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Public charter high school in second year of Read to Succeed Program

Ft. Worth – Students from a public charter high school have spent approximately 150 hours reading to children enrolled in the YMCA’s after-school enrichment program to help them develop a love of learning and reading.

Fourteen students from Richard Milburn Academy (RMA) have committed at least three hours per week to participating in the school’s Read to Succeed Program, currently in its second year. The program is funded by a community service grant the school was awarded by the Meadows Foundation’s Charitable Schools Program in October of 2004 and is part of the school’s community service program.

Science teacher and community liaison Monica DeLancy said, “We’re very proud of our Read to Succeed Program and the effects it’s had on all of the students involved. The RMA students have improved their leadership skills and helped the younger children learn the value of learning and reading. The elementary school children benefit from the interaction with the RMA students and the exposure to language and learning. It’s a win-win situation.”

Students enrolled at Waverly Park and Ridglea elementary schools who attend the YMCA’s after-school program may participate in RMA’s Read to Succeed Program. Student volunteers select appropriate children’s books and read and review them as a group before presenting them to the children in the program.

Richard Milburn Academy, located at 6785 Camp Bowie Blvd., provides students in Ft. Worth and the surrounding areas with an alternative to the traditional public high schools. RMA helps students earn their diplomas in a small, supportive, friendly environment that allows them to succeed personally and academically. The school offers small class sizes, flexible scheduling including evening classes, comprehensive guidance and counseling services, a school-to-work program and certified teachers dedicated to meeting the needs of all students. As a public charter high school, RMA does not charge tuition of any kind.

For more information about RMA or the Read to Succeed Program, call 817-731-7627, email FortWorth@RMAInfo.org or log onto www.richardmilburnacademy.org.

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Richard Milburn Academy is a public charter high school serving the students of Ft. Worth and the surrounding areas. RMA motivates and challenges students to achieve academic excellence, employment success and social responsibility by providing nontraditional experiential learning opportunities in which students develop self-confidence, self-worth, self-discipline and self-acceptance. RMA currently operates nine schools in Texas.