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EANES ISD SCHOOLS HONOR TEACHERS OF THE YEAR
Nine teachers will now be considered for District Teacher of the Year

AUSTIN, Texas -- The nine campus winners for the 2010-11 Eanes Independent School District Teacher of the Year have been selected. One district winner will be chosen from this group and announced at the Eanes ISD Employee Recognition Dinner on May 5, 2011, at Westlake High School.

The campus winners are:

Jamie Berrios	Forest Trail Elementary	5th grade
Claudia Carpenter	Eanes Elementary	Kindergarten
Janet Espinosa	Westlake High School	Social Studies
Jenna Holmes	Valley View Elementary	Instructional Partner
Marianna Ricketson-Husain	Bridge Point Elementary	Technology Instructional Partner
Linda Musci	Hill Country Middle School	Speech and HCTV
Rebecca Oates	Cedar Creek Elementary	1st grade
Kali Peichoto	Barton Creek Elementary	2nd grade
Danette Woods	West Ridge Middle School	8th grade Math

The nine campus winners will participate in an interview process to select the 2011 District Teacher of the Year. The Westlake Rotary Club sponsors the award and Rotary members serve on the district Teacher of the Year selection committee. The Westlake Rotary Club will recognize all nine Teachers of the Year at a Rotary breakfast meeting held on May 6, 2011, at 7:30 a.m.

The Eanes Independent School District spans 31.2 square miles of scenic Texas Hill Country in Travis County and serves approximately 7,700 students. Schools in Eanes ISD are Westlake High School, Hill Country Middle School, West Ridge Middle School, Barton Creek Elementary, Bridge Point Elementary, Cedar Creek Elementary, Eanes Elementary, Forest Trail Elementary and Valley View Elementary. In 2010, all nine campuses and the District were named Exemplary by the Texas Education Agency for the second consecutive year.

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Forest Trail Elementary

Jaime Berrios has been teaching 5th grade at Forest Trail Elementary for seven years. She has also taught in the Georgetown, Round Rock and Austin school districts in both 5th grade and Kindergarten.

Eanes Elementary

Claudia Carpenter has been with Eanes ISD six years and has been teaching for eight, including more than two years in Asia. She began her career in Eanes ISD as a 2nd grade Special Education Teacher's Assistant at Eanes Elementary before becoming a Kindergarten teacher. She currently serves as Kindergarten Team Leader and previously was a member of the Campus Leadership Team and Sunshine Committee.

Westlake High School

Janet Espinosa teaches Social Studies at Westlake HS (grades 10-12), including AP Human Geography and AP Comparative Government. She has been at Westlake for 10 years, but started her 34-year-career teaching career in Colorado, followed by The Woodlands. She serves on the Campus and District Leadership Teams, Professional Development Steering Committee and the Long-Range Planning Committee.

Valley View Elementary

A Westlake HS alumnus, Jenna Holmes began her teaching career in Austin ISD teaching 4th and 5th grade before joining Valley View Elementary. In her five years at Valley View, Ms. Holmes has taught 5th grade, has served as an Intervention Teacher and is currently an Instructional Partner. She serves on the Campus Leadership Team and has previously served as a 5th grade Team Leader.

Bridge Point Elementary

Marianna Ricketson-Husain has been teaching for 12 years, including seven years at West Ridge Middle School and two in her current position as Technology Instructional Partner at Bridge Point Elementary. She was awarded the Best Place to Learn Computers for Camp Wired by Austin Family Magazine and is an active supporter of scholarships and fundraisers for the Austin community.

Hill Country Middle School

Linda Musci has been teaching for 18 years, including 11 as a Speech teacher at Hill Country MS. She began her career in San Antonio and also taught in Marble Falls ISD and Austin ISD. Ms. Musci has served as a National Junior Honor Society sponsor for seven years and was on the Middle School Vision Committee. She currently serves as a Positive Behavior Intervention System team member.

Cedar Creek Elementary

Rebecca Oates has been a 1st grade teacher at Cedar Creek Elementary for seven years. Previously she taught 1st grade in Coppell ISD for two years. She has served on the Campus Leadership Team, was the first grade team leader and created and implemented the Mentor Program for New Teachers.

Barton Creek Elementary

Now in her fourth year at Barton Creek Elementary, Kali Peichoto teaches 2nd grade. She has served on the Campus and District Leadership Teams and currently is an Elementary ELA Leader. She is currently pursuing her master's degree in Special Education through the Eanes Education Foundation's Partnership for Teacher Excellence Program (PTEP).

West Ridge Middle School:

Danette Woods has been teaching for 15 years, including five at West Ridge Middle School. Previously, she taught in San Marcos CISD and Pflugerville ISD in pre-Algebra, Algebra I and Algebra II before landing at West Ridge MS to teach 8th grade Math. Ms. Woods has served on the Campus Leadership Team and serves as a sponsor of the National Junior Honor Society.