



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, April 26 – May 21

NISD Names Teachers of the Year, Recognizes Employees at Annual Inspire Celebration

Meredith Cunningham from J.C. Thompson Elementary School was named *Elementary Teacher of the Year* and Amy Jo Wagner from Byron Nelson High School was named *Secondary Teacher of the Year* at the annual Inspire Celebration on April 19. In addition, NISD brought together retirees, 25-year and 30-year service award recipients, Exemplar Educators from each campus, and its Employees of the Year. The Inspire recognition program was designed to recognize and celebrate dedicated educators and support staff for the important contributions they make to the students and community of NISD. To see a complete list of winners, go to www.nisdtx.org.

PHOTO CAPTION [TOY_Rue]: Northwest ISD Elementary Teacher of the Year Meredith Cunningham (right) and Secondary Teacher of the Year Amy Jo Wagner (left) pose with Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D. at the annual Inspire Celebration on April 19.

BNHS Girls' Soccer State Runner-Up

The Byron Nelson High School girls' soccer team has been named the 2012 Class 4A State Runner-Up. The Lady Bobcats finished as one of the final two teams from approximately 334 4A teams. Senior Ariana Morrison, junior Alexa Bain and junior Marchelle Davis were named to the 2012 All-Tournament Team.

PHOTO CAPTION [state_cropped]: The Byron Nelson High School girls' soccer team is the 2012 Class 4A State Runner-Up.

NISD Named Among Top 10 Digital School Districts

Northwest ISD placed seventh in the large student population district category for the Digital School Districts Survey Awards. NISD was recognized at a reception on April 21 at the National School Boards Association Annual Conference in Boston. The study examines and documents school boards and districts' online presence, interactive technology applications with school board members, administrators and teachers, as well as their access to information such as school board meetings, policies and technology use in classrooms.

BNHS Debate Team Named Regional Champions

The Byron Nelson High School debate team was named the top speech team at the tournament Regionals in Abilene last weekend. This is the second year the team has been named Regional Champions. The following students have qualified for state:

Ian Sanchez – Prose Interpretation
Eric Pool and Drew Marshall – Persuasive Speaking
Matt Marxer – Informative Speaking and Regional Champion
Matt Marxer and Eric Pool – Lincoln Douglas Debate

PHOTO CAPTION [MattMarxer]: Byron Nelson High School debate team member Matt Marxer has qualified for state in the category of Informative Speaking at the Regional tournament in Abilene last weekend. Marxer was named the Regional Champion.

Northwest ISD Students Honored with Bobby Bragan Scholarships

Savannah Schneemann of Gene Pike Middle School and Jacey Allen of Medlin Middle School were awarded the Bobby Bragan Scholarship from the Bobby Bragan Youth Foundation (BBYF) at a celebration on April 15 in Arlington. Winners were selected based on their academic achievements, extra-curricular and athletic activities and community involvement from sixth through eighth-grade and an essay about their favorite role model. The foundation awarded 37 scholarships in

the DFW area and recipients received \$2,500 in scholarship money. They also received four tickets to the Texas Ranger baseball game on May 29 and will be recognized on the field prior to the game.

PHOTO CAPTION [scholarships]: Pictured left to right is Savannah Schneermann of Gene Pike Middle School and Jacey Allen of Medlin Middle School with certificates from the Bobby Bragan Youth Foundation. Schneermann and Allen were the recipients of the Bobby Bragan Scholarship.

NISD School Board Vice President Attends Leadership Program on Celebrating Differences

Northwest ISD School Board Vice President Mel Fuller attended a training session in McAllen April 12-14 as part of the yearlong study program, Leadership TASB (LTASB). Fuller was selected by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) to complete the required elements of student and graduate with a unique designation recognized by TASB. This was the fourth of five training sessions called “Where Leadership Happens through Embracing the Differences.” Fuller is one of 31 trustees participating in LTASB 2012.

PHOTO CAPTION [Fuller_Mel]: Northwest ISD School Board Vice President Mel Fuller attended a leadership training session in McAllen April 12-14 as part of a yearlong student program organized by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) called Leadership TASB.

Medlin Middle School Destination Imagination Team Advances to Global Finals

Medlin Middle School’s Destination Imagination Team Destination TBD has made it to the Destination Imagination Global Finals. The team will compete in Knoxville, Tennessee May 23-26.

PHOTO CAPTION [di_globals]: The Medlin Middle School Destination Imagination Team Destination TBD will advance to the Global Finals May 23-26 in Tennessee. Pictured from left top is Sabrina Schonewald, Jane Beatty and Kelsey Livingston and from left bottom is Sarah Simpson, Isabella Sheehan and Madison Flores.

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.

BNHS Softball Team Advances to Playoffs

The Byron Nelson High School softball team finished second place in District 5-4A and have now advanced to the Bi-District round of playoffs. The Lady Bobcats will take on Northside High School in a best two out of three games series beginning at Keller Central High School (9450 Ray White Road, Fort Worth, 76244) on Friday, April 27 at 7 p.m. Game two will be played on Saturday, April 28 at 1 p.m. at Kelelr Fossil Ridge High School (4101 Thompson Road, Fort Worth, 76244). If necessary, game three will be played 30-minutes after the completion of game two on Saturday. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

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.

Steele Accelerated High School to Host New Student/Parent Meeting

James M. Steele Accelerated High School is hosting a new student/parent information meeting on Monday, May 7 at 6 p.m. (606 N. Walnut Street, Roanoke, 76262). Applications for the fall 2012 are currently being accepted and available from counselors. Interested students will gain information on accelerated graduation plans, increased dual credit opportunities and the new cosmetology program. Counselors and current students will be available for tours and to answer questions.

NHS Theater to Perform *The Elephant Man*

The Northwest High School theatre department will perform Bernard Pomerance's *The Elephant Man* May 14-15 at 7 p.m., May 17-18 at 7 p.m. and May 20 at 2 p.m. at The Vernon Solomon Performing Arts Center in the Black Box Theatre (2201 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). Seating is limited and reservations must be made in advance. To reserve your seat, call 817-215-0267.

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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