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**FINE ARTS CENTER AT MORRISS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
TO BE DEDICATED IN HONOR OF JANE MORRISS HARRISON**

**Texarkana, TX** – Texarkana Independent School District will dedicate the Fine Arts Center at the Martha and Josh Morriss Mathematics & Engineering Elementary School in honor of Jane Morriss Harrison.

The dedication will be held on Friday, November 6 at 10:00 a.m. at Morriss Elementary School, 4826 University Park.

Jane Morriss Harrison was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on January 6, 1920 to Joshua Rutland Morriss, Sr. and Marjorie Offenhauser Morriss, of Texarkana, Texas.

She was a 1937 graduate of Texas High School where she was chosen as Most Beautiful and named Football Queen. Mrs. Harrison graduated from Hockaday Junior College and attended Southern Methodist University until her marriage to William Henry Harrison. In her forties, she returned to college and graduated from Texas Christian University with a Bachelor's Degree in History and a minor in Art.

Art was always a very important focus for Mrs. Harrison. She frequently painted in oils and was a talented mosaic artist. In the early 1970's, she studied at the Pottery Studio of the University of Texas under Art Professor, Ishmael Soto. From needlepoint and knitting to entertaining and cooking, she used her artistic abilities in all that she did. Mrs. Harrison loved to travel and enjoyed taking many national and international journeys during her life. Her love of art, independence and determination remained with her until her death on April 21, 2002.

Mrs. Harrison is the sister of Josh Morriss, Jr. and his wife, Martha of Texarkana, TX who TISD's engineering and mathematics elementary school is named in honor of. Her children are: William Henry Harrison, Jr of Austin, TX; John Eaton Harrison and wife, Julie-Ray of Texarkana, TX; and Joshua Morriss Harrison and wife, Vicky of College Station, TX.

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