

**Spring Branch Independent School District
Agenda Item Information**

Date of Board Meeting: March 22, 2010

Subject: Recognition of Samuel Karns and Westwood Elementary, Recipient of the Texas
Department of State Health Services Award of Achievement

Administrator Responsible:

Name: Linda Buchman

Position: Community Relations Officer

Purpose of Agenda Item: Special Presentation

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND/OR BACK-UP:

Spring Branch ISD proudly recognizes Samuel Karns, Health Fitness Specialist at Westwood Elementary, for earning the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), School Health Program Award of Achievement. Samuel has earned this honor for his efforts in coordinating the S.O.A.R. Program for the students at Westwood Elementary School. The DSHS host the Awards of Excellence in Texas School Health each year; this year marks the 20th anniversary of this event.

S.O.A.R. stands for Students Offering Academic Relationships. The program offers elementary children the opportunity to learn fundamental ball handling skills to help them throughout all kinds of sports that deal with eye hand coordination, as well as an intense workout. This workout is coupled with a mentoring element with students from Spring Oaks Middle School. The program received initial funding through a grant award to Samuel Karns by the Spring Branch Education Foundation last year.

The Award of Achievement was presented to Samuel Karns and Westwood Elementary on January 29, 2010 at the Texas School Health Association (TSHA) Conference Awards Banquet in Austin, TX.