

## Hidden Forest Students Present Key to School Board

Each month at the opening of the NEISD School Board meeting, students from various campuses have the opportunity to lead the board, members of the district administration, and the attending public in the Pledge of Allegiance and an Invocation. Recently, two Hidden Forest Elementary School students shared this honor.

Standing barely over 6' tall-together, Courtney Anderson and Audrey Graham, both first graders, captivated the adults with their enthusiasm and poise. Following the Invocation and in celebration of School Board Appreciation Week, the young ladies presented Dr. Middleton, members of the NEISD Executive Staff, and the School Board with a gold key to signify the many doors these educational leaders open for students and employees alike.

In the audience were family members of both students including Audrey's mother, Gina Graham, NEISD Reading Specialist for the Churchill Cluster and Tom Anderson, grandfather of Courtney, who is the NEISD Director of Outdoor Education. Speaking to the audience, Mrs. Karin Stanley, principal of Hidden Forest, summed up the emotions of the evening by noting that, "whether it be the Hidden Forest community or the NEISD community the feeling of family and support is paramount in the decisions that are made by our district".