teachers, students and families by TAIR judges. She earned a \$500 grant in conjunction with the award and will present her project at the 2011 East Texas Winter Reading TAIR Conference at LeTourneau University in Longview in February.

DENTON ISD

Assistant Superintendent earns regional reading advocacy award

Dr. Mike Mattingly, assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction and staff development for Denton Independent School District, was recently honored with the Advocacy for Excellence in Literacy award by the Billie J. Askew Reading Recovery and Literacy Institute.

Dr. Mattingly received the award for his dedication and support of reading recovery programs throughout Denton ISD and the region. He was honored at the Institute's regional conference in Dallas.

As part of the honor, Dr. Mattingly was able to take part in the conference and learn many of the new strategies and effective classroom practices that promote literacy intervention and support English language learners.

Department t receives honor for financial work from ASBO International

The Denton Independent School District's Business and Administrative Services Department was honored for its participation in the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting program by the Association of School Business Officials International.

Denton ISD was one of just 59 school districts recognized nationwide by ASBO International for its commitment to excellence in financial reporting for 25 or more years. The district was one of only 11 statewide to receive this distinction.

The Certificate of Excellence program honors school districts each year for meeting or exceeding financial expectations in accordance to comprehensive annual financial reports.

Debbie Monschke, executive director of administrative services, oversees the district's CAFRs and its goal of meeting the Certificate of Excellence each year.