



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, January 27 – March 8

NISD Teacher Passes Away Unexpectedly

Northwest High School social studies teacher Joseph Palermo passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, January 26. Mr. Palermo, 50, has taught at Northwest High School since August of 1997. In recent years, he has served as the social studies teacher for the Academy of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program at Northwest High School. He attended the STEM Community Reveal event on Thursday evening and school officials learned Friday morning that he passed away overnight. Additional counselors were available today (Friday, January 27) and will continue to be on campus to support students and staff. Information about a memorial service will be announced as soon as plans are finalized.

Principal of O.A. Peterson Elementary School Named

Ron Myers, Ph.D., an educator with 25 years of experience as a teacher and administrator, was named the new principal of O.A. Peterson Elementary School. Myers currently serves as the director of intervention support in Keller ISD, where he has worked since 2002 as a principal and assistant principal. He is also an adjunct teacher at Texas Woman's University and Dallas Baptist University. He holds a bachelor's degree from East Central University, a master's from Baylor University, and he earned his doctorate of educational administration from the University of Oklahoma. Myers will begin his new position at Peterson Elementary in February.

BNHS Diving Team Excels in Championship

The Byron Nelson High School Diving team competed January 25 in the District 6-4A Diving Championship. Junior Darion Johnson and sophomore Daniel Sampognaro placed third. Sophomore Stephen Gilliland came in second, and junior Nicole Worley placed first and was named Diver of the Meet.

PHOTO CAPTION [divers.jpg]: Byron Nelson High School divers participated in the District 6-4A Diving Championship on January 25. From left to right is sophomore Daniel Sampognaro, junior Darion Johnson, coach Steve Melbourn, junior Nicole Worley and sophomore Stephen Gilliland.

NHS Economics Classes Attend 35W Coalition Meeting

Select Northwest High School government and economics students attended the 35W Coalition meeting at the DFW Marriott on January 18 where guest speaker David Walker, founder, president and CEO of the Comeback America Initiative (CAI), presented. Walker gave an overview and analysis of the national budget and fiscal issues related to the debt. Students were able to ask questions to Walker during a question and answer session after the meeting.

PHOTO CAPTION [coalition.jpg]: Northwest High School economics classes attended the 35W Coalition Annual Meeting on January 18. Students are pictured with guest speaker and founder, president and CEO of Comeback America Initiative David Walker.

STEM Academy Hosts Community Reveal

The Academy of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) hosted the third annual Community Reveal on January 26 at Northwest High School. STEM ninth-grade students presented "School of the Future" designs and models during the showcase.

PHOTO CAPTION [stem.jpg]: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) students (left to right) Corey Mallon and Andrew Colachico presented their models and designs at the third annual Community Reveal.

NISD Offers Adult Fitness Course

Northwest ISD offers the third annual Adult Fitness Course. The course provides personalized training in a group environment. During the six week program, participants will receive an individual fitness assessment, personalized nutritional evaluation, train three times per week and much more. The course begins January 30 through March 8 from 6-7 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at Byron Nelson and Northwest high schools. For more information, call the Northwest ISD athletic department at 817-215-0011.

BNHS Presents Annie

The Byron Nelson High School theater department presents *Annie* February 2-4 at 7 p.m. and February 5 at 2 p.m. at the Byron Nelson High School Performing Arts Center (2775 Bobcat Boulevard, Trophy Club, 76262). Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for adults. For reservations, call 817-698-5680.

Board of Trustee Meeting

A Northwest ISD School Board meeting will be held Monday, February 13 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

Student Holiday

Monday, February 20 is a student holiday for Northwest ISD campuses. Classes will resume on Tuesday, February 21.

Board of Trustee Meeting

A Northwest ISD School Board meeting will be held Monday, February 27 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

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. To volunteer, go to www.nisdtx.org/northwestreads.

NISD Will Hold Second Annual Techno Expo

NISD is pleased to announce the second annual Techno Expo at Byron Nelson High School on Thursday, March 8 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. From animation and digital video to multimedia and website design, this event will showcase student use of technology in the classroom during a series of more than 250 breakout sessions. New this year, more than 20 teachers will present model lessons exhibiting integration of content and technology. Refreshments will be provided by the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Academy.

NISD to Host Movax Immunization Clinics

Northwest High School and Gene Pike Middle School will host Movax Immunization Clinics this spring. The cost is \$14 per child for one vaccine and \$25 for two or more. Please bring a copy of the child's shot records, and a parent or guardian should be present. For more information, go to

<http://www.nisdtx.org/cms/lib/TX21000351/Centricity/Domain/1/MOVAX2012.pdf>.

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