

School Notes

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NISD School Notes, Nov. 2-Dec. 6

Eaton aviation student pilots airplane solo for first time

For most 16-year-olds, the rite of passage associated with their age is driving a car alone for the first time. For Eaton High School sophomore Kale Burks, the symbolic age marked his first time flying a plane solo.

Kale, a student in Northwest ISD's Academy of Aeronautics & Aviation Sciences, recently flew his 2008 Legend Cub alone through three take-offs and landings as well as a flyby and other aerial maneuvers. Watching him throughout the flight were his parents, family members and academy instructor.

To view a video about Kale, [click here](#). To read a story about Kale's first solo flight, [click here](#).

PHOTO INCLUDED [Kale Burks 01.jpg]: Kale Burks, an Eaton High School sophomore in Northwest ISD's Academy of Aeronautics & Aviation Sciences, celebrates his first time piloting a plane alone.

PHOTO INCLUDED [Kale Burks 02.jpg]: Eaton High School sophomore Kale Burks lands his 2008 Legend Cub after taking it for a flight alone for the first time. Kale completed the symbolic task on his 16th birthday recently, with his family and Eaton aviation academy instructor watching.

Community invited to Deep Dish Discussions with superintendent

Northwest ISD and the Northwest ISD Council of PTAs are hosting a series of Deep Dish Discussions with Superintendent Ryder Warren this fall, where community members can learn about the current state and future of the school district.

Byron Nelson hosted the first event on Oct. 26, and the next event takes place at Eaton today. Join Dr. Warren and district leaders for the inside scoop on Northwest ISD's academic future, growth projections and details on the Texas Legislature's upcoming session. Collaborate on issues facing public education and Northwest ISD and enjoy a dish of ice cream at one of the two remaining meetings:

- Nov. 2 - Eaton High School
- Dec. 6 - Northwest High School

All meetings take place 6-7 p.m. in the host school's student union. Community feedback from each meeting will be used to help Northwest ISD prepare for the future.

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German exchange students visiting Byron Nelson, area middle schools

German exchange students are spending a three-week stay at Byron Nelson High School, where they will shadow host students for the duration of their visit and share their culture with the school's students as well as students from Medlin and Tidwell middle schools.

The 17 sophomores from Germany are part of the German American Partnership Program, a long-running student exchange program that is the largest of its kind between the two countries. Kerstin Hellwege, a German teacher at Byron Nelson, is coordinating the school's involvement in the program, which dates back to the school's founding.

PHOTO INCLUDED [German Exchange Students.jpg]: Kerstin Hellwege, a German teacher at Byron Nelson High School, takes German exchange students through a tour of the Byron Bistro, a student-run restaurant in the school.

The exchange students are spending three weeks shadowing host students at Byron Nelson as part of the German American Partnership Program.

Registration for ninth annual Reindeer Romp run now open

The ninth annual Northwest ISD Reindeer Romp run benefiting district P.E. departments will take place Saturday, Dec. 10, and online registration is now open.

Runners can take part in either a 1-mile race at 8:30 a.m. or 5K race at 9 a.m. – or both at no additional charge – at Alliance Airport, located at 2221 Alliance Blvd. Early registration costs \$15 for students ages 4 to 18 and \$20 for adults and lasts through Friday, Nov. 4. On Saturday, Nov. 5, prices increase by \$5.

Every runner who registers prior to race day will receive a T-shirt in his or her preferred size. T-shirts cannot be guaranteed for those who register at the event on race day.

To register or obtain more information, visit www.nisdreindeerromp.com.

District hosting college and career fair on Nov. 3

Northwest ISD will host a college and career fair for all students and their parents or guardians on Thursday, Nov. 3, where they can learn about a variety of topics through multiple breakout sessions.

The event will take place at Byron Nelson High School, located at 2775 Bobcat Blvd. in Trophy Club, and is scheduled to last from 6-8 p.m. Attendees will be able to take two breakout sessions at the event, with sessions taking place at 6:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.

At the earlier breakout timeslot, the following sessions will be available: college admissions, financial aid and scholarships, Naviance Family Connections for middle school, and NCAA eligibility. At the latter breakout timeslot, college admissions, a Spanish-language college 101, financial aid and scholarships, and Naviance Family Connections for high school sessions will be available.

For more information about the college and career fair, please contact Jamie Farber, director of guidance and counseling at Northwest ISD, by phone at 817-215-0187 or via email at jfarber@nisdtx.org.

Byron Nelson to host ‘Macbeth’ fall show Nov. 3-6

Byron Nelson High School’s theatre department will host its fall show, “Macbeth,” daily from Thursday, Nov. 3, to Sunday, Nov. 6, presenting the William Shakespeare classic with a unique new perspective.

“Macbeth” serves as one of Shakespeare’s most popular tragedies, telling the tale of a Scottish hero who becomes undone by his relentless ambition for power. Wrapped in psychological intrigue, the play also weaves a political tale with seduction and murder.

While Byron Nelson’s play stays true to the Shakespeare classic’s story, its director, James Hammer, has placed it in a stylized post-apocalyptic, dystopian land. The change, in the vein of the Mad Max movie franchise, provides a new experience for those familiar with the tale.

Performances take place 7 p.m. Nov. 3-5 and 2 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Byron Nelson High School Performing Arts Center, located at 2775 Bobcat Blvd. in Trophy Club. Tickets to the show are \$5 for students and senior citizens and \$10 for adults. Northwest ISD employees and Gold Card members are admitted free of charge.

For more information, please visit bnhstheatre.weebly.com.

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Northwest hosting ‘A Piece of My Heart’ play Nov. 9-10, 12-13

Northwest High School’s theatre department will perform and host “A Piece of My Heart,” a tale of young women who aided U.S. troops in Vietnam, on Nov. 9 and 10-13, with military service members granted free entry.

“A Piece of My Heart” tells the true story of six women who went to Vietnam to assist U.S. troops – five as nurses and one as a singer – before, during and after the war. The play has been called “the most enduring play on Vietnam in the nation” by the Vietnam Vets Association.

Performances take place at 7 p.m. Nov. 9, 10 and 12 and 2 p.m. Nov. 13 at the school’s Vernon Solomon Performing Arts Center, located at 2301 Texan Drive in Fort Worth. Tickets are \$5 for students and senior citizens and \$10 for adults. All Northwest ISD employees and Gold Card members receive free admission; any active or veteran U.S. military member and their families also receive free admission.

Application process for Northwest ISD Academies now open

Incoming 2017-18 Northwest ISD freshmen interested in the district’s academies program can now submit applications to apply for the facility of their choosing.

The application, available at academies.nisdtx.org, is open until Friday, Nov. 18. In it, students must fill out their general information – as well as parent or guardian information – and select the academy of their choosing. Each student must also complete a self-reflection evaluation and complete a 250-300-word essay explaining his or her college and career plans.

Eight academies are available for selection: Academy of Aeronautics & Aviation Sciences, Academy of Biomedical Sciences, Academy of Business Management & Entrepreneurship, Collegiate Academy, Academy of Cosmetology, Academy of Culinary Arts & Hospitality, Academy of Media Arts & Technology, and Academy of STEM. The Academy of Media Arts & Technology has three designated tracts for application: animation and video game design, graphic design and photography, and TV and film.

For more information on each academy, please visit academies.nisdtx.org.

School board meeting taking place Nov. 14

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will hold its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building, located at 2001 Texan Drive in Fort Worth.

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