# Recognition Board of Trustee Meeting Nov. 14, 2017

## **Hodge Elementary**

# Paul Barnes highlighted in Educator Spotlight

Paul Barnes, first grade teacher at Hodge Elementary, is making every minute with his students count. A statewide change in attendance rules put more time in the school day at our elementary schools, and Mr. Barnes is using that time to introduce STEAM principles to his students. See how he's doing it in this month's Denton ISD Educator Spotlight.

#### **Fine Arts**

### Students have artwork displayed at state conference

Students from four elementary campuses were selected to have their artwork on display during the annual TASA/TASB Convention in Dallas last month. The artwork was part of a collection chosen from student artists across the state to represent the Texas Art Educators Association.

These students included: London Hall, third grader from Adkins Elementary; Sol Antuniz, fourth grader from Ginnings Elementary; Saul Maldonado, fifth grader, Stephens Elementary; and Aaliyah Ibarra, third grader, Rivera Elementray.

The art teachers with students selected included: Kelley McGee, Adkins Elementary; Kay Adamson, Ginnings Elementary; Jamie McCormick, Rivera Elementary and Megan Trammel, Stephens Elementary.

Students from Adkins and Ginnings as well as students from Braswell High also took part in special portions of the convention.

#### **Denton Public School Foundation**

## CrossFit Denton supports at-risk students with \$3,000 donation

CrossFit Denton is an avid supporter of Denton ISD, its students and its staff. The organization promotes physical fitness and healthy lifestyles thru its workout programs and counts several district families and staff as dedicated members.

That promotion of health and wellness led CrossFit Denton owners, John and Kalah Thompson, to partner with the Denton Public School Foundation and other community members to start the Denton ISD Barbell Bash – a competition of aerobic and strength-training exercises.

This year's Barbell Bash raised more than \$3,000 for at-risk students in the district through their own 501c3 non-profit entity, Fit 2 Serve. To date the Barbell Bash has raised more than \$22,000 for at-risk students in Denton ISD, while promoting the importance of physical fitness in the community.

Presenting the donation to the trustees are Jackie Jackson, executive director of the Denton Public School Foundation, the Thompson's and Fit 2 Serve Board Members.