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## Kudos To FWISD Partners

A tremendous **THANK YOU** to all partners who provided resources, skills and volunteer hours supporting Fort Worth Independent School District students, teachers and parents during the 2008-09 school year. We greatly appreciate the dedication shown to FWISD schools and we look forward to your continued support for a fantastic new school year!

## Moritz Kia Awards Academic Excellence

**Moritz of Fort Worth** partnered with **Western Hills** and **O.D. Wyatt high schools** in an Academic Excellence Program to award students for their success.



Western Hills winner sophomore Jessica Vinton checks out her new ride!

The auto dealer donated a 2009 *Chevy Cobalt* and *Kia Spectra* as an incentive to

students for their success in math, science, and English classes, perfect attendance and success on TAKS tests.



Farias Family, O.D.Wyatt Principal Steven Johnson and Moritz General Manager Jim Hardick



**CHECK THIS OUT!!**

**Next PARTNERS Issue:**

- Adopt-A-School Fall Training Dates
- Winners of Golden Achievement Award

**Want your story in print?**

Send information and photos to Mary Margaret Rangel, Adopt-A-School, Coordinator at [marymargaret.rangel@fwisd.org](mailto:marymargaret.rangel@fwisd.org).

All **PARTNERS** newsletters, are posted on the Adopt-A-School Web site: [www.fwisd.org/ppe/Pages/aas.aspx](http://www.fwisd.org/ppe/Pages/aas.aspx)

## Chamber Members Boost Students

The **Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce East Area Council** and **Texas Wesleyan University** hosted **Meadowbrook Middle School** seventh graders for the third annual Math & Science Camp. Students jumped into hands-on learning about math, science, and team building and personal growth.



Meadowbrook Middle School 7th Grade Students

TWU faculty and Council members set up the event to demonstrate the importance of math and science in everyday life and to provide ideas about future career goals. **"We are happy to be a part of this camp and know that students learned a great deal from this experience,"** said Pennie Blossom, Director of Area Councils for the Fort Worth Chamber.

## HUD Builds Student Success



### Partner Supplies Tools

Fort Worth After School celebrated its 9<sup>th</sup> annual Showcase of Stars in May. This event honored 168 elementary, middle and high school students from 84 campuses for their excellence and achievements in the after school programs. FWISD partner, **Pro Verbs Youth Services**, generously donated pre-packaged school supplies valued at \$200 to students.



*"We want to make sure students have what they need to succeed. This is one way we can help."*

*-Artae Curry, Executive Director, Pro Verbs Youth Services*

### THANK YOU AUXILIARY!



Practice! Practice! Practice! **US Housing and Urban Development** employees spent the entire year sharpening the writing skills of **Van Zandt-Guinn** fourth graders. Staff wanted to have students practice their writing and prepare for

the TAKS test. They also aimed to build relationships between pen pals. Students met at multiple "gatherings" throughout the year. In addition, employees hosted a Junior Judges Program for fifth graders to help them make smart choices. Created by the

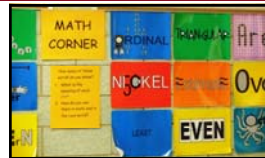
Texas Young Lawyers Association, these classes provide tools to make positive choices in areas of bullying, teasing, and drug use.

Pen Pals Connect



## Banking on Math Skills

Math and money matter to children at **Luella Merrett Elementary School**. Bridging math skills and money lessons, **OmniAmerican Bank** brought their "Teach Children to Save" message to students.



Students learned the value of coins and learned about interest and savings and the difference between needs and wants. Bank

representatives from across Fort Worth brought their money mascots and gave hands-on lessons for all students.



## Diverse Life Lessons

**Tarrant County College NW** students and staff invited students from **W.J. Turner Elementary School** to an on-campus interactive diversity workshop to increase student achievement. Combining

storytelling and art, students enjoyed a dramatic reading about quilting and storytelling. Then, they worked in groups to share their own stories and create their own patchwork piece of a

quilt. The quilt is on permanent display in the halls of W.J. Turner.



## Partners Promote Pride

The **Auxiliary to Plaza Medical Center** donated \$500 to their partner, **Edward J. Briscoe Elementary**. Staff will stock a much needed clothing closet for students to ensure that every child is prepared and proud when they strive for academic success next year. *"The staff are extraordinary people with creative goals and ideas for students and their parents. We are happy to provide financial and physical support,"* said Jamie Campbell, Manager of Volunteer Services.

# Reading and Resolutions



When **Dispute Resolution Services** (DRS) Executive Director Abby Mitchell wanted to support her community, she went back to the educational walls that served as her foundation—**Sunrise-**

## McMillian Elementary School.

It was on these steps that Ms. McMillian presented Abby with a trophy for her academic success. In return, Abby leads the DRS team to ensure student success through reading and problem solving through effective methods of conflict resolution. Employees visited students for Read

Across America Day and donated books as attendance incentives. The mediators worked with parents and shared available resources with families. Students now connect reading and resolutions with their community partner.



## Welcome NEW PARTNERS!

- \* Mercado Insurance, partner with W.J. Turner Elementary School
- \* Pro Verbs Youth Services, Inc., partner with Maude I. Logan Elementary and W.C. Stripling Middle School

# SERTOMA Steps Up for Kids



De Zavala Gives SERTOMA a Thumbs UP!

The Service to Mankind (SERTOMA) organization sponsored a *Shoes for Schools* program at **De Zavala**

and **Richard J. Wilson** Elementary Schools. This program allows school staff to present a gift certificate to students needing a new pair of shoes. The certificate is redeemed at Payless Shoes and SERTOMA picks up the bill. SERTOMA has donated more than \$2,000 for

students. ***“We are very thankful for what Sertoma has done,”*** said De Zavala Elementary School Counselor Angie Dockery. To learn more about sponsoring the Shoes for Schools program, contact Mike McGee (SERTOMA) at [mmcgee9150@yahoo.com](mailto:mmcgee9150@yahoo.com).

# Sno Ball Corral Donates Cones

FWISD students scooped up a free summer treat from community partner Sno Ball Corral.

Wanting to support their community schools, Sno Ball Corral at 1100 N. Main donated 2,000 free “snow cones” to students as a reward incentive at

**M.G. Ellis Primary, Dolores Huerta, Manuel Jara, Rufino Mendoza, Sam Rosen Elementary Schools, J.P. Elder Middle School and North Side High School.**

*“We want to let the kids know that we are here and care for them. We look forward to helping out more schools next year.”*

*-Lisa Flores, Sno Ball Corral owner*



## Plan Ahead for 2009-10

### Business Partners:

- Check [www.fwisd.org](http://www.fwisd.org) for updated materials
- Set up a planning meeting with your school
- E-mail Adopt-A-School coordinator contact changes to Mary Margaret Rangel at [marymargaret.rangel@fwisd.org](mailto:marymargaret.rangel@fwisd.org)

### School Coordinators:

- Check [www.fwisd.org](http://www.fwisd.org) for updated materials
- Identify needs for your school
- Check in with partners over summer
- E-mail Adopt-A-School coordinator contact changes to Mary Margaret Rangel at [marymargaret.rangel@fwisd.org](mailto:marymargaret.rangel@fwisd.org)

### IMPORTANT DATES

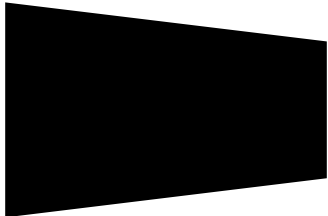
- Principals Return: Aug. 3
- Teachers Return: August 17
- First Day of School: August 24

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# Rotary STARS



Thanks to the solid commitment of the Rotary Club of Fort Worth to keep students in school and to the hard work of Riverside Middle School students, The STARS Program "Service Through Active Rotarians and Students" sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Fort Worth** combines community service with curriculum-based learning for middle school students.

Since its inception, more than 600 eighth-grade students at **Riverside Middle School** have participated in STARS. Students were challenged to perform a community service project and received direction and ongoing encouragement from Rotary classroom advisors. Upon completion, students wrote essays on "What Service Above Self Means to Me" which were judged by the Rotary Education Committee.

In an effort to reduce student drop out rates, THE STARS project involves students in meaningful projects at an early age so they can see the connection between what they learn in class and real world experience. The STARS program is the Rotary Club's way of making a commitment to the youth of Fort Worth.

2009 winner **Alex Fuentes** was recognized at a Rotary meeting and his essay was published in the *Rotagraph* (the Rotary Club's weekly newsletter) and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

## Kohl's Cares for FWISD Kids

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- Carlos Vasquez, District 1
- Jean McClung, District 2
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- Chris Hatch, District 6
- Norman Robbins, District 7

Superintendent  
Melody A. Johnson



Supporting schools takes on many forms...for Kohl's, it means stepping out of their stores and volunteering in their "adopted" schools. Kohl's Associates are generous individuals who donate their time, and the **Kohl's A-Team** volunteer program rewards their hard work by providing a monetary donation to the community.

Thanks to this donation, students at **Oaklawn** and **Worth Heights** Elementary Schools now have additional support for student success. School staff will be able to ensure that students in need have access to school supplies and uniforms.



**Oaklawn Students Show Appreciation!**

**Worth Heights Students Say THANKS!**



In addition, acknowledging that attendance is vital to student achievement, these schools will now be able to reward and encourage student attendance by providing attendance incentives thanks to the generosity of Kohl's and its employees.