



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, August 29 – September 20

NISD Welcomes Approximately 16,700 Students on First Day of School

Northwest ISD greeted nearly 1,400 new students on the first day of school Tuesday, August 23. NISD opened two new campuses, Carl E. Schlulter and J.C. Thompson elementary schools, to accommodate the rapidly-growing student population in the southern portion of the school district.

PHOTO CAPTION [mom_daughter]: J.C. Thompson Elementary School second-grade student Kaitlynn Johnson says good-bye to her mom on the first day of school in a brand new building.

Texas Motor Speedway Partners with Clara Love Elementary for Reading Challenge

Northwest ISD's Clara Love Elementary School is partnering with Texas Motor Speedway, an official NISD Partner in Education, for a pilot reading program, 'Speeding To Read.' The program launched with a Million Word Kick-Off celebration on August 26.

'Speeding To Read' is an incentive-based program created by Texas Motor Speedway to encourage students to read more frequently during the school year. Students will be split into two divisions – kindergarten through second-grade and third through fifth-grade – each competing for the title 'Speeding To Read' champion. The classrooms will compete against each other to read the most books. At each nine-week interval, the classroom in each division leading the race will receive a prize from Texas Motor Speedway. The program began Monday, August 29 and will run through April when the champion of each division classroom will be named and receive class trophies. Each student in the winning classrooms will receive four frontstretch grandstand tickets to the Samsung Mobile 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race at Texas Motor Speedway in April.

PHOTO CAPTION [TMS_speed]: Texas Motor Speedway President Eddie Gossage, Clara Love Elementary School Principal Julie Nerby and NISD Superintendent of Schools Karen G. Rue, Ed.D. glance at the books provided to students from Headline Kids in support of the pilot reading program, 'Speeding to Read' with Clara Love Elementary School and Texas Motor Speedway.

Six NISD Students Participate in 2011 Lone Star Leadership Academy Programs

Six Northwest ISD students were selected from the 2010-2011 school year to participate in Education in Action's 2011 programs:

- Ethan Elder, fourth-grade – Clara Love Elementary School
- Abbi Freeman, fifth-grade – Haslet Elementary School
- Emily Taylor, fifth-grade – Haslet Elementary School
- John Firreno, fourth-grade – Kay Granger Elementary School
- Nate Perkerson, fifth-grade – O.A. Peterson elementary School
- Nicolas Buckwalter, fourth-grade – Sendera Ranch Elementary School

The selected Northwest ISD students were among 1,064 outstanding fourth through eighth-grade students from across the state. Selection was based on each student's demonstrated academic success and leadership ability, a teacher recommendation and involvement in school and/or community activities. During the weeklong programs, students visited historical sites such as the Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District.

Education in Action is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to empowering young people to become informed and active leaders in their communities. The Lone Star Leadership Academy provides a unique opportunity for students to

learn about the Spirit of Texas. Participants practice presentation skills in leadership groups, complete problem solving and decision-making simulations and collaborate in a creative environment.

NISD Closed in Observance of Labor Day

Northwest ISD will be closed Monday, September 5 for Labor Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, September 6.

September Board of Trustee Meetings

The September Board of Trustee Meetings are scheduled for Monday, September 12 and Monday, September 26 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177).

Annual ‘Run in the Dark’ to Benefit Local Families

The Community Storehouse is hosting the annual Run in the Dark 5K/1-Mile Fun Run Saturday, September 17 at 7 p.m. This year's race will be held at Alliance Town Center in Fort Worth. Your participation will benefit NISD and other area families. The Storehouse Cup will be awarded to the campus with the largest school team participation. For more information, go to <http://www.communitystorehouse.org/rid/>.

NISD Offers Gold Card Program

To show appreciation for years of support, Northwest ISD provides senior citizens living in the district the opportunity to be part of the district's Gold Card program. In addition to a free annual luncheon, Gold Card members receive free entry into district-sponsored events, performances, and athletic competitions. For a limited time, Gold Card members will also receive a one-year free membership to the NISD Alumni Association.

If you are 65 years of age or older, become a member of the NISD Gold Card program today. To join and reserve your seat at the luncheon on September 20, please call 817-215-0175.

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