



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, August 15 – August 23

NISD Director of Safety and Security Receives National Award

Glenda Beam, director of safety and security and food services coordinator for Northwest ISD, was the recipient of the 2011 National School Safety Award for her contribution and dedication to school safety. She was recognized at the School Safety Advocacy Council's national conference in Phoenix this summer. Last year, Northwest ISD received the 2010 National Exemplary School Safety Award and was presented the Safe Schools Award by the Texas School Safety Center in 2009.

PHOTO CAPTION [Glenda]: Director of Safety and Security and Food Services Coordinator Glenda Beam was presented the 2011 National School Safety Award for her contribution and dedication to school safety at the School Safety Advocacy Council's national conference this summer. Beam was recognized at the NISD Board of Trustees meeting on August 8. (Pictured left to right:) NISD School Board President Mark Schluter, Executive Director of Human Resources Kyle Copp, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services Gary Gindt, Ed.D., Director of Safety and Security and Food Services Coordinator Glenda Beam, and Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D.

NISD Teacher Named 2011 Region XI Elementary Teacher of the Year

Kay Granger Elementary School teacher Christina Buce has been named the 2011 Region XI Elementary Teacher of the Year. In April, Buce was honored with the title Exemplar Educator and Northwest ISD Elementary Teacher of the Year at the annual Northwest ISD Inspire Celebration. Buce advanced to the regional competition coordinated by the Region XI Education Service Center and was recognized among colleagues and other educators at an awards banquet Thursday, August 11.

Buce was selected among 26 elementary educators in Region XI as a semifinalist in the State Teacher of the Year contest. Judging for the state-level competition begins today, August 15, in Austin and winners will be chosen in October at the Texas Teacher of the Year awards ceremony.

PHOTO CAPTION [buceTOY]: Kay Granger Elementary School second-grade teacher Christina Buce has been named the 2011 Region XI Elementary Teacher of the Year. Pictured (left to right) with Buce (center) is Northwest ISD Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D. and Granger Elementary Principal Kimmie Etheredge.

NISD to Issue More than 8,000 Netbooks During Student Registration

For the third consecutive year, Northwest ISD will issue netbooks, or mini laptops, to secondary students as part of its vision to prepare every student for higher education. During student registration, middle and high school students will receive a netbook equipped with Internet access and software, including the district's filtering system which restricts questionable websites regardless of the student's location.

PHOTO CAPTION [NHS_netbooks]: The secondary student laptop initiative has proved successful in Northwest ISD. Northwest High School sophomore students (left to right) Zak Hogan, Samuel Jennings and Isabella Blackwell explore their netbook at back-to-school registration.

NISD Welcomes 60 New Teachers

Northwest ISD greeted approximately 60 new teachers during the New Teacher Induction last week. Teachers new to NISD spent the week in a series of professional development trainings, viewing model classrooms and visiting with mentor teachers.

PHOTO CAPTION [newteachers]: New teachers to Sendera Ranch Elementary School and its new neighboring elementary campus Carl E. Schluter Elementary School were given a warm welcome at the New Teacher Luncheon at Northwest High School.

NISD Board of Trustee Meeting

A Northwest ISD School Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 22. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177).

Volunteers and Supplies Needed for Annual School Supply Drive

The Northwest ISD School Supply Drive sponsored by the Northwest ISD Partners in Education (PIE) Program is still accepting donations by sponsoring a student and donating a backpack. If you would like to provide a filled backpack for a student or donate supplies, please deliver to the Partners in Education office at the Northwest ISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177). For a list of school supplies, visit <http://www.nisdtx.org/Page/29139>. If you are interested in volunteering your time to pack and deliver backpacks, please call 817-215-0175.

NISD Website to Receive a Makeover

Northwest ISD will launch a newly redesigned website in August as part of a district-wide branding campaign. Features include alerts, updated information, videos, quick links and more. Branding the school district will increase greater awareness of Northwest ISD's identity and reputation.

New Student Registration and Schedule Pick-Up Continues this Week

Elementary school new student registration will continue this week, Monday, August 15 through Friday, August 19 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. New students to Northwest ISD should register at the school they will attend. For a list of middle school and high school schedule pick up information, go to <http://www.nisdtx.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1507>.

First Day of School

The first day of school in Northwest ISD is Tuesday, August 23. For a complete list of back-to-school events, go to <http://www.nisdtx.org//Domain/74>. NISD will open two new campuses, Carl E. Schluter and J.C. Thompson elementary schools, to accommodate the rapidly-growing student population in the southern portion of the school district.

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