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EDUCATOR SPOTLIGHT

For the Educator Spotlight for April Denton ISD - features Andy Kane, second-grade teacher at Paloma Creek Elementary School. The video was produced by Mario Zavala, coordinator of communications and community relations.

FINE ARTS

Ginnings students' artwork displayed at State Capitol

Three students from Ginnings Elementary had their artwork displayed at the State Capitol in Austin as part of the Texas Art Education Association's Youth Art Month Capitol Celebration.

Each of these students represented Denton ISD in the TAEA exhibit on the ground floor rotunda of the State Capitol with their artwork from March 20 through March 24. Their works were among the few chosen from more than 50 school districts across the state.

Kay Adamson is the art teacher at Ginnings Elementary

The students include:

- Colby Massengale, fifth grader (*Colby Massengale's art work was then selected as the Governors Top 10 and will be hung for a year in Gov. Perry's office.*)
- Damari Romero, fifth grader
- Adela Splawn, fifth grader

The TAEA consistently provides avenues for children to showcase their work and promotes the importance of promoting art education and students' artwork within their communities.

RYAN HIGH

RHS students earn state title, individual honors at state BPA contest

Ryan High students recently earned a second consecutive state title and several individual honors at the Texas Business Professional Association State Leadership Conference in Houston.

The Ryan parliamentary procedures team won the state title and qualified for the National BPA Leadership Conference in Orlando.

Helen Hays is the BPA sponsor at Ryan High.

The Parliamentary Procedure Team members included:

- Jocelyn Almaraz,
- Dominique Benson,
- Krystal Cunningham,
- Sam DeLeon,
- Salman Hasan,
- Nadja Hemphill
- Eva Sadowski.

Ryan also did well individually in parliamentary concepts testing:

- Eva Sadowski - first place,
- Salman Hasan - second place,
- Krystal Cunningham - third place
- Nadja Hemphill - fifth place.

DENTON ISD: German students

DHS earns seven Top 10 finishes at Texas State German Contest

Denton High German student won seven Top10 finishes and a state runner-up title at the 31st annual Texas State German Contest at the University of Texas at Austin.

Six students represented Denton High against more than 1,000 students from 64 other high schools across the state in a variety of academic and cultural categories.

Sandra Dieckman is the German Club sponsor at Denton High.

Denton High's state winners included:

- Christian Luke, state runner-up in Original Models and eighth in Cultural Exam III;
- John Halbert, sixth in Cultural Exam I;
- Mara Alexander, sixth in Listening Comp. II;
- Logan Maltz, seventh in Vocabulary;
- Sean Burrows, seventh in Poetry Memory III;
- Lillia Dean, eighth in traditional doll costume

The state competition allows German Club students and sponsors to share what they've learned throughout the year in a fun and festive atmosphere, while providing scholarship opportunities for students and grant opportunities for teachers.

GHS earns five top-10 finishes at Texas State German Contest

Guyer High German students won five top-10 finishes at the Texas State German Contest.

It was Guyer High's first time to compete at the state level.

Tracy Levine is the German Club sponsor at Guyer High.

- Samantha Boie, Shiloh Thornton, Matt Pewterbaugh and Edgar Carrelo won third-place in original German Skit and a 10th-place finish in Scavenger Hunt.
- Dionne Agawu finished fourth in Poetry Reading Level 4 and seventh in Reading Comprehension Level 4.
- Samantha Boie finished sixth in Sight Reading Level 1.

DENTON ISD

District students claim state title, shine at state forensics contest

Students from Ryan High and Guyer High schools recently won a state title and reached three state semifinals at the Texas Forensic Association's state competition at South Grand Prairie High School.

Ryan High

Jeannene Abney is the forensics sponsor at Ryan High.

- Dakota Ratliff and Cody Vann won the State Championship title in duet acting. Dakota and Cody scored the highest of 84 participants through four rounds in the event to win the title.

Guyer High

Karen Gossett is the forensics sponsor at Guyer High.

Guyer had four teams reach the state semifinals in two events.

- Andrew Hansen and Tanille Limb and Michael Hansen and Lauren Champion advanced to the state semifinals in duet acting.
- Andrew Hansen and Michael Hansen and Lauren Champion and Drake Lawson advanced to the state semifinals in duet interpretation.

- Andrew Hansen also reached the state semifinals in dramatic interpretation.
- Drake Lawson and Lauren Champion qualified for NFL in Duo competing this summer

HAWK ELEMENTARY

O'Bara selected as Texas National Distinguished Principal Finalist

Susannah O'Bara, principal at Hawk Elementary School, has been named one of 11 finalists as the Texas National Distinguished Principal by the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association.

The award will be announced in May at a surprise school visit. The principal who wins the top state award will receive \$10,000 for their school and will represent Texas in Washington, D.C. at the 2013 National Distinguished Principals announcement.

Mrs. O'Bara, has been principal at Hawk for the past seven years. She helped open the school in 2005 as the assistant principal. She also was an assistant principal at Ginnings Elementary for six years. She taught fifth-grade for four years at Ginnings, two years at McNair Elementary and one year at McMath Middle.

She recently was invited to serve on the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/Advanced ED State Council on Accreditation and School Improvement.