

## 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.**

### NISD School Notes, July 27 – August 22

#### **BNHS Solar Car Team Four-Time National Champions**

After six full days on the road of the Solar Car Challenge National Championship, the Byron Nelson High School team has been named national champions for four consecutive years. Members of the team include: James Cuellar, William Beattie, Aidan Russo, Ryan Taylor, Heather Erickson and John Harkness.

The team spent seven months repairing and improving the car traveling to several elementary schools and community events in the district advocating for alternative energy and explaining how the solar car works. The students started at Texas Motor Speedway in Justin on July 17 and ended the race in Minneapolis on July 23. Pictures of the team's experience can be found on Twitter @BNHS\_solarcar.

PHOTO INCLUDED: Solar Car.jpg

#### **Elementary Students Go "Wild" at Theatre Camp**

A group of Northwest ISD elementary students performed their version of "The Jungle Book" at Beck Elementary on Thursday, July 21. After a few weeks of preparation, 29 kindergarten through fifth grade students from campuses across the district, led by Roel Lee Garza, performed the musical to parents and staff on Thursday afternoon.

The students rehearsed for four days and concluded the camp with a public performance. The show featured all the familiar characters and songs from the famous book and movie, in which many of the kids were already familiar. The program promotes the importance of the fine arts such as music and theater and encourages the students to work together to create something for others to enjoy. Students learned acting and vocal techniques, costume design, set creation, stage direction and choreography, while preparing for success after school by building life skills through collaboration, perseverance, creativity and confidence.

PHOTO CAPTION [Theater camp.jpg]: NISD elementary theater summer camp concludes with a performance of "The Jungle Book" to a standing-room-only crowd at Beck Elementary in Trophy Club.

#### **NISD Reflects on Past Year and Plans for Future at Leadership Academy**

The NISD Leadership Academy took place at Eaton High School on July 20-21 where the district's campuses met to reflect on the previous school year while also preparing for the upcoming school year.

Following the theme of the assembly, campus administrators and leadership teams made an effort to "Solve the Problem." The campus leadership teams were instructed to spend most of the Leadership Academy on investigating and developing plans to focus on Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, or simply CIA.

Educators spent the day looking at multiple theories, working through trial and error and evaluating what has worked in the past and what could be improved in the future. With the best interest of students as a high priority, campus leadership teams used these guidelines to create a learning cycle that allows each campus to assess its own identity and what can be done to improve the education environment.

PHOTO CAPTION [Dr. Warren.jpg]: Superintendent Ryder Warren, Ed.D. addresses Northwest ISD campus administration teams at the annual Leadership Academy on July 20.

PHOTO CAPTION [Cox Elementary.jpg]: NISD's Cox Elementary School campus leadership team brainstorms for the upcoming year at the Leadership Academy on July 20.

### **Register for Prekindergarten in Northwest ISD**

Prekindergarten registration is available for NISD children who are four years of age by September 1, 2016 and who meet eligibility requirements set by the state of Texas. Appointments can be made at the following elementary schools: Roanoke, Hughes, Clara Love, Thompson, Peterson, Justin, Nance, and Seven Hills. There will be bilingual prekindergarten at Prairie View. For more information about prekindergarten classes, requirements and registration, go to [www.nisdtx.org/prek](http://www.nisdtx.org/prek).

### **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.

### **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).

### **Plan Ahead for the 2016-2017 School Year**

The first day of school is Monday, August 22. Get information about campus meet the teacher nights, school supplies and more at [www.nisdtx.org/backtoschool](http://www.nisdtx.org/backtoschool).

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