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DENTON ISD

Art students on display at TEA exhibition

More than 50 Denton ISD elementary art students currently have their art projects on display in Austin at an art show called “Dimensions: A 3-D Exhibition from Denton ISD” at the Texas Education Agency Building lobby through April 11.

From Ryan Elementary, the young artists include: Anthony Klimpel, Morgan Thornton, Maci DeJesus, Kristina Reed, Caley Kubicek, Anthony Rodriquez, Emily Curtis, Isabella Manrique, Andrew Ciulla, Brandon Soltero, Kaylea Simas, Diana Barrera, Glen George, Hayley Naples, Noah Stone, Zachary Fraser, Dylan Curtis and Tyler Smith. The art teacher is Nancy Walkup.

The following students are representing Hodge Elementary: Mitzi Gonzales, Lyndon Davidson, Madison Vela, Devon Houston and Rachel Warfield. The art instructor at Hodge is Brian Gomez.

From E. P. Rayzor Elementary, students who have artwork displayed in Austin at the Texas Commission on the Arts exhibit, are Maegan Merriman, Tristan Ward, Brooke Scherer, Emily Apt and Raegan Robertson, all fifth-graders, and Jessie Thames and Alexis Stoecker, third-graders. The art teacher is Heather White.

Students displaying their 3-D artwork from Ginnings Elementary are Jasmine Amador, Nate Harberson, Jasmine Carranza, Sarah Smalley, Deyanira Beltran, Mayra Yanez and Kevin Reyes. Their art teacher is Kay Adamson.

From Newton Rayzor Elementary, the students are Maura-Jean Alexander and Danielle Jaconbson, fifth-graders, and Madison Fairchild, third-grader. The art teacher is Kristin Williamson.

Students from Sam Houston Elementary include: Justin Garcia, Sofia Diaz and Tanneth Oxford, fifth-graders; Josie Maltez, Taylor Stricker and Gracie Hundley, third-graders. The art instructor at Sam Houston is Rhonda Sherrill.

Those artists from Wilson Elementary are Courtney Pedigo, first grade; Laney Smith, Claire Farinha and Cristal Chavez, second grade; Hunter Nodwell and Morsha Smith, third-grade; and Naomi Campbell and Dylan Wages, fifth grade. The art instructor is Janet Jaramillo.

DENTON HIGH

Two students receive “Best of Texas” awards

Two Denton High students, actively involved in the Future Farmers of America (FFA), will be receiving the “Best of Texas” Awards from the Texas Career and Technology Council on April 21 in Austin.

The students are:

- Alyssa Looney, who received the Outstanding Career and Technology Student – Guidance Division Winner Award from TCTC.
- Robyn “Alyzabeth” Looney, who received the Outstanding Career and Technology Student-Guidance Division Runner-up Award from TCTC.

Earlier this school year, Alyssa Looney and Alyzabeth Looney were awarded the Lone Star FFA Degree. They also have placed first in the FFA Agriscience Fair. Their FFA sponsors are Diedra Williams and Danny Walton.

DENTON HIGH

Mr. Finch receiving ‘Green Apple Award’

Bill Finch, math teacher at Denton High, has been selected by Michigan State University, Department of Engineering, as the 2008 recipient of the "Green Apple Award." He was nominated by his former student, Saurav Shrestha, a senior at MSU.

This award is initiated by a graduating senior from MSU and is given to a Kindergarten through 12th grade teacher, who has been a major influence in encouraging the student and others toward degrees in engineering. Mr. Finch will receive the award at the MSU Alumni Awards banquet on May 3 and also will be recognized on May 4 at the MSU graduation ceremony.

The letter from MSU to Mr. Finch stated: "The College of Engineering feels that the inspiration and passion of K-12 teachers such as yourself are critical to motivating the most talented to pursue engineering careers at a time when many are choosing other directions."