

**Denton Independent School District  
Board of Trustees  
Certificates of Recognition  
Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2008**

**Schools receive top ratings from TEA**

Three elementary schools in Denton ISD received the highest rating of Exemplary for the 2007-08 school year.

To gain “Exemplary” status, a school must have received a 90 percent passage rate in all accountability areas. Plus, the SDAA II, which is a state-developed assessment for special education students, must have a 90 percent passing rate.

The schools named “**Exemplary**” are:

**Hawk Elementary School** – Susannah O’Bara, principal, and Sandra Brown, assistant principal.

**Savannah Elementary School** – Rod Southard, principal in 2007-08 school year and Chris Rangel, assistant principal. Michael McWilliams is the current principal.

**Wilson Elementary School** – Audrey Staniszewski, principal, and Lorena Salas, assistant principal.

There were 11 elementary schools that were named “Recognized.” To achieve “Recognized” standing, a school must receive 75 percent passing rates on all TAKS areas or 70 percent passing rate with required improvements, 70 percent SDAA II passage rate, and a .7 percent or less dropout rate in seventh and eighth grades.

The 11 “Recognized” schools include:

**E.P. Rayzor Elementary School** – Happy Carrico, principal, and Eric Harting, assistant principal in 2007-08 school year. Happy Carrico is the current principal and Cecilia Holt is the assistant principal.

**Ginnings Elementary School** – Debi Lokey, principal in 2007-08 school year and Michael Brinkley, assistant principal in 2007-08. Missy Chavez is the current principal, and Darby Ahlfinger is the assistant principal.

**Houston Elementary School** – Teresa Andress, current principal, and Les Mandeville, assistant principal in 2007-08. Gennifer Smith is the current assistant principal.

**Lee Elementary School** – Laura Rodriguez, principal, and Cecilia Holt, assistant principal in 2007-08. Talle Gomez is the current assistant principal.

**McNair Elementary School** – Sean Flynn, principal, and Rachel Brown, assistant principal.

**Nelson Elementary School** – Kaylene Tierce, principal, and Todd Herauf, assistant principal.

**Newton Rayzor Elementary School** – Carmen Lipscomb, principal in 2007-08 and Laura Ortez, assistant principal. Carlos Ramirez is the current principal.

**Paloma Creek Elementary School** – Romeo Munguia, principal, and Christopher Smith, assistant principal.

**Pecan Creek Elementary School** – Aleta Atkinson, principal, and Emily McLarty, assistant principal.

**Providence Elementary School** – Susan Bolte, principal, and Trey Spalding, assistant principal in 2007-08. Tricia Bolz is the current assistant principal.

**Ryan Elementary School** – Dalton Gregory, principal in 2007-08 and Zan Austin, assistant principal. Gary Miller is the current principal.