



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, January 2 – January 27

Two NHS Students Named to All State Cross Country Team

Northwest High School sophomore Kellee McCann and freshman Katherine Chavez were named to the Texas Girls Coaches Association's All State Cross Country team. McCann finished 16th and Chavez finished 17th in the state meet in November.

Beck Elementary Students Selected to Young Writers of America Anthology

Samuel Beck Elementary School fifth-grade students – Zoey Collea, Candice Eurtion, Shelby Jenkins, Emily Lentzner, Claire Palla and Sumere Wood – will be published authors in the *Young Writers of America Anthology*. Their poetry writings were chosen by a group of educators who received thousands of entries of which less than 20 percent were selected.

NISD Board of Trustees Approves New Middle School Attendance Boundary

With the opening of Truett Wilson Middle School in the Sendera Ranch neighborhood in August, the NISD Board of Trustees has approved the new middle school attendance boundaries proposed by a parent advisory committee and the NISD administration.

Truett Wilson Middle School will serve sixth through eighth-grade students who live in the following elementary school attendance zones:

- Haslet Elementary
- Sendera Ranch Elementary
- Thompson Elementary

The attendance boundaries for Medlin and Tidwell middle schools are not affected and therefore will remain the same as the 2011-2012 school year.

Wilson Middle School will open in the Sendera Ranch development to relieve the growing population at Chisholm Trail and Pike middle schools. Questions regarding attendance boundaries can be directed to campus principals or the district's Administration Building at (817) 215-0175.

NISD Announces Principal of Chisholm Trail Middle School

Todd Rogers was announced as the new principal of Northwest ISD's Chisholm Trail Middle School in Rhome. Rogers is currently the principal at Northwest ISD's O.A. Peterson Elementary in Fort Worth where he has led the campus since its opening in 2008. Prior to his career in Northwest ISD, Rogers was principal at Rann Elementary in Decatur ISD and served as an assistant principal at Grapevine High School in Grapevine-Colleyville ISD.

He replaces Rob Thornell, Ed.D., who was named Northwest ISD's new executive director of staff development and curriculum. Rogers will transition into his new role and will begin full time as soon as his successor at Peterson Elementary School is hired.

PHOTO CAPTION [ToddRogers_2011.jpg]: Todd Rogers will take the lead as principal of Northwest ISD's Chisholm Trail Middle School in Rhome.

NISD Board of Trustees Approves School Calendars

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees adopted the academic calendars for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years at the school board meeting on December 12. The 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 academic calendars are similar to the current 2011-2012 calendar. To view the newly approved calendars, visit the district's website at www.nisdtx.org/calendars.

PIE Seeks Volunteers for Northwest Reads

The Northwest ISD Partners in Education (PIE) program is seeking volunteers to participate in the fourth annual Northwest Reads on Friday, March 2 from 9-10 a.m. Participants will read their favorite children's book to pre-kindergarten through fifth-grade students at one of the school district's 16 elementary schools.

This event provides community members with an opportunity to inspire young NISD students to become lifelong readers. Volunteers are encouraged to talk with students about their profession and how they use and enjoy reading as adults. For more information, contact PIE Specialist Phil Beckman at 817-215-0172 or pbeckman@nisdtx.org.

NHS FFA Alumni Host Premium Show to Benefit Students

Northwest High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) alumni will be hosting the Sonny Nance Memorial Junior Livestock Show on Saturday, January 7 at 7:30 a.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The show benefits the students with animal, horticulture or shop projects. The top 33 percent of each class or breed will be auctioned during the dinner. Proceeds from the auction will be used to help students care for their projects during area competitions.

Board of Trustee Meeting

A Northwest ISD School Board meeting will be held Monday, January 9 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

NISD Early Release Days

Northwest ISD campuses will dismiss early on Thursday, January 12 and Friday, January 13 at the following times:

High Schools: 10:45 a.m.

Middle Schools: 11:30 a.m.

Elementary Schools: 12:15 p.m.

NISD Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Northwest ISD offices and campuses will be closed Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Classes will resume January 17.

NISD Finance Forum

Parents and NISD staff are encouraged to attend the NISD Finance Forum on Thursday, January 19 at 7 p.m. at the Northwest ISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin). A representative from Moak, Casey & Associates (experts in Texas school finance) will address the audience and give a legislative overview and update. Northwest ISD Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D., and Chief Financial Officer Jon Graswich will discuss Northwest ISD's strategic plan in response to additional reductions in state funding for 2012-2013.

Board of Trustee Meeting

A Northwest ISD School Board meeting will be held Monday, January 23 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

BNHS Bobcat Dazzlers Drill Team Host Clinic

The Byron Nelson High School Dazzlers Drill Team presents the I Love Dance Clinic and Parent's Night Out on January 27 from 5 to 10 p.m. at Byron Nelson High School. To register, go to www.bobcatdazzlers.com.

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