

Effort aims to get more mentors for kids

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FORT WORTH — A year-long initiative to get more volunteers involved in education will start with a rally Saturday.

Officials hope to add community reading mentors for Tarrant County youngsters this school year.

The volunteers read to elementary schoolers to help improve reading skills and self-esteem.

The initiative is called "The best is yet to come in every Tarrant County school." It is a collaboration among Score a Goal in the Classroom, a Fort Worth-based group that provides incentives for students and teachers; school districts; and other community agencies, such as public libraries and colleges and universities.

Officials also hope to boost parents' and grandparents' involvement in area schools by 33 percent this school year, said Ernie Horn, executive director of Score a Goal.

At the rally, superintendents of Tarrant County districts will be recognized for their leadership, and more than a dozen business leaders and community organizations will be honored for aiding education.

Honorees include Moritz Dealerships, which donates vehicles that are awarded to students as an incentive for good attendance.

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2011-2012 Initiative

The Best is Yet to Come in Every Tarrant County School

September 17, 2011

Agenda

Welcome	Scott Murray <i>Sports Marketing</i>
Welcome to Tarrant County College	Dr. Erma Johnson Hadley <i>Chancellor, Tarrant County College</i>
Opening Remarks	Glen Whitley <i>Tarrant County Judge</i>
Invocation	Fran Fern <i>Principal Lower School, Calvary Christian Academy</i>
NBC News Presentation	NBC News
Thanks for the Opportunity	Jim Hylton <i>Author, Pastor</i>
Presentation of Awards	Scott Murray & Val Wilkie Superintendents Hero Awards Superintendents Rookie Award Gratification Awards Valleau Wilkie, Jr. Champion Award
Students' Perspective	Casa's Kids
Action Plan	Ernie Horn
"Send Me - Send Us"	Ben Crenshaw <i>Recording artist</i>

SCORE A GOAL IN THE CLASSROOM is a nonprofit organization that encourages and motivates students, kindergarten through 12th grade, with positive rewards to raise grades, achieve better attendance, become more responsible citizens and be better prepared for the real world.
www.scoreagoal.org



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Score a Goal in the Classroom has a long history of helping Tarrant County students succeed. We believe that every child is "of promise" not "at risk."

Yet rarely does a student reach his or her promise alone. At the very least, he or she needs supportive parents, excellent teachers and a rich, nurturing school environment to achieve at a high level.

Now, Score a Goal is asking the **entire community** to help prepare our students for a lifetime of achievement.

GOALS FOR 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

★ By June 17, 2012, Score a Goal will rally a team of 47,000 community reading mentors to help improve the reading scores of Tarrant County elementary students with reading scores in the bottom 50 percentile at their campus.

★ Another major goal is to increase the participation of parents and grandparents in their students' lives by:

- Encouraging reading every day
- Supervising homework
- Working closely with teachers to ensure success.

★ Score a Goal has set a goal to increase membership in PTAs/PTOs by 33 percent.

Won't you help a student succeed?

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