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**Paris ISD Employees Receive GROWL Award**

Paris ISD principals named employees for the September GROWL Award “Getting Results from Outstanding Wildcat Leaders.” Winners are Gwendolyn Black at Head Start, Monica Rhodes at Givens, Alicia Lester at Justiss, Amanda Ritchey at Aikin, Paula Alsup at Crockett, Roderick Mitchell at Paris Junior High, Kathryn Himes at Paris High School, and Jerome Pipkins at Travis High School of Choice. Each winner received a \$15 gift certificate from Applebee's.

A drawing for grand prizes sponsored by Service Solutions was conducted from campus winner names by Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Accountability Althea Dixon and Superintendent Paul Jones. Karl Weissenmayer, Director of Service Solutions, presented gift certificates to local restaurants to grand prize winners Monica Rhodes and Jerome Pipkins.



Givens Early Childhood Center  
Althea Dixon, Principal Sheila Ensey, Monica Rhodes, Paul Jones, and Karl Weissenmayer



Travis High School of Choice  
Paul Jones, Karl Weissenmayer, Jerome Pipkins, Principal Joan Moore, and Althea Dixon



Paris High School  
Kathryn Himes and Principal Chris Vaughn



Paris Junior High School  
Principal Stephen Long and Roderick Mitchell



Crockett Intermediate School  
Paula Alsup and Principal Brock Blessingame



Aikin Elementary  
Principal Kim Donnan and Amanda Ritchey



Justiss Elementary  
Principal Renee Elmore and Alicia Lester



Lamar County Head Start  
Gwendolyn Black and Director Eva Williams