



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, Aug. 24-Sept. 12

Schools welcome 21,700 students on first day

Northwest ISD welcomed 21,700 students on the first day of school on Monday, with that number expected to steadily increase until the first week of September.

The increase continues the rapid growth of the district, which sees an annual increase of about 1,100 students each school year. Demographers expect the district to grow to 33,800 students within the next 10 years, driven by new home development, as Northwest ISD has 68 active housing developments within its boundaries.

Northwest ISD expects to top 22,000 students within the next few weeks.

PHOTO INCLUDED [Byron Nelson First Day 2016.jpg]: Byron Nelson High School Assistant Principal Carol McDaniel-White helps a student locate a classroom on the first day of school on Monday, Aug. 22.

PHOTO INCLUDED [Chisholm Trail First Day 2016.jpg]: Chisholm Trail Middle School Principal Justin Vercher greets students on the first day of school on Monday, Aug. 22.

Eaton High School's Sapphires drill team to perform in Rose Parade

The Rose Parade has invited Eaton High School's Sapphires drill team to perform in its annual ceremony on Jan. 2, an honor bestowed upon few fine arts groups across the nation.

As part of the 128th annual parade, the Sapphires will perform with 250 of the top dancers from the state of Texas. The Sapphires were chosen from more than 10,000 participants in summer camps hosted by HTEDance, the selecting organization for the Sapphires' inclusion, during 2016.

This season's Rose Parade will take place 9 a.m. Jan. 2 in Pasadena, Calif., and be broadcast live on several major television networks.

For more information about the Sapphires' inclusion in the parade, [click here](#).

PHOTO INCLUDED [Eaton Sapphires.jpg]: Eaton High School's Sapphires drill team, seen here, will perform in the annual Rose Parade on Jan. 2, an event that is broadcast live on multiple major television networks and precedes one of the biggest college football games in the world.

Kim Caley promoted to assistant superintendent for administrative services

At the Aug. 22 school board meeting, Superintendent Ryder Warren, Ed.D., recommended Northwest ISD's Kim Caley, Ed.D., as the new assistant superintendent for administrative services. The board unanimously approved Dr. Warren's recommendation to promote Dr. Caley to the role.

Dr. Caley's is no stranger to the role, having served as the interim assistant superintendent for administrative services until her full-time appointment to the position. She has held many leadership positions in Northwest ISD such as executive director of human resources, principal of Carl E. Schluter Elementary School during its inaugural year, and principal and assistant principal at J. Lyndal Hughes Elementary School. She additionally served district families as an assistant principal and a campus instructional teacher at Justin Elementary School.

For more information about Dr. Caley's promotion, [click here](#).

HEADSHOT INCLUDED [Kim Caley.jpg]

Eleven students represent NISD at Lone Star Leadership Academy

Eleven Northwest ISD students represented the district at the Lone Star Leadership Academy, a camp designed to provide elementary and middle school students with leadership training.

Four campuses sent students to the academy, with one student representing Schluter Elementary (Jaden Martinez), two students representing Medlin Middle School (Michael Gehrig and Winter Wright), two students representing Nance Elementary (Mason Hill, Alexis McCarty) and six students representing Beck Elementary (Lareun Grimes, Keira Jolley, Gabby Parham, Jordan Patak, Raeden Qualls and Dean Rigney).

At the camp, these students participated in leadership-building activities as well as self-confidence and independence training with other high-achieving students from across Texas.

CTE leader CyLynn Braswell honored for FFA work

CyLynn Braswell, executive director of Northwest ISD's Career and Technical Education Department, was recently honored by the National FFA Organization with an Honorary American FFA Degree for her work promoting agricultural education.

Mrs. Braswell will receive her award during the 2016 National FFA Convention & Expo on Oct. 19-22 in Indianapolis, where Byron Nelson High School's veterinary sciences team will compete in their respective event.

Northwest ISD named Mrs. Braswell its executive director of CTE in 2015 following her time as the coordinator of the district's Outdoor Learning Center. Prior to that, she was an agricultural science instructor at Byron Nelson.

HEADSHOT INCLUDED [CyLynn Braswell.jpg]

Hawaiian Falls hosting Splash Bash to benefit Northwest Education Foundation on Aug. 27

Hawaiian Falls Roanoke will host the Northwest Education Foundation "Splash Bash" all day on Saturday, Aug. 27, with tickets purchased for the event benefiting Northwest ISD students, teachers and staff.

A \$25 ticket for the event includes all-day admission and an all-day drink band. Additionally, exclusive after-hours entertainment will take place after regular park hours from 6:30-8:30 p.m. with special activities. Proceeds from each ticket sold will go to the Northwest Education Foundation benefits district schools by providing grants to teachers and scholarships for students.

To purchase a ticket, please email amigura@nisdtx.org or call 817-215-0084.

Dallas Wings basketball team holding Northwest ISD Day on Aug. 28

The Dallas Wings women's basketball team of the WNBA will host a Northwest ISD Day for its Sunday, Aug. 28, game, raising funds that will ultimately benefit district students and schools.

For each ticket sold, \$5 will benefit the Northwest ISD Partners in Education organization, which raises funds for community and volunteer involvement in district classrooms to expand learning opportunities. The game, which pits the Wings against the Chicago Sky, will begin at 3:30 p.m. at the University of Texas at Arlington College Park Center, located at 600 S. Center St. in Arlington.

Not only will the game benefit Northwest ISD students, but Northwest High School's Sidekicks drill team will perform the halftime performance for the game.

Tickets cost just \$15 and must be purchased with the promo code NISD16 to benefit Northwest ISD. To order tickets, visit www.dallaswingsbasketball.com/promo.

Reception for new superintendent on Aug. 30

A reception for community members to meet Dr. Ryder Warren, Northwest ISD's new superintendent of schools, will take place 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, in the district's administration building, located at 2001 Texan Drive in Fort Worth.

Dr. Warren began his role as superintendent on July 21 and comes to NISD from Midland ISD, where he was also superintendent. He was selected after a five-month search in which 40 applicants from 15 states were screened for the district's top leadership role.

GEM award to honor outstanding central office employees

Northwest ISD will launch its GEM award program to honor a central office employee who goes above and beyond to provide customer service that aids the district's core belief providing the best support and environment for students to ensure they are put first.

In partnership with Chick-fil-A Roanoke, the district will honor an outstanding employee each six weeks based on anonymous recommendations. These recommendations will be judged based on the examples provided by the submitter, including the ways the employee provided excellent customer service and how he or she positively represents Northwest ISD. Any community member – including students and parents – as well as NISD teachers and staff are invited to nominate an administrative employee.

For more information about the GEM award or to nominate an employee for the honor, visit www.nisdtx.org/gem.

School board meeting taking place Sept. 12

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

NISD to launch new mobile app

In an effort to match the district's newly designed website, which premiered in July, 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 early this fall and provide seamless integration with the redesigned NISD website.

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