

Superintendent's Report

June 18, 2009



I have some great news to share with you this evening!



2009 Lone Star Leadership Academy



Congratulations Carson S. and Zach W., Butler ES!

Butler Elementary sixth graders Carson S. and Zach W. were selected to participate in Education in Action's summer **2009 Lone Star Leadership Academy** program in Austin. Selection is based on a student's demonstrated academic success and leadership ability, an educator recommendation, and involvement in school/community activities. During the weeklong program, students develop leadership skills while learning about the state of Texas through visits to historically, politically, scientifically and environmentally significant sites including the offices of their state legislators and the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. Congratulations Carson and Zach!

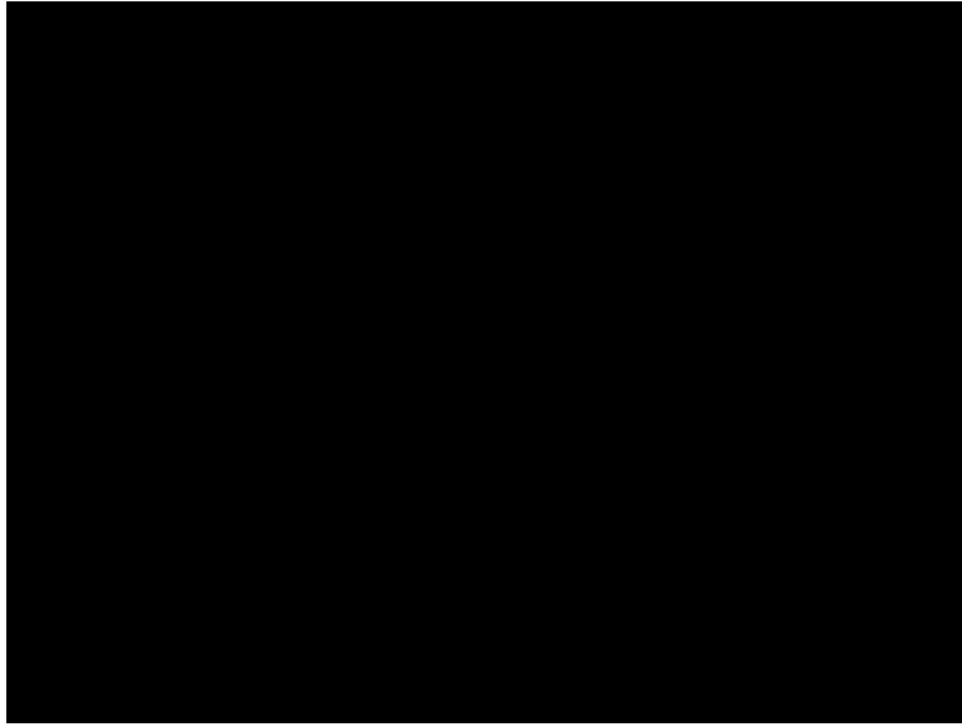


Destination Imagination Global Finals



Congratulations Chris C., Martin HS!

Martin High School student Chris C. and his team of students from Richardson participated in the **Destination Imagination Global Finals** tournament in May. They were the only team to compete in both the DI program and the DI Construction Challenge, and they placed in both! These challenges were extremely complicated and difficult; for the team to place in both events is truly remarkable. Great job Chris!



I'd now like to invite Sandra Tumey, Shelly Ewing, Tiffany McJunkins and Principal John Wofford from Starrett Elementary to the podium. Sandra is the nurse at Starrett, and Shelly and Tiffany are kindergarten TAs. On Friday, May 29, a kindergarten student had a severe allergic reaction while on the playground. Shelly and Tiffany acted quickly, carrying her directly to the nurse's office. Sandra worked to stabilize the student and administered the epi-pen before paramedics arrived. Sandra, Shelly and Tiffany, thank you for your quick thinking that day! Your **actions saved a life** and made a difference in the lives of many. I would now like to invite President O'Donnell to join me at the podium to present a token of our appreciation.

President O'Donnell, if you'll remain here, I'd like to invite Carter Junior High Principal Rashel Stevens and AVID teachers Lindy Manasco and Deborah Falls to the podium. Out of approximately 4,000 AVID schools throughout the country, Carter is one of only 118 to be named an **AVID National Demonstration School**. They received this three-year designation for being an exemplary model of the program and demonstrating the very best AVID methodologies and strategies. Congratulations to everyone at Carter involved in this accomplishment! I would now like to present the certificate sent by AVID to mark this outstanding designation.