

### **Community of Character Student of the Month**

Hillwood Middle School student Kevin Wilson has been named as the Keller ISD Community of Character Student of the Month for January. The character trait for January was Respect. Kevin was nominated by his Science teacher, Gwynn Christmas, for showing respect towards her and classmates through his daily actions. Ms. Christmas is most impressed by how Kevin respects and cares for school property. He always puts equipment, books and other supplies away without having to ask him. He also voluntarily stays after the bell to pick up after himself or other students.

### **Keller ISD High School Varsity Cheerleading Teams**

Central High School's Varsity Cheerleading Squad was awarded a National Title at the America's Best Super Nationals competition held in December at the Fort Worth Convention Center. Kandle Pierce is the CHS Head Cheer Coach.

Keller High School's Varsity Cheerleading Squad was also awarded a National Title at the America's Best Super Nationals competition held in December at the Fort Worth Convention Center. Lindsey Ammons is the KHS Head Cheer Coach.

Fossil Ridge High School's Varsity Cheerleading Squad won the Universal Cheerleaders Association's (UCA) Texas State Championship in January. With this win, the FRHS Cheerleaders represented Texas at the UCA National High School Cheerleading Championships in Orlando, FL. This is Fossil Ridge's first time to advance to UCA's national competition. Hilary White is the FRHS Head Cheer Coach.

### **Texas Adolescent Literacy (TALA) 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade English Language Arts/Content Area Academy Trainers**

The Education Service Center (ESC) Region XI has selected Kerri Harris from Hillwood Middle School and Susan Langford from Indian Springs Middle School to serve as Region XI Texas Adolescent Literacy (TALA) 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade English Language Arts/Content Area Academy Trainers. TALA Academies are intended to acquaint ELA/reading and content area teachers with successful, research-based strategies for improving students' academic literacy. Trainers will participate in a minimum of three ESC Region XI sessions this summer.

### **Texas Association of School Personnel Administrators / Texas Association for Employment in Education - Certificate of Appreciation**

In December 2008, Gina Smith McKenzie, Executive Director of Human Resources, received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Texas Association of School Personnel Administrators and the Texas Association for Employment in Education, for her presentation at the 2008 Annual Winter Conference in Austin. "Priceless Employee Recognition" featured the district's creative, economical and successful Heart at Work Program. The presentation was met with great interest from other HR administrators and Gina has received numerous calls requesting additional information as other districts look to model KISD's Heart at Work program.