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The *Score A Goal In The Classroom 2009 TEXAS READING BEE CHAMPIONSHIPS* were held on Saturday, November 21, 2009 at Texas Christian University. Our not-for-profit school incentive program has sponsored and facilitated the only Reading Bee competition in the world since 2001. This year, over 63,000 second graders participated in this marvelous reading competition sponsored by the **Wal-Mart Foundation**.

Executive Director Ernie Horn

The following is a list of the five top winning students who participated in the state championship competition:

Advisory Chairman Nada Ruddock

1st Place	THE CHAMPION	Olivia Jones	Arlington ISD
2nd Place	First Runner Up	Adam Wray	Burleson ISD
3rd Place		Tolu Agunblade	Castleberry ISD
4th Place		Madeline Pederson	St. Paul Lutheran School, FW
5th Place		Jakob Conrad	Mansfield ISD

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This year's champion, Olivia Jones, attends Larson Elementary in the Arlington Independent School District. She won the competition reading at college sophomore level. The contact Reading Specialist for the Arlington school district is Judy Burcie. She may be contacted at 682-867-7323.

Following is a list of other second grade champs who represented their schools and districts exceptionally well in this year's competition. They are listed in alphabetical order, as opposed to any order of finish.

Anna Berman – *Aledo ISD*
Daniel Manrique – *All Saints Catholic School*
Richard Savage – *Alvarado ISD*



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Caleb Geer – *Azle ISD*
Hailey Joseph – *Birdville ISD*
Kristyna Martinez – *Calvary Christian Academy*
Jaxton Hunt – *Cleburne ISD*
Theresia La France – *Dallas ISD*
Sebastian Varnadore – *Decatur ISD*
Cara Wimberly – *Eagle Mt.-Saginaw ISD*
Jordon Lee – *East Fort Worth Montessori*
A'mia Johnson – *Everman ISD*
Juan Murillo – *Fort Worth ISD*
Jada Kassner – *Grapevine-Colleyville ISD*
Jacob Marquardt – *Holy Family Catholic School*
Shakeh Nichols – *Joshua ISD*
Gage Nusbaum – *Kennedale ISD*
Jasaiya Butler – *Lake Worth ISD*
Endiya Johnson – *Our Mother of Mercy Catholic School*
Luke Lava – *Pantego Christian Academy*
Teryn Schlotte – *Springtown ISD*
Michael Paytonjian – *St. John the Apostle Catholic School*
Celizz Valdez – *St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School*
Jacob Underwood – *White Settlement ISD*

Thanks for your outstanding leadership and support of our efforts to help children improve their reading skills and hopefully “fall in love with reading!”

WE ASK YOU TO PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION!!

Thanks for all you do and with such class!!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ernie Horn".

Ernie Horn
Executive Director
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