



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, April 19 – May 21

BNHS Girls' Soccer Statebound

The Byron Nelson High School girls' soccer team has advanced to the State Semi Finals. The girls will take on Cedar Park High School on Friday, April 20 at 15 p.m. at the Georgetown ISD Athletic Complex at Birkelbach Field (2275 North Austin Ave., Georgetown, 78626). The winner will advance to the State Final game on Saturday, April 21 at 4 p.m. at the Birkelbach Field at the Georgetown ISD Athletic Complex.

PHOTO CAPTION [state_cropped]: The Byron Nelson High School girls' soccer team has advanced to the State Semi Final Round of the high school state playoffs. The team is pictured after their Regional Final win on April 14.

Kay Granger Elementary Recognized as Top Volunteer Campus for Second Consecutive Year

Granger Elementary School has been named the Northwest ISD Partners in Education (PIE) Campus of the Year for the second consecutive year. The campus has logged approximately 12,280 volunteer hours from August 2011 to March 2012. Northwest Independent School District administration and Granger staff celebrated Granger Elementary volunteers with a surprise visit during their volunteer appreciation breakfast and presented the "Circle of Teamwork" trophy for their hard work and dedication this school year.

The NISD Partners in Education (PIE) program values the support of the Northwest ISD community. NISD provides numerous opportunities to engage parents and the community in the education of children. Currently, the district has more than 8,500 approved volunteers. If you would like to volunteer in Northwest ISD, please visit www.nisdtx.org/volunteercheck.

PHOTO CAPTION [volunteers]: Volunteers from Kay Granger Elementary School received the "Circle of Teamwork" trophy for their dedication and efforts this school year. Pictured from left to right are Principal Kimmie Etheredge, PTA Volunteer Coordinator Alisha Birch, PTA President Melody Cooley, Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D., and Partners in Education Specialist Phil Beckman.

NHS Athlete Honored by National Football Foundation

Northwest High School athlete Tyler Morgan was honored April 16 by the National Football Foundation for his accomplishments in the classroom, community and on the football field. Morgan was among 58 Dallas/Fort Worth student athletes.

PHOTO CAPTION [TylerMorgan]: Northwest High School football player Tyler Morgan was honored April 16 by the National Football Foundation for accomplishments in the classroom, throughout the community and efforts on the football field.

NHS Bowling Wins District

The Northwest High School bowling team won the district title and placed sixth at regionals. Junior Chris Mailloux placed second at regionals and went to the state tournament in March along with senior Felix Martinez who placed third at regionals. Mailloux and Martinez made the All-District Team and competed in College Station on April 1.

PHOTO CAPTION [bowling]: Northwest High School junior Chris Mailloux and senior Felix Martinez (left to right) made the All-District Bowling Team and traveled to compete in College Station on April 1.

BNHS Tennis Player Statebound

Byron Nelson High School tennis player Katya Salas is headed to state after winning the Region I Tennis Championship for girls' singles on April 17. The state tournament will take place April 30 and May 1 in Austin. Salas represented Byron Nelson High School in the 2009-2010 school year in the 3A State Tennis Tournament where she was named State Champion.

PHOTO CAPTION [KatyaSalas]: Katya Salas will represent Byron Nelson High School in the Tennis State Tournament April 30 and May 1 in Austin. Salas won the Region I Tennis Championship for girls' singles.

BNHS Boys' Golf to Play in State Championship

The Byron Nelson High School boys' golf team has qualified for the state championship in Austin. The team finished the Region I tournament runner-up, losing by one stroke. This is the first time in the school's history the boys' golf team has qualified for state.

PHOTO CAPTION [Boysgolftostate]: The Byron Nelson High School boys' golf team will play in the state championship April 30 and May 1 in Austin after winning the Region I tournament.

Medlin Middle School Student Named Citizen of the Year

Medlin Middle School seventh grader Megan Rodgers has been named Trophy Club's Youth Citizen of the Year for 2012. Rodgers assists at the Roanoke Food Pantry and the Whitley Place Senior Center. She also attends mission trips with her church. Rodgers is also a member of the National Junior Honor Society at Medlin Middle School.

PHOTO CAPTION [citizenofyear]: Megan Rodgers, a Medlin Middle School seventh-grade student, has been named Trophy Club's Youth Citizen of the Year for 2012.

Clara Love Elementary Students Complete Final Turn in Speeding to Read Championship

NASCAR champion driver Jimmie Johnson surprised Clara Love Elementary at a school-wide assembly on April 13 as the campus' Speeding to Read program came to a close. Speeding to Read is an incentive-based reading program created by Texas Motor Speedway to encourage and promote reading. The student body was split into two divisions – kindergarten through second-grade and third through fifth-grade. Classrooms within the two divisions competed against each other to see who could read the most books and earn the title of Speeding to Read champions.

Kari Abrams' first-grade class won the kindergarten through second-grade division completing 10,457 books. Heather Baker's fifth-grade class read 913 chapter books. In addition to a trophy and meeting Jimmie Johnson, the students in the winning classrooms received four tickets to the Samsung Mobil 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series night race on April 14.

PHOTO CAPTION [Abrams]: Kari Abrams' first grade class completed more than 10,000 books and was presented the winning Speeding to Read challenge trophy from NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson.

PHOTO CAPTION [Bakerclass]: NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson presented Heather Baker's fifth-grade class at Clara Love Elementary with the winning trophy for reading 913 chapter books in the year-long Speeding to Read challenge.

Temporary Road Closure on Parkview Drive in Trophy Club

A small portion of Parkview Drive is temporarily closed to through traffic between the baseball field and the tennis court. 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 and Marshall Creek Road. The east sidewalk on Parkview Drive will be accessible for pedestrians to walk between Beck Elementary and Medlin Middle School.

NISD School Board Meeting

A Northwest ISD School Board Budget Workshop will be held Monday, April 23 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).

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.

NISD High School Student Will Win a Chevy Camaro This Spring

The Northwest ISD Partners in Education Program will team up with Moritz Chevrolet of Fort Worth to give away a 2012 Chevrolet Camaro to one lucky high school student in Northwest ISD for outstanding academic efforts and attendance throughout the year. The car giveaway will take place Monday, May 21 at 9:30 a.m. at the Northwest ISD football stadium (1937 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

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.

Northwest ISD Summer School Opportunities

From math and reading academies to sports and fine arts camps, Northwest ISD proudly offers a variety of summer programs for students to enhance their educational experience. For online registration and a complete description of the programs, go to www.nisdtx.org or call the Student Services office at 817-215-0083 for further assistance.

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