



School Notes

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Media Note: NISD Communications Department/Administration Building Summer Hours
The Northwest ISD Administration Building is operating under summer hours through Friday, August 5. The building will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The regular five-day work schedule will resume on Monday, August 8.

Administrative offices are closed Monday, July 4 through Friday, July 8. There will not be an issue of School Notes on Wednesday, July 6.

NISD School Notes, June 22 – August 4

NISD Names John Booles as Principal of Sendera Ranch Elementary School

On June 16, the NISD Board of Trustees approved the hiring of John Booles as the new principal of Sendera Ranch Elementary School. Booles is currently serving as the campus' assistant principal. Prior to his leadership role at Sendera Ranch Elementary in 2013, Booles was the assistant principal at Beck Elementary School and a teacher at NISD's Haslet Elementary School. Booles replaces Suzie McNeese, Ed.D. who accepted a position as NISD's Director of Student Services.

PHOTO INCLUDED: JohnBooles2016.jpg

New Administrators Named to Student Services Department

At the June 16 Northwest ISD School Board Meeting, Suzie McNeese, Ed.D., was approved as the district's new director of student services, and Micah Gierkey was approved as the director of special education. Dr. McNeese has been the principal at Sendera Ranch Elementary School in Northwest ISD since it opened eight years ago. She has worked in Northwest ISD since 2002 where she had also served as the principal for W.R. Hatfield and J. Lyndal Hughes elementary schools. Micah Gierkey has been the special education supervisor for four years in Northwest ISD. She has served students in the district since 2002 working as a special education support teacher. Dr. McNeese and Mrs. Gierkey will begin their new roles in the student services department immediately.

PHOTOS INCLUDED: SuzieMcNeese.jpg and Mcah Gierkey.jpg

BNHS Student Receives iCodeHack High School Title

Byron Nelson High School sophomore Manu Gorrepati earned first-place honors in the High School category at the iCode4Kids first-ever Hackathon, iCodeHack. The iCodeHack event featured more than 200 students, ranging from elementary to high school, from across Dallas/Fort Worth competing at the AT&T Headquarters in Dallas. Hosted by iCode4Kids, the event invited students to solve both STEAM-related and social challenges in a competition for high value awards. iCode4Kids is a 501(c)(3) organization that is connected to iCode, an after-school and weekend program that offers STEAM education to students in first through 12th grades.

PHOTO INCLUDED: Manu.jpg

Summer Camps in NISD

Learning continues all summer in Northwest ISD. Elementary students are working hard and having fun together as they learn how to program and build Legos at this week's Technocamp. Students are creating soccer goalies made from Legos and building Lego battle bots. More opportunities are available all summer. Check them out at www.nisdtx.org/summer.

PHOTO [SoccerGoalie]: Third graders Cash Olson and Kaitlyn Crimin and second grader Claire Eady work together to create a soccer goalie made out of Legos at Technocamp.

PHOTO [BattleBot]: Fourth graders Luke Layman(L) and Levi Martin(R) are excited to be building their very own battle bots at Technocamp.

NISD to Launch New Website Design in July

On July 1, NISD will unveil a newly designed website that features compatibility on any mobile device. Ideas and improvements made to the website generated from a website redesign committee made up of parents, community members and staff. The site features unique color-coded sections with easy-to-find information for parents, students, staff and community.

NISD School Board Meeting

An NISD School Board meeting will be held on Monday, June 27 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76247).

NISD Closed July 4

Northwest ISD offices and campuses will be closed July 4-8. The NISD Administration Building will re-open on Monday, July 11.

Volunteers, Vendors Needed for Back to School Fair

Northwest ISD and United Way of Denton County are working together to organize the fourth annual Northwest Back to School Fair. It will be held on Saturday, August 13 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Pike Middle School. School supplies will be distributed to children in need at the event where they can also receive books and resources, haircuts, eye exams, physicals, immunizations and more. Volunteers are needed in August to help sort school supplies and to work the event. Sign up today! Log on to www.volunteersignup.org/788CD. If you are interested in having a booth, click the following link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-aYVCqvxFYErQPYDNepGz7A23CkIzy7l03Dk0-jBUpk/viewform?usp=send_form.

In addition, businesses, community organizations and individuals are invited to participate in the NISD Partners in Education Stuff the Bus school supply drive. Coordinate a school supply drive for loose supplies or fill backpacks and help us stuff the bus August 3-4. See attached flyers. To arrange a pick-up or for more information, contact Phil Beckman at 817-215-0172 or PBeckman@nisdtx.org.

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