

**Denton Independent School District
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CALHOUN MIDDLE SCHOOL

New building at Calhoun Middle School earns state award

The newest addition to Calhoun Middle School recently earned the state's top design award from the Texas Association of School Administrators and the Texas Association of School Boards. The school addition will be on display at the TASA and TASB conference in Houston on Sept. 24 and 25.

The award is part of a collaborative project of TASB, TASA and the Texas Society of Architects and is given to new or renovated construction projects for educational facilities. The honor acknowledges the high-quality of the structure and design as well as the excellence in planning and attention to detail of new or remodeled buildings within the past five years.

After extensive research, VLK Architects, which oversaw the design and construction of the project at Calhoun, determined that remodeling the existing 1937 building would be cost prohibitive and began designing an addition to the campus. The award-winning, L-shaped addition includes 16 classrooms, three science labs and a staff workroom.

This school year marks the second year the building is being used to house sixth-grade students.

EVERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Evers Park teacher earns state social studies honor

Dawn Fielder, a second grade teacher at Evers Park Elementary School, was recently named the 2010 Teacher of the Year by the Texas Council on Social Studies.

Mrs. Fielder has been an elementary school teacher for 10 years, spending the last seven with Denton Independent School District. She is beginning her fourth year at Evers Park, which she joined after four years at Borman Elementary.

Mrs. Fielder received her bachelor's degree, with magna cum laude honors, in independent studies at University of Texas at Tyler. She began her career in Palestine as a third-grade teacher.

She is a member of the curriculum committee for the Texas Council on Social Studies and has served as a presenter for the group. At Evers, she's the school's science fair coordinator and has been a trainer for the University of North Texas' teacher mentoring program.