



School Notes

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Northwest ISD School Notes, May 3-June 2

Tuition-based pre-K application process now open

Northwest ISD will begin offering tuition-based pre-kindergarten during the 2017-18 school year, and the application process for the program is now open.

Tuition-based pre-K is available for children who live within Northwest ISD boundaries and will be 4 years old by Sept. 1 but do not meet the eligibility requirements to enroll in state-funded pre-K. Those who are accepted into the tuition-based program will have the opportunity to attend half-day pre-K. Tuition for the program is \$419.77 per month over nine months.

Because class space is limited, tuition-based pre-K will select students through a lottery system. Lottery registration for the program will be available until Thursday, June 8, when the application process will close. On Monday, July 31, students will be selected for the program based on available classroom spaces at Hughes, Justin, Lakeview, Love, Nance, Prairie View, Seven Hills and Thompson elementary schools.

Parents and guardians of applicants will be notified of their position by 5 p.m. selection day and will have 48 hours to complete online registration and schedule a document review session with their campus.

To begin the tuition-based pre-K application process or learn more about the program, [click here](#). For information about the state-funded program – available free to those who meet language, educationally disadvantaged, active-duty military parent, foster care or homeless requirements – [click here](#).

Medlin Middle School donates food, necessities to children in need

Medlin Middle School recently donated six shopping carts' worth of food and other necessities to Community Storehouse, which will in turn provide the items to children in need.

The school's Student Council gathered the items as part of its recent Medlin Community Menders event for social involvement. The students, staff and parents involved in the event also worked to clean up areas of the community to celebrate Earth Day, and while cleaning, they gathered food and necessities as donations.

PHOTO [Medlin Donation 01.jpg]: Medlin Middle School Student Council members pose after announcing their donation of six shopping carts' worth of food and other necessities to Community Storehouse. Their donations will help children in need over the summer.

PHOTO [Medlin Donation 02.jpg]: Medlin students help load food that will be donated to children in need as part of the school Student Council's contribution to Community Storehouse.

Byron Nelson, Northwest theatre programs combine for 12 Betty Buckley award nominations

The theatre programs of Byron Nelson and Northwest high schools have combined to garner 12 nominations in the area Betty Lynn Buckley Awards, which honors the top theatre performances in the area.

Byron Nelson accounted for eight nominations across two plays – “Macbeth” and the musical “Thoroughly Modern Millie” – while Northwest earned four nominations for its version of “Big Fish.”

Individual nominations from Byron Nelson include Joe Caskey's, who was nominated for best male lead in a play as well as best male lead in a musical, and Maclaine Bolden, who was nominated for best female lead in a play. The school also notched nominations in the best play, best musical, scenic design (for “Thoroughly Modern Millie”), sound design (for “Thoroughly Modern Millie”) and choreography (for “Thoroughly Modern Millie”).

Northwest received nominations in the best actor in the best musical, scenic design, lighting design and sound design categories for its “Big Fish” rendition. The nominations follow the program’s recent advancement to the regional round of UIL competition.

The Buckley Awards are named after Fort Worth’s Tony Award-winning actress, Betty Lynn Buckley, and have honored top high school talent since 2000. Potential nominees must first participate in performances to garner consideration. Winners of the awards are annually recognized at the Casa Mañana Theatre, located at 3101 W. Lancaster Ave. in Fort Worth.

This year’s winners are scheduled to be announced at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25. For more information about the Buckley Awards, [click here](#).

Steele named Texas Honor Roll School

Steele Accelerated High School has received distinction as a 2016 Texas Honor Roll awardee, recognizing the school’s leadership status in student achievement.

Educational Results Partnership and the Institute for Productivity in Education recognized Steele as a Scholar Honor Roll School, a distinction awarded to public schools that demonstrate consistently high levels of student academic achievement, student improvement over time and a reduction in achievement gaps. As a high school, Steele was also chosen for its college preparedness.

The two organizations used national research and test scores to determine placement in the 2016 Texas Honor Roll list.

For more information about the Texas Honor Roll program, [click here](#).

Kindergarten Roundup now underway

Northwest ISD’s annual Kindergarten Roundup will take place the first week of May, providing parents of incoming kindergarteners with the opportunity to learn about their future campuses.

Children who are 5 years old by Sept. 1 are eligible for enrollment in kindergarten. Following enrollment, each school will host incoming students as part of Kindergarten Roundup.

Though enrollment takes place online, parents and guardians must still bring appropriate documents – including birth certificates, immunization records and proof of residency – for the campus to review. Document review can be completed at the campus during Kindergarten Roundup.

Each of Northwest ISD’s 17 elementary schools serves kindergarteners, and exact dates and times for each school’s Kindergarten Roundup can be seen by clicking the corresponding school link at www.nisdtx.org/kroundup.

Registration for district’s summer TechnoCamps now open

Registration for five summer technology camps hosted by Northwest ISD is now open, providing students with opportunities to learn about popular topics at all elementary and middle school grade levels.

Three robotics camps are available for \$95 per student: CampWeDo 1.0 Robotics, CampWeDo 2.0 Robotics and Camp EV3 Robotics. These camps vary by grade level, with at least one course offering available for all kindergarten to eighth-grade students. For students in second to eighth grades, Camp Makey Makey/Stop Motion Animation comes with a take-home kit for \$150 per student. Camp Raspberry Pi also comes with a take-home kit and costs \$150 per student, providing each attendee with introductory coding tutorials with a small computer system.

Each camp takes place Monday to Thursday over the summer, with dates varying by camp and session. All campers will receive a free T-shirt as part of their participation in a TechnoCamp.

All camps will be held at Pike Middle School, located at 2200 Texan Drive in Fort Worth, featuring both morning and afternoon sessions. To learn more about each camp or register for a camp, visit technocamp.nisdtx.org.

Next school board meeting taking place May 8

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will hold its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, May 8, in the board room at the NISD Administration Building, located at 2001 Texan Drive in Fort Worth.

Middle school musical auditions begin May 13

Auditions for Northwest ISD's 2017-18 districtwide middle school musical, "Beauty and the Beast Jr.," will begin on Saturday, May 13, with callbacks scheduled for the following Saturday, May 20.

All auditions will be held in the Byron Nelson High School performing arts center, located at 2775 Bobcat Blvd. in Trophy Club. Auditions will be assigned by groups, and sign-up times can be scheduled by [clicking here](#). Each performer will be asked to sing and speak at his or her audition.

Rehearsals for the play will begin in August and run through September, culminating with shows on Friday, Sept. 29, and Saturday, Sept. 30.

For more information about the rehearsal process or the play, [click here](#).

Texas Rangers hosting Northwest ISD Night on June 2

Northwest ISD and the Texas Rangers will host a special community night for the school district's students, staff and families, and tickets to the night's game are now on sale.

The Texas Rangers will host Northwest ISD Night on Friday, June 2, when the team faces the Houston Astros beginning at 7:05 p.m. An exclusive voucher to receive a free Texas Rangers baseball cap branded with one of Northwest ISD's three comprehensive high schools (Byron Nelson, Eaton or Northwest) will be provided to the first 300 registrants for each school. Additionally, all Northwest ISD students registered as part of the community night will receive a free whiffle ball set.

Prior to the game's start, the Rangers will also celebrate Northwest ISD education through a special video recording and announced information.

All tickets purchased for the event will receive a discounted price. For more information about the event, [click here to download a PDF flyer](#). To purchase tickets in one of the nine seating areas included for the event, visit www.texasrangers.com/schools.

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