



# Partnership

An Education Link with the Birdville ISD Community

Summer 2007

## BISD Honors Teaching Excellence

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The influence of a teacher on a student can be life changing. When their teaching experience is combined, BISD's teachers of the year for 2007 have impacted young lives for more than 39 years.



**Congratulations to Kim Fudge, Ryan Holzberger, and Nancy Burleson, BISD's district teachers of the year.**

Nancy Burleson, Ryan Holzberger and Kim Fudge each have a love for children and a love and desire to teach. Each realizes that as educators they impact the future lives of students.

These three know that being named BISD's teachers of the year is a great honor, but for them, the greater honor is seeing students succeed.

Thirty-two teachers selected as the top educators on their campuses, were honored May 3 at a formal banquet. As the district's top three teachers, Burleson, Holzberger and Fudge each received golden apples commemorating their achievements, custom-designed teacher-of-the-year rings from Herff Jones Inc., and monetary gifts from BISD's Foundation for Educational Excellence and the Educational Employees Credit Union.



Burleson is a first-grade teacher at Watauga Elementary. She has been in education for 19 years, the last eight in BISD.

Burleson had no intention of becoming a teacher when she graduated from college. However, she was encouraged by teacher-friends to go back to college and get her teaching certification. As a single parent, this was a challenge, but Burleson's father became her biggest encourager and supporter as she went back to

college to earn her certification. Outside of class, Burleson works with outside learning environments, mentors and also greets soldiers at DFW airport when they return home from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Her goal is to guide children to reach their highest level of development; instill pride; feel good about themselves; and to enjoy and embrace learning. She shared in her

application, "Other countries are not as 'lucky' as we are in the United States. ... It's hard to teach children the values of planting without actually having the opportunity to dig in the dirt, plant a seed, care for the plant and watch it grow." Burleson does this in the lives of her students every day.

Holzberger teaches sixth-grade science at Smithfield Middle School. He has been teaching for four years, all in BISD.

He entered college without a clear direction of what he wanted to be when he grew up. Floating around college for many years, Holzberger tried to convince himself that he did not want to be a teacher. Instead, he wanted a life envied by others.

Outside of the classroom, Holzberger has a rich history of working with children. At first glance, it might not look like he has a lot of outside involvement, but in reality, his family, church and students are the groups he focus on the most.

His wife encouraged him to quit the job that made him miserable and try teaching. He did. Holzberger shared in their application, "This is where I belong. This is what I was made to do. And believe it or not, after all this time, I ended up with exactly what I wanted: a life to be envied."

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### Dates to Remember

**July 4 Holiday**  
July 4

**First Day of School**  
Aug. 27

**Labor Day Holiday**  
Sept. 3

**Student Holiday/Staff Development**  
Oct. 5, 8

**Thanksgiving Break**  
Nov. 21-23

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### BIRDVILLE ISD MISSION

"BISD, in partnership with the community, pursues educational excellence and dedicates its resources to create a learning environment that encourages all students to become productive citizens and lifelong learners in a global society."

**Annual Asbestos Notification: 2007-08 School Year**  
Birdville Independent School District (BISD) is committed to providing a safe environment for our students, patrons, faculty and staff, and has made every effort to be in compliance with: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), 40 CFR Part 763 Asbestos, Subpart E, "Asbestos-Containing-Materials in Schools".

In accordance with 40 CFR, Part 763.84(c), you are hereby notified that an Asbestos Management Plan developed by an accredited asbestos management planner is in-place for every BISD facility. Each management plan was duly filed in accordance with section 763.93 on or before October 12, 1988 with the Texas Department of Health. A copy of the management plan is maintained in the administrative office of each facility and in the Buildings and Grounds office located at 6119 East Belknap Street, Haltom City, Texas 76117. Summaries of the response actions taken by the District are included in each management plan. The complete documentation of all response actions is available for review in the Buildings and Grounds Department offices during regular business hours. Qualified BISD personnel perform semi-annual inspections throughout the district. Every three years, Birdville hires accredited and licensed asbestos inspectors to re-inspect all areas. The most recent re-inspection was conducted in February 2007.

## Superintendent's Exchange ...



that time is at hand.

We have two major end-of-the-year events in Birdville ISD. The first is the Golden Gala. Each spring, faculty on every campus vote for a colleague as teacher of the year. In a rigorous screening, a teacher of the year is selected for elementary, middle school and high school. The gala is supported by many businesses in our community. It is a special night when we can honor these dedicated teachers for the many blessings they have provided their students. I say blessings, because these teachers, being master teachers, give their students a high quality education. Great teachers do whatever it takes to make certain each child succeeds, and that definition of success is about the person, not just getting a passing grade.

Another school year has come to a close. It seems that each year passes more quickly. We always note after Christmas that it will only be a blink of an eye before graduation occurs. Now

Graduation is our second major event. Each year is special and each campus graduation is unique. Graduation day is long. BISD has three graduation ceremonies on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, graduating nearly 1,500 students. It is such a delight to see the students walking in step to their chairs on the floor of the arena. When their name is called, they triumphantly walk with pride (and maybe relief) across the stage. I proudly shake each hand, and by the end of the day, after shaking hands with so many, even the smallest senior can bring pain. But, it is worth it.

It is a great collaboration and partnership. Dedicated teachers partner with loving parents in raising, training and nurturing these students, to finally release them during this ceremonial moment. These students will in turn make their own mark in life because of the roles their teachers and parents played.

It has been a great year in BISD. We eagerly look forward to the next one.

Have a great summer.

## Teaching Excellence (cont.)

Fudge teaches AP Calculus and PreAP Pre-Calculus at Richland High School. She has been teaching for 16 years in BISD, the last 13 at Richland.

Fudge never considered education as a career until a baby changed her life. When her daughter was born, she realized she had to make something meaningful out of her life. She found that teaching suited her and it was a career that would set a respected example for her young daughter.

Outside of school, Fudge is active in her church. She teaches and leads Bible studies for children. She also teaches her own children the importance of giving to others by bringing food for the less fortunate to their church on a regular basis. In addition, she regularly participates in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Run/Walk.

Fudge wrote in her application, "I find great fulfillment in being able to contribute to those I cherish. But I have to say, for me, the most gratifying reward comes in the form of a smile, a smile from a more self-assured student that walks out of my classroom door."

Congratulations to all of BISD's teachers of the year.



To view picture  
archives for the  
2006-2007 School Year  
visit:

[http://www.birdville.k12.tx.us/  
PhotoAlbums/index.htm](http://www.birdville.k12.tx.us/PhotoAlbums/index.htm)

# BISD's Top Seniors Have Big Plans for the Future

\* Photos by Marcel's Studio

## Birdville High School

### 1. Kim Tran • Valedictorian



Kim is the daughter of Doye T. Tran and Thanh Au. While at Birdville, she was a member of the National Honor Society, math, science and calculus teams, and Fishheads. Outside of school, she plays the piano and teaches Sunday school. Kim plans to major in biomedical engineering at Stanford University.

### 2. Julia Knypinski • Salutatorian



Julia is the daughter of Olga Dembinska and Bogunil Knypinski. While at Birdville, Julia was a member of the National Honor Society, calculus team, band and Fishheads. She plans to major in biology at the University of Texas at Austin.

## Haltom High School

### 1. Furqan Akhtar • Valedictorian



Furqan Akhtar is the son of Muhammad and Musarrat Akhtar. While at Haltom, he was a member of the National Honor Society, Math Honor Society, Business Professional of America, and Academic Decathlon and Destination Imagination teams. Outside of school, he serves as a teen court lawyer and is active in his mosque. Furqan plans to major in biology at Texas Christian University.

### 2. Chen Wei • Salutatorian



Chen is the daughter of Xinwei Wei and Lihua Wang. While at Haltom, she was a member of the Nation Honor Society, High on Life, Business Professionals of America, math club, and varsity tennis team. Outside of school, she volunteers at the library and hospital and teaches Sunday school. Chen plans to major in business/finance at Southern Methodist University.

## Richland High School

### 1. Tyler Jones • Valedictorian



Tyler is the son of Terry and Karon Jones. While at Richland, he was a member of the National Honor Society, played basketball and football, and sang in the choir. His honors include being named honorable mention all district in basketball, most likely to succeed, nominated for the Wendy Heissman's Scholarship, nominated for the Davey O'Brien scholarship and is a Texas Scholar. Tyler plans to major in software engineering at the University of Texas in Dallas.

### 2. Kali Barber • Salutatorian



Kali is the daughter of Steve and Nancy Barber. While at Richland, she was a member of the National Honor Society and student council. She also participated in choir, soccer, and cross country. Kali's honors include being a Texas Scholar, distinguished achievement candidate, and honorable mention all district in soccer. She plans to major in architecture at Texas A&M University.



## Top 12 Birdville High School

3. Lauren Lee
4. Casey Branach
5. Taylor Hines
6. Christine Schwaebler
7. Sarah Fleming
8. Sara Morgan
9. Caitlyn Young
10. Shannon Leeth
11. Meg Watson
12. Keely Roberts



## Top 12 Haltom High School

3. Laura Pham
4. Yue Jiang
5. Salaheldin Elshanshory
6. Kirstin Keany
7. Caleb Browning
8. Salvador Romero-Gandara
9. Courtney Haveman
10. Courtney Danford
11. Thuy Vy Hoang
12. Jennifer Le



## Top 12 Richland High School

3. Lisa Sandoval
4. Oanh Nguyen
5. Numan Khan
6. Mark Perry
7. Caleb Hotze
8. Erin Fehr
9. Derek Wallace
10. Priya Lad
11. Chelsie Weathington
12. Nathan Patrick

# BISD Bond Projects are... *results in action*

Positive results of your bond dollars can be seen across Birdville ISD. The following is an update of work completed, projects in progress and schedules for projects being planned.

For additional information on the progress of voter approved work, visit the district's Web site at [www.birdville.k12.tx.us](http://www.birdville.k12.tx.us).

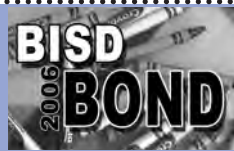
2005 bond construction update ...

## **PROPOSITION II**

### **Renovations and Technology**

- Flooring replacements at Hardeman, North Ridge and Green Valley elementaries are complete. Also, flooring replacements at Watauga and North Ridge middle schools are complete.
- Renovations at Smithfield Middle School including flooring replacement, abatement, ADA modifications, replacement of store front windows in classrooms, interior painting in certain areas, HVAC replacement, fire alarm system, electrical power upgrades, HVAC upgrades for technology, and installation of an energy management system are complete.
- Acoustical isolation of a room at Green Valley Elementary is complete.
- HVAC upgrades at The Academy at Carrie F. Thomas are being planned by engineers. Electrical power upgrades, installation of an energy management system, and replacement of the fire alarm system are complete.
- Electrical power upgrades for technology, installation of an energy management system, and replacement of the fire alarm at Spicer Elementary are complete.
- HVAC chiller replacement and installation of an energy management system at North Ridge Elementary is complete.
- Electrical upgrades for technology at North Richland Middle School is complete.
- Fire alarm system installation at Thomas Coliseum is complete.
- Electrical power upgrades for technology, demolition of the suspended ceiling, and fire alarm system installation at the Central Stores Warehouse are complete.

- Fire alarm system installation in the Fleet Management building is complete.
- Chiller replacement, installation of HVAC rooftop units and an energy management system at Haltom High School are complete.
- Network Infrastructure Update - All work at schools have been completed on the first phase of the network update. Phase two projects have begun.



## **2006 BOND CONSTRUCTION UPDATE ...**

- Competitive sealed proposals for Binion and Stowe elementaries were requested in April. It is anticipated that bids will be awarded in late May or early June.
- Competitive sealed proposals for middle school tracks were requested in April. It is anticipated that bids will be awarded in late May or early June.
- Design of middle school locker rooms is underway.
- Design of Richland High School is underway. It is anticipated that the district will ask for competitive sealed proposals in January 2008.
- Design of Haltom High School is underway.
- Initial programming meetings for the career and technology center began in April.

## **Volunteer Applications Available Online**

In order to provide an additional measure of protection for the students of BISD, the board of trustees developed a policy in 1995 requiring criminal background checks on all volunteers before they have direct contact with students. This process must be complete prior to an individual being approved to work directly with children in the district.

- **New volunteers** - New volunteers must complete a volunteer application so the district can run a criminal background check.
- **Returning Volunteers** - Each year, returning volunteers must log in and verify their information is still current and then resubmit their application.

*Note:*

*It can take up to two weeks for a background check to be complete.*

The method of applying to be a volunteer in BISD is online at [www.birdville.k12.tx.us](http://www.birdville.k12.tx.us) and selecting "Volunteer Partnership" under the parent pencil.

Although the district has made the site secure, there may be some individuals who are hesitant to apply/submit their personal information online. For those individuals, a paper application is available through the communications department at the administration building.

If you have questions, please contact your local campus or the communications department at 817.547.5799.

# BISD Students Show Continued Improvement on TAKS Tests

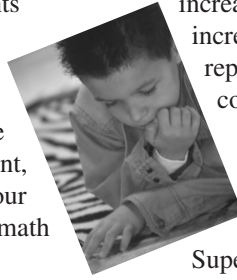


The Texas Education Agency released preliminary TAKS scores for students who took the spring 2007 tests. BISD students' overall performance increased in all core areas. Across the district, fifth-grade science scores increased eight percent, elementary math scores increased four percent, seventh-grade reading and math scores increased by 10 and seven

percent respectively, and ninth-grade math scores increased by seven percent.

BISD also saw increases in the number of "Commended Scholars" recognized by the Texas Education Agency. Fourth-grade writing scores increased by 11 percent; fourth- and sixth-grade reading

scores increased by 13 percent, fifth-grade science scores increased by 15 percent, and tenth-grade math scores increased by five percent. Commended performance represents academic achievement at a level that is considerably higher than the state passing standard.



"The performance of BISD students on state-mandated tests continue to improve even with the state continuing to change the standards,"

Superintendent Stephen F. Waddell said. "It is exciting to see how well our students consistently advanced on this more rigorous test. I am proud of the students, teachers, parents and staff."

The final results and ratings will be release by the Texas Education Agency in August.

Campus	Grade 3				Grade 4						Grade 5					
	Reading*		Math		Reading		Math		Writing		Reading*		Math**		Science	
	Met	CP	Met	CP	Met	CP	Met	CP	Met	CP	Met	CP	Met	CP	Met	CP
<b>Birdville ISD</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>State</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>31</b>

Spanish	
<b>Birdville ISD</b>	<b>79 14 51 4 82 16 92 38 98 30 92 40 77 19 42 12</b>
<b>State</b>	<b>74 18 73 20 77 20 72 27 89 20 86 25 50 11 35 8</b>

Campus	Grade 6				Grade 7						Grade 8							
	Reading		Math		Reading		Math		Writing		Reading		Math		Soc St		Science	
	Met	CP	Met	CP	Met	CP	Met	CP	Met	CP	Met	CP	Met	CP	Met	CP	Met	CP
<b>Birdville ISD</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>State</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>17</b>

Campus	Grade 9				Grade 10						Grade 11									
	Reading		Math		ELA		Math		Soc St		Science		ELA		Math		Soc St		Science	
	Met	CP	Met	CP	Met	CP	Met	CP	Met	CP	Met	CP	Met	CP	Met	CP	Met	CP	Met	CP
<b>Birdville ISD</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>State</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>11</b>

Met - Percent Met standard  
 CP - Percent Commended Performance  
 ‡ 1 SEM below panal recommendation



\* Cumulative for February and April  
 \*\* April only

## School Supply List Available



Every year parents across BISD spend the last days before the start of school purchasing school supplies. Some students never make it home with the list or it was discarded by mistake. Nonetheless, as the beginning of a new school year approaches, parents find themselves trying to put their hands on a school supply list.

In order to help families prepare for a new school year, BISD has placed a copy of each school supply list by campus and grade on the District's Web site. To access the complete list of school supplies needed for the 2007-08 school year, visit, [www.birdville.k12.tx.us](http://www.birdville.k12.tx.us) and look under the "Parents" link.

*NOTE: School supply lists are not provided for high school and many middle schools. Since different teachers may require different items, those lists are not distributed until after the students receive their teacher assignments.*

During the 2007-08 school year, Birdville ISD will administer the following federal programs to students that live within district boundaries.

- Title I, Part A (Improving Basic Programs)
- Title II, Part A (Teacher and Principal Training and Recruitment Fund)
- Title II, Part D (Enhancing Education through Technology)
- Title III (Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students)
- Title IV (Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Community Act)
- Title V (Innovative Education Program Strategies)
- IDEA-B (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)

Representatives of privately educated students interested in participation in any of these programs can contact Dr. Betty Grubbs, director of special services, at 817.547.5740 or by e-mail at Betty\_Grubbs@birdville.k12.tx.us.

### PARENTS' RIGHT TO KNOW

According to Public Law 107-110, commonly referred to as the No Child Left Behind law, all parents have the right to know the professional qualifications of their child's teachers. Professional qualifications include whether the teacher is certified in the grade level or subject they are teaching, the baccalaureate degree they hold, and the field of discipline of their degree or certification. Birdville ISD prides itself on hiring qualified individuals who will do whatever it takes to ensure learning for each student. If you wish to know any information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's teacher, please make a written request to the principal.

### DERECHO DE SABER DE LOS PADRES

De acuerdo con la ley pública 107-110, referida comunmente como la ley de Que Ningún Niño Se Quede Atrás (No Child Left Behind), todos los padres tienen el derecho a saber las cualidades profesionales de los maestros de sus hijos. Estas cualidades profesionales incluyen si el maestro está certificado en el nivel de grado o materia que instruye, el bachillerato que posee, y el área o disciplina de su licenciatura o certificación. El distrito escolar de Birdville tiene el orgullo de emplear individuos calificados que harán lo necesario para asegurarse que cada estudiante aprenda. Si usted necesita información de las cualidades profesionales del maestro de su hijo, por favor pídala por escrito al director de la escuela.

### QUYỀN HẠN CỦA PHỤ HUYNH (PHỤ HUYNH CÓ QUYỀN BIẾT NHỮNG ĐIỀU NÀY)

Chiều theo luật 107-110 (Public Law 107-110), theo như chương trình "Không Một Trẻ Em Nào Bị Bỏ Rơi" (No Child Left Behind), tất cả phụ huynh của các em học sinh được quyền biết khả năng chuyên môn, khả năng nghiệp vụ của thầy cô giáo của các em. Quý vị có quyền được biết bằng cấp của giáo viên, lớp và môn học mà thầy cô đang dạy, thầy cô có những bằng cấp về những ngành đặc biệt nào. Khu Học Chính Birdville (BISD) rất hãnh diện vì đã tuyển chọn được một đội ngũ giáo viên có khả năng chuyên môn rất tốt, rất đáng tin cậy trong việc dạy dỗ các em học sinh. Nếu quý vị muốn biết bất cứ một việc gì về thầy cô của con em mình có liên quan đến khả năng nghiệp vụ, xin vui lòng viết thư đến hiệu trưởng trường con em của quý vị để yêu cầu được biết về những việc này.

## BISD Business Partners

The following business partners were recognized at recent board meetings: **Rusty Peterman**, Richland Hills Church of Christ; **Jean Byrd**, Sprint; **Matt Cooper**, **Don Henderson** and **Maria Henderson**, Apple Computer, Inc., **Peter Paulsen**, Montclair Homes, and **Omar Reyes**, Northwood Church.

## District Highlights



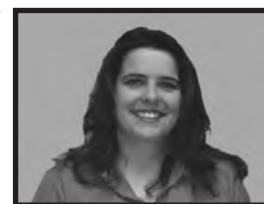
**Birdville High School's counseling department won the Texas Counseling Association's CREST Award.** BHS was one of only five schools to receive this honor for the 2006-07 school year.

Birdville counselors are: Debra Ellis, lead counselor, Deborah Conaway, Carolyn Goodrich, Cindy Larson, Byron Sparkman and Scott Eager.



**Karen Kallas**, Birdville High School's teacher of family and consumer sciences and Ready, Set, Teach program, was named sponsor of the year by the Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE).

**Karen Seimears**, media technology teacher, was named an Apple Distinguished Educator. She is invited to attend the Apple Distinguished Educator Summer Institute at California State University Monterey Bay.



Five coaches were recognized for their teams winning district championships. They were: **Celina Burris**, Birdville High tennis; **Ian Floyd**, Birdville High girls golf; **Jay Jones**, Richland High wrestling; **Eddie**

**Brown**, Birdville High girls soccer; and **Richard Bacon**, Richland High boys basketball.

Congratulations to BISD's 2006-07 campus teachers of the year. They are: **Stacy Winans**, Binion Elementary; **Nikki Blilie**, Birdville Elementary; **Jennifer Martin**, Foster Village Elementary; **Katy Ramey**, Francisco Elementary; **Michele McIntire**, Green Valley Elementary; **Karla Risenhoover**, Hardeman Elementary; **Ashley Dane**, Holiday Heights Elementary; **Maegan Conner**, Mullendore Elementary; **Jessica Dunnam**, North Ridge Elementary; **Kathy Albert**, Porter Elementary; **Angela Wilson**, Richland Elementary; **Roxanne Magee**, Smith Elementary; **Patti Bradley**, Smithfield Elementary; **Patti Stone**, Snow Heights Elementary; **Janice Myers**, South Birdville Elementary; **Carrie Bruce**, Spicer Elementary; **Lillian Hartmann**, Stowe Elementary; **Kristin Johnson**, The Academy at C.F. Thomas; **Janna Smith**, Walker Creek Elementary; **Nancy Burleson**, Watauga Elementary; **Janie Barnette**, The Academy at West Birdville; **Rita Bradley**, Haltom Middle; **Mary Hensarling**, North Oaks Middle; **Sherryl Dickey**, North Richland Middle; **James Hammond**, North Ridge Middle; **Nancy Hellewell**, Richland Middle; **Ryan Holzberger**, Smithfield Middle; **Kathleen Zeier**, Watauga Middle; **Cynthia Rinehart**, Birdville High; **Gianluca Corsi**, Haltom High; **Kim Fudge**, Richland High; and **Paulett Barton**, Shannon Learning Center.



Lidia Martinez, Haltom High School senior, was named a "Best of Texas" honoree by the Texas Career and Technology Council.

Films from **Brandon Day**, Richland High School, **Adela Escobar**, Haltom High School, and **Jennifer Bryden**, Birdville High School, received awards at the South by Southwest International Film Festival in Austin. Brandon won the 2007 high school competition; Adela received the special jury prize; and Jennifer was named a finalist.



**Katie Ingram**, Richland High School, **Laura Davis**, Birdville High School, and **Michelle Wheelock**, Haltom High School, were nominated for the District 91 Rising Star Volunteer of the Year award. State

Representative Kelly Hancock presented the District 91 Rising Star Volunteer of the Year award to Michelle Wheelock. These students were nominated by their campus for their leadership and selfless devotion to various volunteer efforts.

Congratulations to **Judy Dallinger**, Watauga Elementary librarian, for being named the Texas Computer Education Association (TCEA) librarian of the year in Austin at the TCEA conference.

Congratulations to **Beth Cope**, advanced academic specialist at Watauga and Haltom middle schools, for being selected as BISD's Rising Star Teacher of the Gifted for 2006-07.

Congratulations to **Emily Biggers**, advanced academic specialist at Green Valley Elementary and the Academy at C.F. Thomas, for being selected Region XI's Outstanding Teacher of the Gifted for 2006-07.

Forty-two of BISD's eligible seventh-grade Duke Talent Scholars took either the SAT or ACT this year. Of those students, one qualified for the grand recognition level, and 14 students qualified for the state recognition level. All of these students will be honored at an upcoming Duke Recognition Ceremony. Honorees are: Grand Level Recognition - **Trevor Meagher**, Smithfield Middle; State Level Recognition - **Megan Daugherty**, **Nicholas Penner**, **Kathryn Reagan**, **Daniel Ruff** and **Michelle Willoughby**, North Ridge Middle; **Breanna Mapston** and **Breanna Rice**, Watauga Middle; **Trevor Meagher**, **Jamie Kendrick** and **Alexandra Korbb**, Smithfield Middle; and **Zane Collins**, **Shannon Crow**, **Tyler Gregory** and **Jennifer Villasana**, North Richland Middle.

## PTA/Volunteers

Birdville Council of PTAs 2007-08 executive board officers are: **Jennifer LePla**, president; **Chris Zimmer**, first vice president, aide to the president; **Open**, second vice president, programs; **Liz Powell**, third vice president, budget and finance; **Alma Markum**, fourth vice president, hospitality; **Kellie Kellner**, fifth vice president, parent education; **Jeannie Burleson**, secretary; and **Amber Frandsen**, treasurer.

Congratulations to **Birdville Council of PTAs** for winning a bronze for their parent education program and silver for their newsletter at the spring Area 17 conference.

Congratulations to **Smithfield Middle School** for winning a silver for their health concerns program, a bronze for their local PTA evaluation, a silver for their membership campaign, a silver for their youth protection program, and recognition for their parent involvement at the spring Area 17 conference.

Congratulations to **Walker Creek Elementary** for winning a bronze for their newsletter at the spring Area 17 conference.



Birdville Council of PTAs 2006-07 President **Jennifer LePla**, Volunteer Coordinator **Kellie Kellner**, and Clothes Connection/Supply Depot Coordinator **Belinda Launius** were recognized for their

outstanding leadership of Birdville Council of PTAs, Volunteer Partnership and Clothes Connection/Supply Depot.

## BISD's Foundation for Educational Excellence



The Birdville ISD Foundation for Educational Excellence (FEE) has awarded more than \$582,000 since 1997 in support of innovative programs throughout the district—programs that support students and staff beyond the district's annual operating budget. The 2007 grant awards were for programs to help students become pharmacists, better readers, inquiring scientists, etc.

"Fifty-six campus projects totaling more than \$75,000 were funded by this year's Foundation board," announced Superintendent Stephen F. Waddell. "The innovative projects funded by the Foundation allow campuses to explore new and creative ways to expand the learning experiences for students."



Earlier in the 2006-07 school year, the FEE funded a house to be built by students from the construction trades program. These students, under the direction of teacher Mike Benton, are constructing the house in Haltom City. It is expected to be completed in the fall of 2007.

In 1996, BISD's FEE began as a way for the community to go above and beyond the general budget to provide schools and educators with supplemental funds for innovative educational projects. Each year, schools apply for grants for either individual teachers or campus-wide projects. The FEE is governed by a board of directors consisting of community members.

# 2007 Golden Gala Sponsors

The 2007 Golden Gala Committee would like to thank all of this year's sponsors.



BISD has expanded communications to the community through an online electronic newsletter. "B-News" provides subscribers important weather related closings and delays as well as late breaking news. In addition, the newsletter contains public meeting notices and links to school calendars, online meal payments, athletic schedules, etc. To subscribe, go to [www.birdville.k12.tx.us](http://www.birdville.k12.tx.us) and join the "B-News" mailing list.



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