



School Notes

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Northwest ISD School Notes, May 24-June 12

Cynthia Webber named Adams Middle School principal

Trustees approved the district's recommendation to name Cynthia Webber as the first principal of Leo Adams Middle School, which is scheduled to open in 2018.

Mrs. Webber currently serves as the principal of Haslet Elementary School, a position she has held since 2013. She has served the Haslet, Prairie View, Roanoke and Thompson elementary communities since she began her career with the district in 2004, and she has served as an assistant principal at Byron Nelson High School.

In addition to her professional experience, Mrs. Webber brings a master's degree in education from Texas Christian University and a bachelor's degree in sociology from Rice University. She is currently working on her doctorate in educational administration from Dallas Baptist University, with an expected graduation in 2018.

Adams Middle School will become the district's sixth middle school when it opens and will immediately serve sixth- through eighth-graders. It is located across the street from Eaton High School and Schluter Elementary School. The district broke ground on the campus in December, and it remains under construction.

To view the full news release on Mrs. Webber's new position, [click here](#).

HEADSHOT [Cynthia Webber.jpg]

Dr. Eric Drewery named director of human resources

Northwest ISD has announced Eric Drewery, Ed.D., will become the district's new director of human resources, moving from his current role as principal of Medlin Middle School.

Dr. Drewery has worked in Northwest ISD since 2008, when he started his time with the district as an assistant principal at Medlin Middle School before becoming its principal in 2012. Prior to his career in Northwest ISD, Dr. Drewery worked in Katy ISD as a special education teacher and student support specialist. He has also previously worked for Stafford Municipal School District, Hope Center Alternative School and Harris County Community Mental Health Centers.

In his new position, Dr. Drewery will assist in directing, coordinating and managing recruitment, staffing and compensation. Dr. Drewery will finish the year as principal of Medlin Middle School and will begin transitioning into his new role this summer. The school district will begin the search process to find the next principal for Medlin Middle School this summer.

To view the full news release on Dr. Drewery's new position, [click here](#).

HEADSHOT [Eric Drewery.jpg]

Northwest ISD elementary schools read thousands of books for Speeding to Read

Three Northwest ISD elementary schools – Cox, Hatfield and Justin – recently read thousands of books as part of Texas Motor Speedway's annual Speeding to Read competition, with students and teachers notching several awards at the event's recent prize ceremony.

Northwest ISD's schools were joined by seven schools from other area districts in the competition, and the 10 schools combined to read nearly 700,000 books during the 2016-17 academic year. Students set lofty book-reading

goals in their classes for the competition, and each Northwest ISD schools surpassed 65 percent of their student enrollment meeting or exceeding those individual goals.

Justin Elementary led the district's schools in the competition, winning the frontstretch division at 91.9 percent. It was followed by Hatfield Elementary at 80.3 percent and Cox Elementary at 65 percent.

Cox was represented in the competition by the overall kindergarten champion, Ellie Evans, who read 2,219 books during the school year. The school was also awarded with the competition's overall most improved reader in the kindergarten to second-grade category, first-grader Savannah Henderson.

Northwest ISD also earned both classroom champions in the frontstretch division. Justin's Cindy Clement won the kindergarten to second-grade category with her kindergarten class. Cox's Kurt Jeffrey won the third- to fifth-grade category with his third-grade class.

For more information about Speeding to Read, visit www.speedingtoread.com.

PHOTO [Speeding to Read 01.jpg]: Cox Elementary School students cheer as a six-lap race begins during Texas Motor Speedway's Speeding to Read award celebration. Students from Cox and other area schools read thousands of books as part of the competition.

PHOTO [Speeding to Read 02.jpg]: Dr. Lisa Ransleben, principal of Justin Elementary, poses between Tony Kanaan (left, IndyCar driver) and John Hunter Nemechek (right, NASCAR Camping World Truck Series driver) as she holds her school's award for winning the Speeding to Read championship in its division.

Hatfield GATES students win national agricultural competition

Hatfield Elementary School's GATES – Gifted and Talented Educational Services – fifth-grade students recently won a national agricultural competition, earning their class a 3D printer and money for future projects.

The students won the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture's Purple Plow Challenge in the H2Grow Maker Space category. Through the challenge, students from across the U.S. in fifth to eighth grade designed sustainable living environments for aquatic life while growing food.

Hatfield's students achieved their goal of growing a sustainable food source fertilized by fish waste, learning about aquaponics by growing vegetables with their pet fish.

As prizes for their victory, the GATES class won the aforementioned 3D printer as well as funds to use for future STEM – science, technology, engineering and mathematics – projects. Each student also received a medal for the team victory.

Student winners include Lauren Blankenship, Samuel Clark, Dillon Delaney, Alejandro Gomez, Emma Hallock, Joshua Hanna, Lauren Merritt, Victoria Reyes, Teagan Siekierski, Jordyn Stutler and Daniel Tork. They were led by Rebecca Davis, gifted and talented specialist at Hatfield.

PHOTO [Hatfield Purple Plow.jpg]: Hatfield Elementary School's fifth-grade GATES class and supervisors pose for a photo at the school's recent fifth-grade awards assembly. The students recently won the national American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture's Purple Plow Challenge in the H2Grow Maker Space category for creating an environment where a sustainable food source was fertilized by fish.

High school graduations take place over the next week

Northwest ISD's graduation ceremonies will begin Thursday, May 25, with Steele Accelerated High School, followed by Byron Nelson and Northwest high schools on Tuesday, May 30.

Steele's graduation ceremony will take place at 7 p.m. in Northwest High School's Vernon Solomon Performing Arts Center, located at 2301 Texan Drive in Fort Worth (GPS devices may require Justin to be entered). The PAC is located at the rear of the campus, near the west entrance.

Byron Nelson and Northwest will both hold their graduation ceremonies at the University of North Texas Coliseum, located at 600 Ave. D in Denton. Byron Nelson will hold its ceremony at 3 p.m., while Northwest will hold its ceremony at 7 p.m.

Attendees of Byron Nelson and Northwest's graduation ceremonies are recommended to leave early, as some roads may be blocked off for the ceremony and areas of I-35 near the university campus are under construction. Parking is available across from the UNT Coliseum in lot 20. For information about road closures near UNT, [click here](#). To see a map of UNT that displays the Coliseum and lot 20, [click here](#).

Live streams of the graduation ceremonies for those unable to attend in person will be available [on this page](#) during each event.

For more information about a graduation ceremony, please contact the appropriate school's front office. Byron Nelson can be reached at 817-698-5600, Northwest can be reached at 817-215-0200 and Steele can be reached at 817-698-5800.

Online enrollment for 2017-18 new students now available, returning student enrollment coming soon

Online enrollment for students new to Northwest ISD during the 2017-18 school year is now available at www.nisdtx.org/enrollment, and registration for returning students will open on July 17.

Northwest ISD now uses the PowerSchool Registration online enrollment service, simplifying the process from previous years. PowerSchool Registration will gradually walk parents and guardians through a step-by-step online enrollment process, with simple questions for each child being enrolled.

When online enrollment opens for returning students, parents and guardians will be sent a "snap code" to register their children. This snap code will allow parents and guardians to begin updating their child's information and provide pre-filled information in many areas.

Parents and guardians should use an email address they readily use, as all future enrollment communication will be sent to this address, including coming school years. If a parent or guardian has multiple children in the district, he or she should use the same email address for all student registrations.

All parents and guardians enrolling children should be prepared with proof of residency and updated immunization records.

To ensure the enrollment process is as easy as possible for families new to the district, Northwest ISD will hold centralized summer registration for various feeder patterns from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the following dates:

- Aug. 2: Northwest High School
- Aug. 11: Byron Nelson High School
- Aug. 15: Eaton High School

Parents and guardians new to the district should attend the registration event that corresponds to their child's zoned high school (parents and guardians of all elementary and middle schools that feed into Northwest High School would attend its event, for instance). Students who will attend Steele Accelerated High School can attend any of the three events.

Families of returning students can complete the registration process at their children's campuses. Families new to the district can also complete the registration process at their children's campuses instead of at the aforementioned registration events if they desire.

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](#).

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.

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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Next school board meeting taking place June 12

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will hold its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, June 12, in the boardroom at the Northwest ISD Administration Building, located at 2001 Texan Drive in Fort Worth.

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