



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, February 9 – March 19

Two NISD Middle Students Selected as Texas Youth Volunteer Finalists

Gene Pike Middle School seventh-grader Hayleigh Hutyra and John M. Tidwell Middle School student Emily Lites have been named Distinguished Finalists in the Texas Youth Volunteers program by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. The nationwide program honors young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism.

Hayleigh Hutyra created “Baking for Backpacks,” a project that began when she volunteered to help fill backpacks for the 4-H. Money she earns from her tasty baked goods is used to purchase backpacks and school supplies. Since she began her project, she has raised more than \$2,000 and provided more than 200 backpacks filled with school supplies to needy children.

In elementary school, Emily Lites spent many days and nights at the hospital with her younger brother Jude who suffered from a stroke before he was born. In effort to spread a smile to other children and their siblings going through similar situations, Lites created “Emily’s Smile Boxes.” She has raised \$40,000 and distributed more than 4,000 boxes filled with toys and games across the country for children who are hospitalized and their siblings. For more information about “Emily’s Smile Boxes,” go to <http://www.emilyssmileboxes.com>.

Each of the 10 recipients from Texas will receive an engraved bronze medallion for their community service efforts. For more information about this year’s Prudential Spirit of Community Honorees and Distinguished Finalists, go to www.nassp.org/spirit.

PHOTO CAPTION [hayleigh.jpg]: Gene Pike Middle School seventh-grader Hayleigh Hutyra, creator of “Baking for Backpacks,” has been named a Distinguished Finalist in the Texas Youth Volunteers program.

PHOTO CAPTION [emily.jpg]: John M. Tidwell Middle School seventh-grader Emily Lites has been named a Distinguished Finalist in the Texas Youth Volunteers program for her community service project “Emily’s Smile Boxes.”

Clara Love Elementary Speeds through Turn 3 of “Speeding to Read” Challenge

Clara Love Elementary students have reached “Turn 3” in the Clara Love Elementary and Texas Motor Speedway (TMS) year-long “Speeding to Read” Challenge. “Speeding to Read” is an incentive-based reading program created by TMS to encourage and promote reading. The student body has split into two divisions – kindergarten through second-grade and third through fifth-grade. Classrooms within the two divisions are competing against each other to see who can read the most books and earn the title of “Speeding to Read” champions.

After Turn 3, Ms. Pollock’s first-grade class leads the K-2 division with 5,622 books read, and Ms. Standridge’s third-grade class is the front-runner for the 3-5 division with 591 chapter books complete. TMS staff members visited Clara Love Elementary February 3 to present the winning classrooms a trophy. Students in the winning classrooms received a TMS prize pack.

Students will reach the final turn of the Clara Love 500 in April. Each student in the leading classrooms at Turn 4 will receive four tickets to the Samsung Mobil 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series night race on April 14.

PHOTO CAPTION [Pollockclass.JPG]: Ms. Pollock’s first-grade class at Clara Love Elementary leads the Texas Motor Speedway “Speeding to Read” challenge at Turn 3 for the K-2 division with 5,622 books read.

PHOTO CAPTION [StandridgeClass.JPG]: Ms. Standridge's third-grade class at Clara Love Elementary leads the Texas Motor Speedway "Speeding to Read" challenge at Turn 3 for the 3-5 division with 591 chapter books complete.

NHS Drill Team Receives Grand Champion Title

The Northwest High School Sidekicks Drill Team competed in a regional drill team competition at Keller High School January 28. The team received sweepstakes and judges' award in the kick, jazz, military and pom categories, as well as choreography awards on all four team routines. The Sidekicks received the title Grand Champions. The Sidekicks Officer Line received sweepstakes and judges' award for their jazz, lyrical and modern routines as well as choreography awards for all three routines. The Sidekick Officer Line received the Circle of Champions trophy. Freshman Rebecca Bertholf was named Junior Kickmaster and freshman Maddie Kneis received Junior Solo Champion Runner-Up. Junior Courtney Gelpi received High School Solo Champion Runner-Up and sophomore Angela Mayhew was named the High School Solo Champion.

NHS Students to Compete at DECA State Career Development Conference

Northwest High School senior Cayla Wright and junior Delores Simmons will represent Northwest High School at the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) State Career Development Conference March 1-3 in Corpus Christi. Wright and Simmons qualified at the District DECA Career Development Conference in Frisco.

BNHS Coach Named Co-Coach of the Year

Byron Nelson High School football coach Brian Polk has been named the District 5-4A Co-Coach of the Year. Polk will be recognized at the February 27 school board meeting.

The Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality Services Advance to State Competition

The BNHS Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality Services competed in the Texas ProStart Dallas Regional Competition on February 7. The Restaurant Management team created a unique restaurant concept and prepared a written business plan. The team gave a presentation to a panel of judges and placed first. Team members include Trenton Shank (Team Captain), Agron Mena and Nathan Hall. The Restaurant Management team will advance to the state competition in Round Rock on March 3. The academy is mentored by Chef Charles Youts of The Classic Café in Roanoke.

PHOTO CAPTION [culinary.jpg]: The Byron Nelson High School Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality Services' Management Team (from left to right), Trenton Shank (Team Captain), Agron Mena and Nathan Hall, placed first in the Texas ProStart Dallas Regional Competition and will advance to the state contest on March 3 in Round Rock.

BNHS Students Earn NFL's Highest Rank

Matt Marxer and Eric Pool have achieved the degree of Premier Distinction the National Forensic League's (NFL) highest degree of student membership. The Premier Distinction degree reflects continued excellence in classroom activities, competition rounds and service projects. Students may earn points in six separate categories: speech, debate, congress, service, district and national. Marxer and Pool are among the top half of one percent of NFL student members.

Destination Imagination Third-Graders Initiate School-wide Reading Program

The Sendera Ranch Elementary third-grade Destination Imagination team, the Imaginariums, will partner with kindergarten students at Sendera Ranch Elementary for a new reading incentive called the Buddy Program. The team will donate thirty minutes of their own recess time twice-a-week with a goal to read with each student for 15 minutes per session. The Buddy Program is part of the team challenge called projectOUTREACH, The World Canvas.

PHOTO CAPTION [Imaginariums.jpg]: Sendera Ranch Elementary third-grade Destination Imagination team, the Imaginariums, have implemented a reading initiative for kindergartners called the Buddy Program. From left to right, front row is Brianna Walker, McKenna Swearingen, Tatum Standley and Jessica Rowe. From left to right, back row is Christopher Reyes, Amiri Tate and Alexander Reyes.

NHS Speech Team Competes in Local Tournament

The Northwest High School Speech Team competed at the Colleyville Heritage High School Tournament last weekend. Lizzy Marrero placed third in Congress, Lizzy Marrero and Damon King placed fourth in Duo Interpretation. Amber

Mayhew and Sara Moss placed fifth in Duo Interpretation, and Amber Mayhew and Sara Moss came in third place in Duet Acting.

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 to Host Annual Realtor Luncheon

Northwest ISD is encouraging real estate professionals to join NISD officials on March 8 for the annual Realtor's Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177). Information on current demographic projections, plans for new schools and the award-winning programs in NISD will be shared. Take advantage of this opportunity to be the most knowledgeable sales agent for clients seeking to locate in the second fastest growing school district in the state. Space is limited. Call 817-215-0175 to reserve your seat.

NISD Will Hold Second Annual Techno Expo

NISD will host 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>.

NISD Closed for Spring Break

All Northwest ISD campuses and offices will be closed for spring break March 12-16. Classes will resume on Monday, March 19.

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