

**UIL State Marching Band Achievements
Fossil Ridge High School and Keller High School**

The Fossil Ridge High and Keller High marching bands qualified for the UIL State Marching Band Competition. Marching bands from 18 schools across West Texas and the Panhandle competed for three coveted spots in the Area A Marching Contest at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa. Fossil Ridge and Keller took the top two spots and advanced to the State competition, which was held November 4th at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

Fossil Ridge High School

Drum Majors: Angelina Corso, Tia Robb and Patrick Birleffi
Band Directors: Mike Sisco, Mary Ann French and Brian Lowe

Keller High School

Drum Majors: Katie Madrid, Laurel Roseborough, Patrick Waters, and Katie Zwit
Band Directors: Mark McGahey, Frank Chapple, Mike Pickrell, and Darla Turner

**KISD Sick Leave Bank Committee
Jim Stitt, Outgoing Committee Chair**

Jim Stitt, a teacher at Chisholm Trail Intermediate School, has served the district as the chair of the KISD Sick Leave Bank Committee for 13 years. His willingness to lead this committee has ensured a consistently well-managed program. His actions resulted in a much needed review of the policy and procedures defining the Sick Leave Bank and the updating of the SLB handbook. Jim has coordinated the activities of the committee in a highly confidential manner and allowed employees facing catastrophic illness or injury to reap the benefits of the Sick Leave Bank. Jim has agreed to continue to share his expertise as a member of the SLB committee.

**Community of Character Student of the Month
Lupita Reyes, Chisholm Trail Intermediate Student**

Chisholm Trail Intermediate student Lupita Reyes has been named the Keller ISD Community of Character Student of the Month for October. The character trait for October was courage. Lupita was nominated by Sarah Hendry for displaying great courage by standing up against bullying and name-calling. Lupita's friend was being bullied and did not feel she could tell anyone. Lupita knew her friend needed help, so she encouraged her friend to talk to an adult. Lupita even offered an adult she could talk to and went with her for support. Lupita's courage shined through when she did the right thing by helping her friend get help.