

## SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS: FIRE ENGINE RIDES TO SCHOOL

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

During the spring of the school year, every DeSoto ISD second grader competed for a special, coveted prize – a ride to school aboard one of the local fire department engines! Schools held a variety of contests, ranging from attendance and art contests to Accelerated Reader competitions, to select the winner from each campus.

Fire Department Capt. Mark Martin, event coordinator, arranged the rides through DeSoto and Glenn Heights fire stations. Each station picked the student up from home and delivered them to the campus with lights and sirens announcing their arrival!

Northside Elementary winner **Jai’La Wilkins**  
Selected through an drawing contest

Woodridge Elementary winner **Neriah Stephens**  
Selected for attendance and academics

The Meadows Elementary winner **Tiffany Kalu**  
Selected through academics and behavior

Amber Terrace Elementary winner **Frank Gutierrez**  
Selected for top grades

Frank Moates Elementary winner **Jirah Esters**  
Selected as an attendance winner

Ruby Young Elementary winner **Kennadi Thomas**  
Selected through a fire safety poster contest

Cockrell Hill Elementary winner **Erika Christian**  
Selected through a drawing contest