



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, June 7 – August 2

Media Note: NISD Communications Department/Administration Building Summer Hours

The Northwest ISD Administration Building will begin summer hours on Monday, June 4. The building will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The regular five-day work schedule will resume on Monday, August 13.

NISD Celebrates the Class of 2012

Parents, friends and faculty proudly watched as 383 seniors from Byron Nelson High School participated in the school's first commencement ceremony on June 5 at the University of North Texas Coliseum in Denton. For the first time, Northwest ISD graduated seniors from three high schools this year and the seniors earned a combined total of more than \$14 million in scholarships. James M. Steele Accelerated High School held its commencement ceremony honoring 25 graduates Monday, June 4 at Northwest High School's Vernon Solomon Performing Arts Center. 463 students received their diplomas from Northwest High School on Tuesday, June 5 at the University of North Texas Coliseum in Denton.

PHOTO CAPTION [steelegraduation.jpg] NISD School Board President Mel Fuller presents James M. Steele Accelerated High School's highest ranking graduate Micah Larsen her diploma at the commencement ceremony on June 4.

PHOTO CAPTION [nhsgraduation.jpg]: Northwest High School valedictorian Anthony Cava and Salutatorian Alexis Sirois pose for a picture during the commencement ceremony June 5.

PHOTO CAPTION [bnhsgraduation.jpg]: Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D. congratulates Byron Nelson High School valedictorian Rebecca Ryan during the school's first commencement ceremony June 5.

Principals Named for Northwest High School, Medlin Middle School and J.C. Thompson Elementary School

At a special board meeting held June 5, the NISD administration and the Board of Trustees named principals for three schools. Jason Childress will lead Northwest High School, James "Eric" Drewery will take the helm at Medlin Middle School and Leigh Anne Romer will serve as principal for J.C. Thompson Elementary School. Childress, Drewery and Romer have served as assistant principals and teachers in Northwest ISD. They will begin their new positions in July.

PHOTO CAPTION [jason.jpg]: Jason Childress is the new principal of Northwest High School. Childress is currently an assistant principal at Byron Nelson High School.

PHOTO CAPTION [eric.jpg]: The NISD Board of Trustees has named James "Eric" Drewery as principal of Medlin Middle School.

PHOTO CAPTION [leighanne.jpg]: Leigh Anne Romer will serve as principal for J.C. Thompson Elementary School. Romer will begin her new position in July.

June NISD School Board Meetings

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, June 11 and Tuesday, June 26 at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin). There are no meetings scheduled in July.

Northwest ISD Summer School Opportunities

Northwest ISD offers a wide variety of summer school and sports camps and enrichment classes during the summer. The following are a list of photo opportunities for the week of June 11-15:

- ***TechnoCamp***
TechnoCamp offers students the opportunity to challenge their creativity using the Lego Education robotics program. Students will learn to design, program and control fully-functional Lego models and use software to test and modify sequences of instruction for robotic behaviors.
June 11-15, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (grades 1-2)
June 11-15, 2 – 6 p.m. (grades 3-5)
Clara Love Elementary School (16301 Elementary Drive, Justin, 76247)
- ***Summer Science Blast Off***
Students are exposed to hands-on, inquiry-based, student driven activities in chemistry, earth science, life science, forensics, physics and biology with an emphasis on measurement, inquiry and critical thinking skills.
June 11-15, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. (grades 2-5)
W.R. Hatfield Elementary School (2051 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247)
- ***Art Around the World***
In this art class, students will span the globe to discover a multitude of art forms from different countries and cultures. Students will explore through drawing and painting, printmaking, sculpture and jewelry making.
June 11-15, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. (grades 2-8)
Carl E. Schluter Elementary School (1220 Mesa Crest Drive, Haslet, 76052)
- ***Summer Art Camp***
Students will study and create different types of media such as clay, yarn and crochet, photography, jewelry making and textile art.
June 11-15, 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (kindergarten-6)
Sonny & Allegra Nance Elementary School (701 Tierra Vista Way, Fort Worth, 76131)
- ***Art and Literature***
Students will create numerous projects based off children's books such as author and illustrator Eric Carle. Students will explore projects with 2-D (drawing and painting) and 3-D media (paper mache and play-doh).
June 11-15, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (kindergarten -2)
Clara Love Elementary School (16301 Elementary Drive, Justin, 76247)
- ***Modern Art and Artists***
Students will use 2-D and 3-D media to explore various forms of modern art and artists including Dale Chihuly and Roy Lichtenstein.
June 11-15, 1– 4 p.m. (grades 3-5)
Clara Love Elementary School (16301 Elementary Drive, Justin, 76247)
- ***Dazzling Divas Dance Camp***
Students will enjoy four sessions of energetic and fun dance instruction in jazz, hip hop and ballet.
June 11-14, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (kindergarten-2)
June 11-14, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. (grades 3-5)
Byron Nelson High School (2775 Bobcat Blvd., Trophy Club, 76262)
- ***Orchestra Camp***
Students will explore multiple musical styles, advanced technique and ensemble building. A professional clinician will work with students in a large group, and multiple orchestras will be formed to practice and rehearse. The camp will culminate with a performance from ensembles at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 15.
June 11-15, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (grades 6-11)
Gene Pike Middle School (2200 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247)
- ***Broadway Bound***
This course will present basic principles of musical theatre production, acting, singing and dancing, as well as behind the scenes elements. Students will participate in auditions, learn dialogue, songs and dances, paint the set and experience the process of producing a short musical. At the end of the week, students will perform the production for an audience.
June 11-15, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (grades 3-5)
Carl E. Schluter Elementary School (1220 Mesa Crest Drive, Haslet, 76052)

- ***Byron Nelson High School Girls Basketball***
June 11-14, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (grades 3-6)
June 11-14, 1– 4 p.m. (grades 7-9)
Byron Nelson High School gymnasium
- ***Byron Nelson High School Baseball***
June 11-14, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (grades 3-6)
June 11-14, 1– 4 p.m. (grades 7-9)
Byron Nelson High School baseball fields
- ***Northwest High School Boys Basketball***
June 11-14, 1 – 4 p.m. (grades 3-9)
Northwest High School gymnasium
- ***Northwest High School Boys Soccer***
June 11-14, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (grades 3-9)
Northwest High School Indoor Facility
- ***Northwest High School Softball***
June 11-14, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (grades 3-9)
Northwest High School softball fields
- ***Northwest High School Co-Ed Tennis***
June 11-14, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. (grades 3-9)
Northwest High School tennis center

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.

Prekindergarten Registration in Northwest ISD

Prekindergarten registration will take place August 1 and 2 at Hatfield Elementary School (2051 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). Registration will be by appointment only. To make an appointment, please call Deanne Colley at 817-215-0198 beginning May 1. For more information about prekindergarten qualifications, go to www.nisdtx.org/familyinvolvement.

‘Tools for School’ School Supply Drive Underway

Northwest ISD Partners in Education is helping to ensure that all NISD students have the tools they need to be successful by holding the annual ‘Tools for School’ school supply drive through August 9. School supplies may be delivered to the following drop off locations: the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin), The Solana Club (2902 Sams School Road, Westlake), Champions Extended Learning (2000 Winter Hawk Drive, Fort Worth), BBVA Compass Bank-Alliance Branch (13388 North Freeway, Fort Worth), Hawaiian Falls-Roanoke (290 West Byron Nelson Blvd, Roanoke), and Woodhaven National Bank-Rhome Branch (800 U.S. Highway 287 Suite A, Rhome).

If you are interested in volunteering your time to help pack and distribute backpacks and supplies to NISD schools, please contact Partners in Education Specialist Phil Beckman at 817-215-0172 or pbeckman@nisdtx.org.

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