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Simpson named 2005 Texas Superintendent of Year

The White Settlement ISD Board of Trustees and administration honored Dr. Susan Simpson with a reception attended by about 200 community members and school employees on Nov. 8.

On Oct. 29, the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) named Simpson the 2005 Superintendent of the Year during the annual TASB/Texas Association of School Administrators Convention.

The award honors outstanding Texas administrators for achievement and excellence in public school administration.

Candidates, nominated by their school boards, are chosen for their strong leadership skills, dedication to improving educational quality, ability to build good employee relations, student performance, and commitment to public involvement in education.

WSISD superintendent for the past five years, Simpson was among 15 regional winners who advanced to the state competition, where she was selected as one of five finalists for the 2005 Superintendent of the Year Award.

The committee noted that Simpson models a philosophy that she is a servant to her community, staff, students and school

Dr. Simpson is pictured with Board of Trustees members Melissa Brown, Kent Evans, Becky Simmons, Lori Ball and Phil Jennings during the TASB/TASA Convention.



North Elementary student Hope Jenkins tells Simpson about her day.



Simpson poses with several members of the WSISD Leadership Team: Bret Jimerson, Julie Spears, Robb Welch, Audrey Arnold, Nugget Cunningham, Julio Toro, Paula Hope and Ronda Wright.

administrators and that she strongly endorses the "Capturing Kids' Hearts" program and the philosophy that teachers building relationships with their students is vital in increasing their confidence and academic achievement.

She received \$5,000 for professional development and a Superintendent of the Year ring, and she'll advance to the national competition.

American
Education Week
A Strong America Starts with Great Public Schools
November 13-19, 2005

The Board of Trustees and Administration thanks you for being such an awesome team!
We appreciate all you do!
Check your boxes on Wednesday for a small token of our appreciation!

Students to Raise money for Tarrant Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse



For the fifth year, WSISD fourth through seventh grade students will participate in the Holiday Tree Writing Project.

To help students improve their writing skills on the TAKS test and teach them about the detrimental effects of drug and alcohol abuse, the kids will write local businesses, organizations and individuals and ask for contributions to the Tarrant Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

The council provides programs in which representatives educate children and work with adults, families and the community to reduce the use of these substances.

Students will hear from guest speakers who work at the organization, and they'll conduct research regarding healthy living.

Every pre-kindergarten through eighth grade student will then make decorations for more than 60 trees, which will decorate Veterans Park during the holidays.

The project will culminate when the community is invited to a tree lighting ceremony, the Holiday Tree Celebration, sponsored by WSISD and the City of White Settlement. The event will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1 at Veterans Park.

The district will present the council with a check during the event.

Last year, school board member Mike Jenkins, who has Lou Gehrig's Disease, and student Zuhair Chaudhry, who passed away this year after suffering from muscular dystrophy, inspired students to raise \$5,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Contributions can be sent to Joann Sears with the WSISD Instruction Office.



WSISD presented the MDA with a \$5,000 check during the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon.

Pictured (l-r) are: Bret Jimerson, WSISD human resources director; Becky Simmons, Board of Trustees president; North Elementary student Hope Jenkins; her grandfather and trustee, Mike Jenkins; and Channel 5 reporter Scott Murray.

Checks should be made payable to WSISD-TCADA.

For more information, email jsears@wsisd.net.

Happy Birthday Baby!



Marilyn Monroe (a.k.a. Cruz Sandoval, an electrician with the operations department) surprised Liberty Elementary Principal Frank Molinar on his 39th birthday. Ronnie Tatum, electrical supervisor, helped "serenade" Molinar.

WSISD Bus Drivers recognized

White Settlement ISD honored Transportation Department employees with a special appreciation week in October.

The school PTAs provided staff members with special treats throughout the week, and employees were treated to a catered luncheon on Friday.

Pictured at the luncheon (top right) are: Ann West, Misty Holdridge, Gary Lewis and Donnie Holdridge.

North Elementary students made a special banner for the bus drivers. Pictured are: (front, l-r) David Stanley, Deborah McClung, Mimi Johnson, (back) Joella Eaton, Donna Ewing, Keri Holekamp and Anita Baker.

Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Dale Brock coordinated the event.



Schools celebrate Storybook Character Day



Students and staff at Liberty and West Elementaries dressed as storybook characters on Oct. 29.

West's fourth grade hall became a Fairytale Kingdom, and Liberty held a school-wide parade and assembly, with teachers presenting skits of several of the children's favorite stories.

Pictured are: (top left) Liberty Elementary teachers Cherise Brooks, Terrie Blevins, Rhonda Gallagher, Jamie Clair, Tammie Janzen and Cindy Girten; (bottom left) Tricia Grinalds and Amy Ferguson (center left); Lisa Brown as Chicken Little; (center right) Heather Stark and teaching assistant Mona Bienski; and (bottom right) West Elementary teachers Julie Hernandez and Becky Tucker.



50th day of school celebrated



Lynette Alexander, Margaret Walding, Eliza Abarca, Connie Bitters and Tammie Rodden dress as Pink Ladies to celebrate the 50th day of school at West Elementary.

Lockheed Martin employees volunteer to assist Operations staff with school improvements

About 20 Lockheed Martin employees volunteered their time on Saturday, Oct. 26 to paint the Child Nutrition Office, the fence at Brewer High School and the railing at Brewer Middle School



as part of Lockheed's Make A Difference Day. Pictured are Lockheed employee Jay Riccitelli (right) and George Solis, WSISD's HVAC technician.



Teachers must have perfect attendance and are selected by their school principals based on campus criteria.



October
Jennifer Heddins
Brewer High School

*Ginger Brown's
Old Tyme
Restaurant & Bakery*

August/September
Gretchen Jones
North Elementary

October
Lisa Ballard
West Elementary



August/September
Rhonda Gallagher
Liberty Elementary

October
Tiffanie Kohutek
Tannahill Intermediate

*Thanks to
Dee Jay's Candies
for helping
us celebrate American
Education Week.*



August/September
Susan Stevens
Brewer High School

October
Nita Griffith
North Elementary



**SODA SPRINGS
BAR-B-Q ★ GRILL**

Yes, We Cater!

August/September
Phillip Wilson
Tannahill Intermediate

October
Tiffany Parker
Brewer Middle



August/September
Emily Estes
Blue Haze Elementary



August/September
Karen Lasater
Brewer Middle

October
Mary Loranger
Blue Haze Elementary

**Tastebuds
of Texas**

August/September
Rebecca Tucker
West Elementary

October
Heather Crow
Liberty Elementary



Each month, a member of the WSISD support staff will be recognized for outstanding contributions to our district!

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September ☆ **Sharon Thompson**
Foundation Coordinator



September ☆ **Gwynne Hulcy**
Social Worker

Sharon and Gwynne worked tirelessly to collect and sort through donations for our Hurricane Katrina families. They spent weeks organizing rooms full of donations at the Family Resource Center, and Hulcy continues to work with the families to ensure that their needs are met.

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October ☆ **Lisa Hoover**
Operations Department Secretary

Kit Mason, auxiliary services director, said he selected Hoover "not only for the cooperation and guidance she has provided me since beginning my employment here, but for all of her efforts in keeping the department rolling during August and September.

Lisa has had to step above and beyond the normal scope of her duties and has done so with professionalism and efficiency.

White Settlement ISD is very fortunate to have her as an employee."