



- On February 13, all fourth grade students at Looscan, Ketelsen, Sherman, and C. Martinez attended a production of *The Little Mermaid* at Davis HS Auditorium, performed by the Houston Grand Opera Co. This event, part of the FAME II grant, included not only the performance, but a study guide for every fourth grade teacher to use and specially created TAKS lessons and follow up activities that supported the opera performance. The lessons were produced by Deb Erhart, Fine Arts Integration Coordinator.



- The City Jazz Kidz attended the UH Jazz Festival on February 20, 2009. The band, consisting of elementary students, has only five middle school students. They competed in the middle school division at the festival and won first place in that division. There are 20 students in the band. Directors include Mark Holter, Larry Ward and Phillip Kelley.



- Project GRAD Fine Arts Program Honors Chamber Strings Orchestra performed at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston for two performances on March 1, 2009, for the Target Free First Sunday Family Day. The group performed six selections that captured the essence of the museum's theme of *The American West*. Seventeen students performed and 35 parents and family members attended. Directors are Janet Kavanagh and Laura Lucas.



- PGH conducted a Solo and Ensemble Contest at Marshall Middle School on Saturday, February 28, 2009. Approximately 200 Students from Looscan, Ketelsen, Jefferson, Sherman, C. Martinez and Marshall Middle School competed in solo and ensemble competitions from band, strings and vocal classes. Over 100 parents attended and Davis ROTC provided students who assisted as monitors and runners for the event. 90% of students received a rating of first place.