

## 2007 Secondary Texas Teacher of the Year Nika Maples

As the 2007 Secondary Texas Teacher of the Year, Fossil Ridge High School teacher Nika Maples has traveled the state representing Keller ISD and promoting public education. We will honor her for her work this past year as the Texas Teacher of the Year and for her dedication to Keller ISD students.

### Character Education Outstanding Student of the Month

The Keller ISD Community of Character program is structured to identify one character trait per month and integrate the character traits into curriculum through activities in individual classrooms to school-wide events.

The character trait for November was gratitude, and Kailesh Pathman, a kindergartener at Eagle Ridge Elementary, was selected.

Kailesh was nominated by Christina Jones and Sharla Roach, his counselor and teacher at Eagle Ridge Elementary. He is being recognized for his exceptional display of gratitude. His manners and regular use of the magic words, "Thank you," are a welcome addition to his kindergarten classroom every day. His politeness and expressions of thanks to his teachers, his peers and his family are often for simple tasks that go unnoticed by others.

### Fossil Ridge High School Band

The Fossil Ridge Panther Regiment placed 12th out of 25 bands competing at the 2007 UIL State Marching Contest. They ranked higher than any of the three other bands advancing to state in our UIL Music Region or UIL Area. This recognition falls right in line with the proud history of this group. They will add the 12th place finish to the previous 4th place (1999) and 14th place (2002) finishes the band has received.

### 2007 Holiday Contest Winners

Lauren Ohman	Third grade	Liberty Elementary
Tyler Skaggs	Fourth grade	Parkview Elementary
Hayley Fill	Fourth grade	Keller-Harvel Elementary
Alex Flores	First grade	Lone Star Elementary
Tyler Kell	Fourth grade	Bette Perot Elementary
Noelle Galindo	Fourth grade	Florence Elementary
Brianna Mendez	Third grade	Heritage Elementary
Ishai Cortes	Fourth grade	North Riverside Elementary
Macy Koontz	Fourth grade	Shady Grove Elementary
Taylor Nguyen	Fourth grade	Friendship Elementary
Cassidy Stewart	Fourth grade	Willis Lane Elementary
Karson Gopffarth	First grade	Independence Elementary
Nicole Jones	Fourth grade	Freedom Elementary
Clay Reeves	Fourth grade	Hidden Lakes Elementary
Presley Boydston	Fourth grade	Bluebonnet Elementary
John Bower	Fourth grade	Whitley Road Elementary
Davis Turk	Third grade	Eagle Ridge Elementary