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Montgomery Elementary Earns 2012 Blue Ribbon Honor

Montgomery Elementary is one of sixteen Texas schools receiving the prestigious 2012 National Blue Ribbon Schools Award from the U.S. Department of Education. The Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools. Selections are based on one of two criteria:

• dramatically improving student performance to high levels on state tests;
• students scoring in the top 10 percent of their state on state tests.

This program has recognized more than 7,000 of America’s most successful schools, including about 500 Texas schools, since its creation in 1982. Former MES Principal Wendy Graves said, “We are so very honored and recognize that it is due to the hard work of students, teachers, and staff.”

The nominated schools were chosen through an objective evaluation of student achievement statistics and other data for the more than 8,000 public school and charter campuses in the state. The schools selected have demonstrated success in closing the achievement gap, and each school has an economically disadvantaged population of 40 percent or greater. The award-winning schools will be recognized at a Blue Ribbon School ceremony Nov. 12-13 in Washington, D.C.