



## 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 29 – August 4

#### **NISD Announces Superintendent Lone Finalist**

At the June 27 School Board Meeting, Board of Trustees named Ryder Warren, Ed.D. as the lone finalist for Northwest ISD Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Warren has been the superintendent of Midland ISD since 2010. Under his leadership Midland ISD developed nationally recognized programs such as the Early College High School at Midland College and a gifted and talented campus designed to serve second through sixth grade students. He has been a superintendent in Marble Falls ISD, Crane ISD and Thorndale ISD. A Special Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19 to appoint Dr. Warren as NISD's new superintendent. Texas law requires a 21-day waiting period prior to extending a formal contract to the superintendent. Learn more about Dr. Warren and the process at [www.nisdtx.org/supersearch](http://www.nisdtx.org/supersearch).

PHOTO INCLUDED: Dr. Warren

#### **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 Communications Team Receives Two National Awards**

The Northwest ISD communications department has received two awards from the National School Public Relations Association's Publications and Electronic Media Contest. The team received an Honorable Mention for the I Love NISD Social Media Campaign and an Honorable Mention for the On the Grow video production. Last year, NISD implemented a communication plan to unite families, the district's 14 communities and staff to share 'why they love NISD.' Through the social media campaign, the department was able to raise awareness about Northwest ISD and share what makes NISD unique and innovative. The On the Grow video series is developed to showcase Northwest ISD's fast growth, as well as share information about bond campaigns and construction updates. NISD's communication efforts were recognized from more than 960 entries across the nation. Members from the Northwest ISD communications team include: Jerhea Nail, Cindy Metting, Emily Conklin, Jerry Cantu, Phil Beckman, Rachel Bobbitt, Melissa Shawn and Karen Wiechman.

#### **NISD to Launch New Mobile App**

In an effort to match the district's newly designed website, which will premiere on Friday, July 1, Northwest ISD will launch a redesigned mobile application available on the iTunes Store and Google Play. The district is currently designing a new mobile application to feature news, events, lunch menus, access to grades, and more. The enhanced mobile application will be available this early fall and provides seamless integration with the redesigned NISD website.

**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](http://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](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](mailto:PBeckman@nisdtx.org).

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