



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, February 17 – March 19

Court of Appeals Dismisses Lawsuit against Northwest ISD

Today, February 16, the 141st District Court of Tarrant County has dismissed the lawsuit filed by Carroll ISD against Northwest ISD. Through the dismissal of this lawsuit, the district's attendance boundaries remain the same. In March 2005, Carroll ISD filed suit against Northwest ISD in an attempt to change the attendance boundary line between the two districts, which had been long established by the voters. The disputed area includes a small portion of Trophy Club and a small portion of Southlake, which have always been within Northwest ISD's jurisdiction. The Northwest ISD boundaries were set by voters in 1949 and the Carroll ISD boundaries were set in 1959. Northwest ISD officials are pleased with the court's actions.

Northwest ISD Senior Named National Merit Finalist

Byron Nelson High School (BNHS) senior Lauren Gilmer has been named a National Merit Finalist in the 57th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Byron Nelson High School will graduate its first senior class in June, and Gilmer is the school's first finalist. Gilmer, a resident of Trophy Club, is a lieutenant for the Byron Nelson High School color guard and a member of the national honor society. She plans to pursue a college degree in psychology.

PHOTO CAPTION [Lauren.jpg]: Byron Nelson High School (BNHS) senior Lauren Gilmer has been named a National Merit Finalist in the 57th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Conrad Streeter Named Principal of Gene Pike Middle School

At the February 13 school board meeting, Conrad Streeter was announced principal of Gene Pike Middle School. Streeter opened Argyle Intermediate School as principal in 2008 and has served as a teacher, coach and assistant principal in Lewisville ISD. He earned a bachelor's degree from North Carolina State University and a masters of education from the University of North Texas. Streeter will transition into his new role this spring, as current Gene Pike Middle School principal Mike Blankenship moves into his new position as principal Wilson Middle School which is scheduled to open in August 2012.

NHS Counselor Named Educator of the Year

Communities in Schools (CIS) North Texas has named Northwest High School lead counselor Jamie Farber the CIS Educator of the Year. Farber has received this honor based on her dedication to the CIS mission of ensuring all students graduate and have an opportunity to seek post-secondary education. In her role as counselor, Farber shows a commitment to involving parents and the community as well as establishing high expectations for students and teachers.

Jamie Farber will be recognized at the Texas Star Gala on May 18. For more information, visit <http://www.cisnt.org/events/texas-star-gala>.

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NEF Awards \$143,000 in Innovative Teaching Grants

On February 17, the Northwest ISD Education Foundation (NEF) Grant Brigade traveled to 17 schools across Northwest ISD awarding 46 innovative teaching grants totaling \$143,000. The grants were written by NISD teachers and staff to benefit the students of Northwest ISD. Recipients were surprised in their classrooms and during assemblies with oversized checks and balloons.

PHOTO CAPTION [grant.jpg]: NEF Board Member Carol Jones presents three innovative teaching grants to Director of Fine Arts Kevin Lacefield during the Grant Brigade on February 17.

O.A. Peterson Elementary Student Receives a Wish from Make-A-Wish Foundation

Known throughout the campus for her positive attitude, second-grade student Jacqueline Dyer has stolen the hearts of classmates and staff members at Peterson Elementary School. Dyer is an active participant in school events, serving as a cheerleader and a contestant in the school's talent show; yet, she suffers from a serious genetic peripheral form of neuropathy known as Charcot-Marie-Tooth (CMT). She is the fifth generation in her family to suffer from this condition and the most severe case of CMT doctors have treated.

On February 17, the Make-A-Wish Foundation surprised Dyer during her lunch by granting her wish to swim with dolphins in Hawaii. Members of the Northwest High School cheerleaders performed a cheer and presented her with cupcakes and a dolphin balloon.

PHOTO CAPTION [dolphins.jpg]: Peterson Elementary School second-grader Jacqueline Dyer is pictured with Northwest High School cheerleaders after receiving her wish to swim with dolphins from the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Sendera Ranch Elementary Wins NISD Battle of the Books

Sendera Ranch Elementary won first place in the Northwest ISD Battle of the Books competition. Battle of the Books is a reading incentive program for elementary students in Northwest ISD. At this annual contest, students come together to demonstrate their abilities based on the books they have read and test their knowledge.

PHOTO CAPTION [BOB 2012B.jpg]: The Sendera Ranch Elementary Battle of the Books team won first in the district's competition. Pictured from left to right is Caden Smith, Bret Hogan, Allie Smith, Cole Roberts, Sam Kercheval, Chloe Seltzer and in front Principal Suzie McNeese.

BNHS Boys' Basketball Named District 5-4A Champions

The Byron Nelson High School Boys' Basketball team has been named the district 5-4A champions. The team will advance to the bi-district round of playoffs against Fort Worth Southwest High School on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Richland High School (5201 Holiday Lane, North Richland, 76180). Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Student Holiday

Monday, February 20 is a student holiday for Northwest ISD. 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.

Steele Accelerated High School to Host New Student/Parent Night

James M. Steele Accelerated High School will host a new student/parent night at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 5 (606 N. Walnut, Roanoke, 76262). An introduction to the campus as well as information about increased dual credit opportunities and the school's new cosmetology program will be provided. Students and counselors will offer tours of the campus and will be available to answer questions.

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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