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## OneVision:

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# Kudos palooza

It's the last printed OneVision of the 2010 school year. This edition is filled with kudos for employees.

**Zelda Schaefer**, secretary in guidance and drug free office, has announced that her daughter-in-law Katherine Schaefer recently graduated from the University of Alaska in Fairbanks with a bachelor of science degree in geography. Her concentrations are in landscape analysis, climate change and geographic information science. She has also been accepted to the master's program at Penn State in the Geospatial Intelligence Program. Katherine is married to Wesley Schaefer, a 2002 West Brook graduate and a 2004 graduate of the New Mexico Military Institute.

**Tyra Strother**, paraprofessional at French Elementary School, and **Victoria Ryan**, attendance clerk at Dunbar Elementary School, have announced that their son and grandson Tyran Pier respectively participated in the annual Soap Box Derby held recently on Beaumont's Maury Meyer Bridge. This is his second year participating in the derby. Tyran was sponsored by the Elks Lodge.

**Valencia Aplon**, fourth grade teacher at French Elementary School, has received her master's degree in educational administration from Prairie View A&M University.

**Bobbie Patterson**, marketing teacher at Ozen Magnet High School, has announced that her granddaughter Destini Lewis recently signed on to attend North Platt College in Nebraska. Destini has played on the girls' varsity basketball team during her entire tenure at Ozen. She received second team all-district, is an honor student and a distinguished achiever. Destini received a \$1,000 scholarship from 100 Plus Black Women Coalition of Beaumont, Inc., at their recent annual Black, Red and Green Banquet.

**Carla Bassett**, AVID teacher at Central Medical Magnet High School, has announced the birth of a new grandson--Kody Nonette.

**Laura Scott**, art teacher at Central Medical Magnet High School, has announced that her daughter Leah Scott LeBlanc will graduate from Lamar University with a master's degree in business administration and a specialization in marketing.

**Robert Lee**, interim basketball coach at Central Medical Magnet High School, has been named the new head coach for boys' basketball.

**Gezelle McCray**, dispatcher at the BISD Police Department, and **Irben McCray** of the maintenance department have announced that their daughter LaTaura T. Davis will receive her bachelor of science degree in

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## Our Vision: Striving for excellence.

Our Mission: The mission of the Beaumont Independent School District, as the unifying force of the community, is to guarantee that our graduates possess the necessary skills, values and knowledge to compete successfully as productive citizens in a diverse global society through an educational system characterized by:

- *Expectation of success for each person;*
- *Optimum application of technology;*
- *An appreciation of various cultures;*
- *Full involvement of parents, teachers and the community;*
- *Respect and care for each other.*

chemical engineering from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Sandra Williams**, home economics teacher at Central Medical Magnet High School, and the FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America's) Central students are congratulated for presenting area residents with crowns and roses in recognition of Mother's Day.

Principal **Patricia Lambert** of Central Medical Magnet High School has announced several employee recognitions: foreign language department head **Marilyn Wall**; Spanish teachers **Delores Trevino** and **Jose Perales**; ESL/reading teacher **Deborah Waguespack**; English/Language Arts teacher **Stephanie Alfred**; lab teacher **Darlene Thomas**; assistant principal, **Brant Graham**; business teacher **Malinda Kuhn** and ESL translator **Magda Soto** are being recognized for providing a *sensational Cinco de Mayo program*.

**Lambert** also announced that science teacher **Brian Frank** and math teacher **Victoria Steward** have been named Central's A & M Teachers of the Year for 2009-2010.

**Other Central** employee recognitions include: math department head **William Littles**, math teachers **Vivian Poullard** and **Melissa Davis** for getting Central students to the (GTAME) Golden Triangle Association of Minority Engineering's recent student conference.

Principal **Jackie Lavergne** of French Elementary School has announced that **Mellow**

**Tatmon**, third grade teacher, and **Cheryl Leblanc**, parent involvement facilitator, have been named 2010 Good Apple Award recipients.

**Deborah Waguespack**, ESL/reading teacher at Central Medical Magnet High School, has announced that her son Jace graduated with a master of science degree in psychology from the University of Texas at Tyler and has been accepted into the Neuropsychology Doctoral Program at the University of Houston for the coming year.

Principal **Martha Fowler** of Lucas Elementary School has announced the success of the school's annual Mother/Daughter Tea and Fashion Show held recently. The decorations were beautiful and the speaker was the outstanding Barbara Daniels. Sojourner McLemore sang two beautiful songs and the student models were fabulous fashion princesses. It was a magical night. **Fowler** also announced an employee recognition: third grade teacher **Alexus Tudmon** has set a new record for Reasoning Mind. She completed a streak of 215 problems.

**Angelina Idlebird**, reading intervention teacher at Homer Drive Elementary School, has announced that her brothers Maxie, Adam and David Idlebird have attended and/ or graduated from Prairie View A&M University with two bachelor's degrees in mechanical and chemical engineering and a master's in business. All siblings are graduates from Central High School in years 1993, 1997 and 2004, respectively.

**Karen Douresseau**, para-

librarian at Dunbar Elementary School, has announced that her daughter Aquila Douresseau has been inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. Aquila is a seventh grader.

**Abria Fowler**, industrial technology teacher at Austin Middle School, accompanied five of her students to the state finals competition of the Technology Student Association held recently in Waco. The students competed against 28 other Texas middle schools. All five BISD students placed in the top five in their competition categories.

**Edrena Guillory**, curriculum secretary at the administration building, has announced that her grandson Adrien Normand will graduate from Colony Park High School. Edrena has also announced the birth of a new grandson, Bridger Grason Guillory, who weighed eight pounds, seven ounces and measured 20 inches long.

**Jo Fuller**, dyslexia specialist at Dishman Elementary School, has announced that her daughter Jennifer Fuller was awarded runner-up for Junior High Teacher of the Year for the city of Arlington. She teaches eighth grade English at Workman Junior High School and is a 1997 graduate of West Brook High School.

**Albert Darby**, experience corps volunteer at French Elementary School, has been awarded the "King of the Experience Corps" for raising the most money for the recent Experience Corp Walk-a-thon held recently at the Elegante'. Darby is also the husband of Delores Darby, a second grade teacher at French

Elementary School.

**Willow Bernard**, pre-k teacher at Pietzsch-MacArthur Elementary School has announced that her daughter **L'Tunya Bernard** was nominated for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). L'Tunya is a 5th grade Science teacher at Fehl Elementary.

**Brandi Rideaux** of French Elementary School was recently named the "Biggest Loser" in round one of the "Fantastic French Foxes Biggest Loser" competition. Brandi attributes her weight loss to the new craze-Zumba, walking on the treadmill and her husband. She lost 18.2 pounds and walked away with \$384.

**Riley Stafford** of the BISS warehouse and **Gladys Stafford** a custodian at Fehl Elementary School, have announced that their granddaughter Ashlea Winfield has earned a bachelor's degree in applied public health and foreign medicine from Tulane University. Ashlea will leave soon for Sierra Leone in West Africa to practice medicine.

**Ann Pitre** of Pathways Learning Center recently received a masters degree in counseling from Prairie View A&M University.

**Courtney Davis**, cafeteria manager in training at Ogden Elementary School, recently completed the Region V District Manager Training Academy Series for Food & Nutrition.

**Odis Norris**, principal at South Park Middle School, and **Marilyn Norris** a teacher at Pietzsch MacArthur Elementary

School, have announced that their son Malik advanced to the regional tennis tournament as a freshman at Ozen High School and continues to maintain a 4.0 GPA (grade point average).

**Mellow Tatmon**, third grade teacher at French Elementary School, has announced that her son Aaron Tatmon will graduate on June 5 from West Brook High School. Aaron will attend Lamar University in the fall.

**Dorothy Bryant**, speech pathologist at Fehl/Price Elementary School, has announced that her granddaughter Mary Duplantier received perfect scores on her reading and math TAKS test.

**William Wajert**, route supervisor with the transportation department, has announced the graduation of his daughter Jennifer Wajert-Johnson from McNeese State University. She graduates with a double major in photography and accounting. Jennifer is a 2005 graduate of West Brook High School.

**Dr. Paul Shipman**, principal at Dishman Elementary School, has announced the retirement of kindergarten teacher Susan Ingram after 38 years of service. A reception will be held in her honor in the Dishman library from 3:30 – 5 p.m., on Tuesday, May 25.

**Nicholas Phillips**, eighth grade U.S. History and World Geography Pre-AP teacher at Odom Academy, is congratulated on his recent swearing in as a school board member for the Nederland Independent School District.

**Sharon Yee**, fifth grade

teacher at Regina Howell Elementary, has announced that her daughter Elizabeth Yee graduated from James Madison University in Virginia with a bachelor of science degree in psychology.

**Alice Thibeaux**, special education aide at Regina Howell Elementary School, has announced that her daughter Brias Thibeaux recently graduated from Lamar University with a degree in criminal justice.

**Alicia Espree**, special education aide at Regina Howell Elementary School, has announced that her daughter Ashlyn Espree will graduate from Lamar State College in August with a degree in education.

Two Regina Howell teachers have announced their high school graduations of their children: **Kristi Knauth**, first grade teacher has announced that her son Patrick will graduate from West Brook High School; **Amy Dueler** third grade teacher has announced that her daughter Caitlin will graduate from Kelly High School.

**Priscilla Petetan**, fourth grade teacher at Dunbar Elementary School, recently earned a master of arts degree in counseling from Prairie View A&M University. She holds a 4.0 GPA (grade point average) and was inducted into Chi Sigma Iota (Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society International). Priscilla has also earned a BASW (Baccalaureate Program in Social Work) from Lamar

# Congratulations Brandi Rideaux!

Twelve members of the French Elementary School Faculty and Staff began round one of the Biggest Loser Competition on January 4. Each competitor weighed in, signed a contract to lose weight and paid a registration fee. The competitors weighed in weekly. The competitors paid \$2 for each pound gained and \$1 for any weight gained under a pound. Dyanne McCowan, French Elem. nurse, was the record keeper and treasurer.

Nine competitors completed the competition and the two top losers were separated by only 0.8 lbs. The total weight lost by the team was more than 80 lbs.

Brandi Rideaux was the Biggest Loser in round one of the competition. Brandi attributes her



weight lost to the new craze-Zumba, walking on the treadmill and her husband, who "MADE" her assist him in the yard. She lost 18.2 pounds and walked away with \$384.

Round two of the Biggest Loser competition ended on June 4.

University, special education certification, elementary certification and master reading teacher certification.

**Dianne Hunt**, itinerant teacher and parent advisor with the Regional Day School Program for the Deaf, has announced that her daughter Connor Hargroder has been chosen to be part of the 2010-2011 cheer squad at Lamar University. Connor is a 2010 high school graduate. The veteran cheerleader has competed both as an all star and a school cheerleader for the past ten years and has many regional, national, and world titles to her credit.

## CONDOLENCES TO:

**Vonetta Holmes**, special education clerk/PR Liaison in transportation, in the recent loss of her baby.

## FOR SALE/RENT

**For Sale:** GE tall tub dishwasher (stainless steel) 10 cycles, never used still in box. Asking \$350. For more information, please call (409) 998-5036.

**For Sale:** Redecorating: three chairs with red mini-print Queen Anne style recliner (like-new); burnt orange skirted traditional style chair in very good condition; light blue mini-print low curved back on Queen Anne styled legs; pair of table lamps with pearl-like round base, new shades included; pair wall lamps; pictures; frames; four foot – four bulb fluorescent ceiling light fixture with oak ends; gold frame shower door; 28" x 40" framed bevel mirror; curtain sheers; lots of accessories-decorator balls, set of three iron and brass tall candlesticks. For more information, please call Shirley

Murray at (409) 842-5186.

**For Sale:** 1989 Black Lincoln Town car; One owner with 143,000 miles. Asking \$2500. For more information, please call J. Vaughn at (409) 842-9727.

**For Sale:** Gazebo, still in the box, completely screened with wrought iron design. For more information, please call (409) 291-1017.

**For Sale:** Dell IN1910N flat panel monitor/18.5 inches high definition widescreen; only used it for five weeks; has a 3 1/2 year warranty; includes all original accessories. Asking \$80 dollars. For more information, please contact Veronica Vallery-Lockett at (409) 221-2442.

**For Sale:** 1995 Ford Windstar 7 passenger van \$1200, price is negotiable. For more information, please contact, at (409) 926-4868.