



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, April 5 – April 28

Temporary Road Closure on Parkview Drive in Trophy Club

Beginning Monday, April 16, a small portion of Parkview Drive will be temporarily closed. The temporary road closure will be the portion of Parkview Drive between the baseball field and the tennis court and will be closed to through traffic. It is estimated the section of road will be closed for approximately six to eight weeks, weather permitting. The closure is necessary to adequately prepare the infrastructure and install an underground storm drain. This must be complete prior to construction of a new wing at NISD's Beck Elementary School.

During the temporary closure, residents will still have access to all schools, parks, sidewalks and homes during the road closure. The pool and park will be accessible at all times from the north. Families of students attending Beck Elementary School will need to access the campus from the south (Durango) and travel north on Parkview Drive. For Medlin Middle School and Byron Nelson High School, all access will be from Bobcat Blvd. The east sidewalk on Parkview Drive will be accessible for pedestrians to walk between Beck Elementary and Medlin Middle School.

NHS Winter Guard Breaks District Record

Congratulations to the NHS Winter Guard and Rachel Furner for their outstanding competition season. In every event they participated in, a school district record was broken. At the recent North Texas Colorguard Association (NTCA) championships, the team finished "on the podium" for the first time. Not only did they earn the bronze medal, but the guard was promoted to Class A for the 2012-2013 school year.

BNHS Golf Program Published in *Golfworld* Magazine

The April issue of *Golfworld* magazine contains an article about the Byron Nelson High School golf program, a picture of the girl's golf team, along with a picture of Peggy Nelson, wife of the late Byron Nelson the school's namesake. The girls' team is ranked number 1 and the boys' team is ranked number 2 in the state. District tournaments began this week.

BNHS Tennis Named District Champions

The Byron Nelson High School girls' tennis team won the District 5-4A tournament. Katya Salas was the singles champion and Brooke Tauren and Kaelyn Wilson were the doubles district champions. The BNHS boys' tennis team was the district runner-up. Kyle Green and Clay Angeli were the doubles district champions.

BNHS Athlete Named Softball Player of the Week

Byron Nelson High School student Ashly Dumoulin was named Softball Player of the Week by *Dallas Morning News* Sports Day High School. Dumoulin threw a two-hit shutout and struck out seven in a 3-0 victory against Birdville, a state-ranked team.

Pike Middle School Partners with Orange Out Foundation

Students in the peer mediation class from Gene Pike Middle School partnered with Orange Out Foundation by making cards and goody-bags for the oncology patients. The bags will be distributed to Cook's Children's Hospital this week.

PHOTO CAPTION [hospitaloutreach.jpg]: Students in the peer mediation class at Gene Pike Middle School will distribute cards and goody-bags to oncology patients at Cook Children's Hospital this week.

Medlin Middle School Creates *Hunger Games* Book Club

Medlin Middle School librarian Margaret Wallace created a *Hunger Games* Book Club so students could read or reread the book and participate in group activities. Students, or tributes, received an invitation naming them to District 12. The club, along with Principal Joe Harrington, discussed two important themes in the book: skills and survival.

Club members simulated the countdown in the Hunger Games arena, faced opponents for a survival pack, took inventory of items and earned points for each item. Twenty students belong to the Medlin Middle School *Hunger Games* Book Club.

PHOTO CAPTION [HG Group Pic.jpg]: The Medlin Middle School *Hunger Games* Book Club poses with Principal Joe Harrington and Librarian Margaret Wallace.

NISD Hosts District Tour for Fort Worth Officials

As part of an effort to reach out to the North Texas community in support of transforming public education, Northwest ISD Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D., escorted members of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce on a tour of Kay Granger Elementary School and Northwest High School on March 23. The tour and observation of the schools' digital learning platforms provided the business leaders an opportunity to see the preparation of today's future workforce in action. As a participant in the Texas Visioning Network through the Texas Association of School Administrators, Northwest ISD is working to transform public education to help ensure that students are prepared to be competitive on a global stage.

PHOTO CAPTION [NISDTourSTEM.jpg]: Hillwood's Tom Harris (center) listens as Northwest High School students Andrew Hill and Chad Jones describe their "school of the future" project. Hill, a sophomore, and Jones, a senior, are part of Northwest ISD's Academy of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) where students embrace project-based learning and gain hands-on, real world experience while in high school. Also pictured are (from left) Edward Chevallier, NISD assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction; Tim McKinney, president and CEO of United Way of Metro Tarrant County; and Jim Nelson, the executive director of AVID and former Texas Commissioner of Education.

Student Holiday

In accordance with NISD's 2011-2012 calendar, Friday, April 6 is a student holiday. Classes will resume on Monday, April 9.

NISD School Board Meeting

A Northwest ISD School Board Budget Workshop will be held Monday, April 9 at 5:30 p.m. with the regular School Board Meeting to follow at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

Inside NISD – Clara Love Elementary

Northwest ISD is hosting an *Inside NISD* community meeting to provide the Clara Love community an inside look at Northwest ISD. District officials will share information about the school district's history, governance and operations at the meeting designed for new NISD communities.

Tuesday, April 10 – 6:30 p.m.
Clara Love Elementary
16301 Elementary Drive, Justin, 76247

NISD Partners with TMS for Upcoming NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Race

NISD will partner with Texas Motor Speedway for the upcoming Samsung Mobile 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race on Saturday, April 14. Tickets will be offered for only \$48 and \$8 will go back to a selected school in NISD. Along with tickets, families will have access to a private Q&A session with NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson prior to the race. To take advantage of this offer, go to www.texasmotorspeedway.com/nisd.

Second Annual NHS Band Chili Cook-off

The Northwest High School band will host the Second Annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday, April 14 in the Northwest High School Student Commons from 1-3 p.m. (2301 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). For more information, contact Denise Hill at denisehill1968@sbcglobal.net.

NISD School Board Meeting

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

NHS to Host "The Big Event"

On April 28, Northwest High School will participate in “The Big Event,” a tradition started at Texas A&M 30 years ago. More than 70 colleges and high schools now participate in “The Big Event.” “The Big Event” is an opportunity for NHS students to say thank you to residents in the communities of Haslet, Justin, Rhome, Newark and Aurora (as well as surrounding communities) for their continued support.

Northwest High School will be hosting a school-wide community service day on Saturday, April 28. Northwest High School students can perform the following jobs: washing windows, cleaning/sweeping, painting (inside and out), moving dirt, raking, trimming trees and hedges. Any job can be considered, however, students will not be able to use power tools. Please consider submitting an online job request at <http://www.nisdtx.org/NHSBigEvent> or by calling Mike Hays at Northwest High School at 817.215.0206. For more information, email thebigeventnorthwest@nisdtx.org.

NISD Kindergarten Registration Set for May

Northwest ISD will begin welcoming incoming kindergarten students April 30-May 4 during Kindergarten Round-Up. All children who will attend kindergarten during the 2012-2013 school year are asked to register at their local school. Parents and students are also encouraged to attend the school’s special round-up event during which incoming students will meet staff and tour the school.

To register, kindergarten students must be five years of age by September 1, 2012. The following items are required for kindergarten registration:

- Birth certificate.
- Immunization records (immunizations must be up to date to attend school).
- Proof of residency (housing contract, rental agreement, etc.).
- Student’s Social Security Card.
- License or other suitable photo ID of the parent/guardian.

Additional information regarding NISD Kindergarten Round-Up is available on the district’s website at www.nisdtx.org.

Volunteers Encouraged to Complete NISD Background Check Online

Parents and other volunteers who plan to work with children in NISD schools must have passed a criminal background check prior to volunteering. As a convenience, the volunteer background check form is available online and can be completed before the rush of the new school year.

Go to www.nisdtx.org/volunteercheck to complete your background check and be approved to volunteer. Volunteers are a highly valued group of individuals within Northwest ISD, and the district appreciates the contribution of time and effort of the dedicated volunteers.

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