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Northwest ISD's Kay Granger Elementary Recognized as Top Volunteer Campus for Second Consecutive Year

Granger Elementary School has been named the Northwest ISD Partners in Education (PIE) Campus of the Year for the second consecutive year. The campus has logged approximately 12,280 volunteer hours from August 2011 to March 2012.

"We value the time and service spent in our building by the Granger Elementary volunteers," said Principal Kimmie Etheredge. "When I see the volunteers witness the success of our students – that is what it's all about."

The current estimate for the value of a volunteer hour is \$20.85, according to Independent Sector, the nation's largest non-partisan coalition of nonprofit organizations. The volunteers of Granger Elementary have contributed the equivalent of roughly **\$256,038** to Northwest ISD. Northwest Independent School District administration and Granger staff celebrated Granger Elementary volunteers with a surprise visit during their volunteer appreciation breakfast and presented the "Circle of Teamwork" trophy for their hard work and dedication this school year.

"In Northwest ISD, we have the opportunity to grow communities through volunteerism," said Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D. "I am so proud of the efforts of Granger Elementary. They have truly raised the bar and are continuing to be a great example for others to follow."

Principal Kimmie Etheredge and Partners in Education Specialist Phil Beckman were featured in this month's *Northwest Vision* with Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D. In the [video](#), Beckman and Etheredge discuss the volunteer opportunities in Northwest ISD.

The NISD Partners in Education (PIE) program values the support of the Northwest ISD community. NISD provides numerous opportunities to engage parents and the community in the education of children. Currently, the district has more than 8,500 approved volunteers. If you would like to volunteer in Northwest ISD, please visit www.nisdtx.org/volunteercheck.

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PHOTO ID: Volunteers from Kay Granger Elementary School received the "Circle of Teamwork" trophy for their dedication and efforts this school year. Pictured from left to right are Principal Kimmie Etheredge, Volunteer Coordinator Alisha Birch, PTA President Melody Cooley, Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D., and Partners in Education Specialist Phil Beckman.

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