

**Denton Independent School District  
Board of Trustees  
Certificates of Recognition  
Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012**

**McMATH MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Tiger Jazz Band wins national competition**

McMath Middle School has been named the middle school champion of the 2012 National Jazz Honors Project.

The national competition was sponsored by the National Foundation for Music Educators and featured middle school band entries from across the United States.

McMath's Tiger Jazz Band was named the sole national recipient in the middle school jazz ensemble category.

Members of the national winning Tiger Jazz Band include:

**Saxophones:** Corey Weeks, Nicole Fox, Malik Foster, Dekise Tellis, Jonathan Hannah

**Trombones:** Miles Koroly, Peyton Dunworth, Angelica Ozuna

**Trumpets:** Josh Eckel, Christian Lopez, Gavin Sieber, Kaleigh Dick

**Rhythm Section:** Aaron McGregor, Dawson Wright, Sarah Shirley, Veronica Clark, David Steward, Sion Lee.

The Tiger Jazz Band is directed by Travis Harris, who was a member of the award-winning University of North Texas Two O'Clock Lab band while earning his master's degree in jazz studies at the school. Mr. Harris is nationally known trombonist and has earned a Grammy nomination and Dove Award nomination during his 20-year professional career.

The NFME is a national organization dedicated to the support and advancement of music education. It annually recognizes student works throughout the U.S. with its acclaimed "Mark of Excellence" award and awards scholarships to students seeking degrees in music education.

**Hawk, Houston named to Texas Honors Circle**

Hawk Elementary and Houston Elementary were recently named to the state comptroller's 2012 Texas Honors Circle.

The two Denton ISD elementary schools were part of a group of only 329 campuses in the state to meet the requirements established by the comptroller's office annual Financial Allocation Study for Texas and receive this honor. The FAST study evaluates spending practices by districts across the state as they relate to academic performance.

Hawk, whose principal is Susannah O'Bara and assistant principal is Monica Graves, and Houston, who principal is Teresa Andress and assistant principal is Gennifer Smith, each received a five-star rating, the highest possible score.