



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, Sept. 7-30

Pike Middle School, Northwest High School named National PTA School of Excellence

The National Parent Teacher Association has named Pike Middle School and Northwest High School to its list of just 173 Schools of Excellence in the United States for the work of their school community associations.

Pike and Northwest, which each operate PTAs that include student input, was named to the 2016-18 National PTA Schools of Excellence list for their leadership in cultivating rich school-based relationships between parents, teachers and students. Pike is one of just three Texas middle schools to receive the award, while Northwest is one of just two Texas high schools to receive the award.

To see the full list of school associations named as National PTA Schools of Excellence, [click here](#).

Chromebook distribution rolling out

Middle and high school students at Northwest ISD schools are in the process of receiving their district-issued Chromebooks, with distribution of the devices kicking off last week.

Chromebooks are available to all secondary students, with deployments varying by campus. An optional maintenance service is available for the 2016-17 academic year for \$25, with students on free or reduced lunch able to purchase the optional service for \$10. These students can also speak with the campus assistance principal for assistance regarding payment options.

Once students receive Chromebooks, they are encouraged to visit www.bit.ly/nisdchromebooks to view the district's online Chromebook Academy course and learn how to use their devices.

PHOTO INCLUDED [Chromebook Rollout.jpg]: Eaton High School students check out Chromebooks for the 2016-17 academic year as part of Northwest ISD's device deployment plan. All Northwest ISD middle and high schools will receive Chromebooks for deployments that will take place over the coming weeks.

Annual middle school musical set for Sept. 16, 17

Northwest ISD middle schools will host their annual musical performance on Sept. 16 and 17 with their rendition of "The Lion King Jr."

Performances are set for 7 p.m. on both Friday, Sept. 16, and Saturday, Sept. 17, with an additional matinee performance at 2 p.m. on the latter date. All performances will take place at 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 as the location).

Tickets can now be purchased online www.nisdtx.org/middleschoolmusical. Additionally, tickets will be purchasable at the door prior to each performance. General tickets for adults are \$10, while student tickets are \$5. Northwest ISD and Gold Card members receive free admission.

POSTER INCLUDED [NISD Lion King.pdf]

Byron Nelson sets homecoming festivities

Byron Nelson High School has set homecoming festivities for its homecoming football game next month, with community members invited to a parade prior to the game.

The Byron Nelson Bobcats will host their homecoming game on Friday, Sept. 30, taking on the Flower Mound Jaguars at 7:30 p.m. A homecoming parade and pep rally scheduled for 6:20 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, will precede the game.

For more information on Byron Nelson's festivities, please call the school front office at 817-698-5600.

Gold Card membership offers free activities to senior citizens

To show appreciation for years of support, Northwest ISD provides senior citizens living in the district the opportunity to be part of the district's Gold Card program. In addition to a free annual luncheon, Gold Card members receive free entry into district-sponsored events, performances and athletic competitions.

If you are 65 years of age or older, become a member of the NISD Gold Card program today. To join and reserve your seat at the luncheon on Oct. 18, please call 817-215-0175.

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. The second meeting for the month will take place Monday, Sept. 26, at the same time and location.

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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