1C. Awards/Achievements April 25, 2005

SUBJECT: <u>STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS</u>

BOARD GOAL: Academic Excellence

FISCAL NOTE: None

Destination ImagiNation team to compete at Global Competition: Congratulations to the members of Browning's Destination ImagiNation team for advancing to the GlobalFinals. The "SPAM" team, which stands for Special Perfect And Magical, placed second at state competition in the middle division of the "DIzzy Derby" category, and will compete at globals May 23-29 at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Team members are: Forrest Browning, Julia Bush, Brooke George, Jacob McAdams, Paige Waskow and Cody Western, all of Bear Creek Intermediate. Team member James Stubbington is a sixth-grader at South Keller Intermediate. They are coached by parents Sue Browning and Sara Waskow.

In addition, Ramsey's team from BCI, the "DI Krazies," placed in the top 20 in the middle division for their entry in the "Sudden SerenDlpity" category during state competition April 8-9 in Lubbock. Teams from South Keller Intermediate and Florence Elementary also competed at the state level, with SKI tying for third place in the Instant Challenge division. The Florence team, comprised of all second-graders, was one of the youngest to compete at the state meet.

Destination ImagiNation is one of the world's largest creativity and problem-solving programs for youth of all ages. It involves thousands of students in forty-seven U.S. states, fifteen countries and Canadian provinces annually in competitions. Congratulations to all our Keller ISD participants on their hard work, dedication and success in this year's contests, and good luck to Browning's Team at globals!

Student wins scholarship for essay about coach: Bao Nguyen, an eighth-grader at Fossil Hill Middle, recently won the scholarship prize for his entry in the Bobby Bragan essay contest. Nguyen wrote about a Keller ISD tennis coach, James Pederson, who passed away in a motorcycle accident one week before the contest deadline. Nguyen was awarded a \$2,500 scholarship for his submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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