



School Notes

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Byron Nelson PAL program presented with regional award for student impact

Byron Nelson High School's PAL program, led by Paula Railsback, was recently presented with an Inspire Award from Junior Achievement of the Chisholm Trail for its work with students.

Mrs. Railsback's program had the greatest impact for a program with high school volunteers, surpassing all similar programs from the Fort Worth area. The organization presented Mrs. Railsback's program with a plaque to commemorate their achievement at a school pep rally on Sept. 9.

According to statistics from Junior Achievement, Byron Nelson's PAL program led the area in 2015-16 for high school student program impact with 63 classes taught and 1,209 students impacted by their work.

PHOTO INCLUDED [Byron Nelson PAL.jpg]: Paula Railsback (with plaque) poses with students from the Byron Nelson High School PAL program following their recent Inspire Award from Junior Achievement of the Chisholm Trail. The award was presented to the program for impacting the most students during the 2015-16 academic year with high school volunteers.

Byron Nelson's Gabrielle Williams named National Merit Semifinalist

The National Merit Scholarship Program has named Byron Nelson High School senior Gabrielle Williams as a National Merit Semifinalist, placing her among the top-scoring PSAT-takers in the nation.

Gabrielle's honor means she is among the top 1 percent of students in the United States who took the PSAT or National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The program, one of the most rigorous in the nation, annually honors the 16,000 students with the best test scores as National Merit Semifinalists out of the 1.5 million high school students who take one of the qualifying tests during their junior year.

NEWS RELEASE INCLUDED [Byron Nelson National Merit Semifinalist.docx]

AP Scholar honors earned by 392 Northwest ISD students

Northwest ISD students excelled at Advanced Placement exams during the 2015-16 academic year, with 392 high school students in the district earning 423 AP Scholar honors.

The amount of honors represents a 36 percent increase over the amount of honors in 2014-15, and a 98 percent increase from 2013-14. More Northwest ISD students than ever before also attempted to earn college credit by taking AP exams during 2015-16, with 1,702 students taking 3,739 exams. By comparison, 1,1331 students took 2,774 exams during the 2014-15 academic year.

To be named an AP Scholar, a student must earn a score of 3 or better – tests are graded on a 1-5 scale, with 5 being the best score – on three or more AP exams. Additional honors are bestowed upon students for receiving better scores on a larger amount of AP exams.

Steele students receive employment training from area business

Steele Accelerated High School students recently received information about how to prepare for job interviews directly from a local business.

Wells Fargo Dealer Services hosted its annual employability seminar at the school for the seventh consecutive year, presenting students with information on how to improve their résumés and give better interviews. The event

culminated in mock interviews for juniors and seniors, while younger students discuss ways to make a résumé stand out and tips of actions to avoid during interviews.

To read more about Steele's employment training program, [click here](#).

PHOTO INCLUDED [Steele Employability Seminar.jpg]: Steele Accelerated High School senior Colby Phillips takes part in a mock job interview as part of the school's employability seminar hosted by Wells Fargo Dealer Services. Colby, who has attended Steele and the event all four years of high school, said he took what he learned at the event in previous years to earn two jobs.

Mayor visits Thompson Elementary

PHOTO INCLUDED [Thompson Mayor Visit.jpg]: Mayor Bob Golden of Haslet visited with J.C. Thompson Elementary School second-graders on Tuesday, Sept. 13, to discuss the role government plays in their everyday lives.

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. 26

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will hold its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, 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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