



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, September 19 – October 22

NASCAR Driver Jimmie Johnson Leads BNHS Pep Rally

Five time Sprint Cup Champion Jimmie Johnson led the Byron Nelson High School (BNHS) pep rally September 14 and provided the opportunity for 1,000 BNHS students to receive tickets to the upcoming AAA Chase for the Cup Race on November 6 at Texas Motor Speedway. Along with tickets, each student will have the opportunity to dine at the Speedway Club and receive a headset to listen to the teams on the radio during the race.

Performances at the pep rally included the BNHS cheerleaders, Dazzlers drill team and marching band. NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson gave students an important message on goal setting, team-work and what it takes to be a champion in life.

Texas Motor Speedway was recognized earlier this month at an NISD School Board meeting as an official Northwest ISD Partner in Education.

PHOTO CAPTION[JimmieJohnson.jpg]: Texas Motor Speedway President Eddie Gossage, BNHS Principal Linda Parker and NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson provided an opportunity for 1,000 BNHS students to receive tickets to the AAA Chase for the Sprint Cup on November 6 at Texas Motor Speedway.

PHOTO CAPTION[LindaRace.jpg]: Byron Nelson High School Principal Linda Parker races across the gymnasium in the chair race competition held at the Byron Nelson High School pep rally led by NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson.

Schluter Elementary Parents Return from Iraq, Surprise Child at School

Carl E. Schluter Elementary first-grade student Ariana Lara received a surprise visit at school from her parents Master Sargent Thomas Hawarden and Staff Sargent Diana Hawarden on September 14. The Hawardens are members of the Texas National Guard and have been stationed in Iraq for nine months. Prior to this surprise visit, Thomas and Diana had not seen their daughter since June 2010.

PHOTO CAPTION[visit.jpg]: Carl E. Schluter Elementary School first-grader Ariana Lara received a surprise visit at school from her parents, Thomas and Diana Hawarden, who have been stationed in Iraq for nine months. Pictured left to right is Schluter Elementary first-grade teacher Tracy Allen, Staff Sargent Diana Hawarden, Master Sargent Thomas Hawarden and in front first-grader Ariana Lara.

Steele Accelerated High School Hosts Workday Wednesday

Wells Fargo Dealer Services in Las Colinas hosted Workday Wednesday at James M. Steele Accelerated High School giving students a chance to prepare for their future careers. After a presentation on attire, resumes and basic interviewing skills, students were broken up into three sessions where they were able to go through a series of mock interviews with business representatives.

PHOTO CAPTION[workday.jpg]: James M. Steele Accelerated High School students (from left to right) Daniel Cuellar, Mary Elizabeth Cline-Ford and Corey Arnold participate in a mock interview on Workday Wednesday to better prepare them for their futures.

NISD Education Foundation Annual Drive Kicks Off

The Northwest ISD Education Foundation (NEF) invites the community to join in efforts to provide the best education for NISD students and prepare them for their futures through the Annual Fund Drive. These dollars are the main source of

funding for NISD teacher grants awarded by NEF. Your tax-deductible gift will help NEF give back to NISD teachers. To make a donation or request information, please contact NEF Executive Director Kim Schultz at 817-215-0174 or kschultz@nisdtx.org.

NHS Student Earns Spot in Prestigious Medical Program

Northwest High School senior Laura Mahler was one of 35 students from the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex selected to participate in the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center's Science Teacher Access to Resources at Southwestern (STARS) program. The eight-week paid internship provided Mahler the opportunity to work alongside some of the top medical researchers in the nation.

NISD eGrades – Progress Reports and Report Cards Now Online

This year, Northwest ISD will provide parents or guardians with electronic report cards and progress reports. Report cards and progress reports will be emailed using the district's Home Access Center. For more information, go to <http://maillist.nisdtx.org/t/205561/228925/191/0/>. For parents or guardians who wish to receive printed report cards and progress reports, please contact your child's campus.

Board of Trustee Meeting

The next School Board meeting will be held Monday, September 26 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

First Annual Learning Fair Held in Dallas for Hispanic Families

The first annual Dallas/Fort Worth Feria Para Aprender will be held Saturday, October 1 from 12 – 4 p.m. at Dallas Market Hall (2200 North Stemmons Freeway, Dallas). The fair will offer free books, educational exhibits and steps to guide students from preschool to college. For more information, go to www.TheLearningFair.com.

NISD Early Release Schedule for October 7, Student Holiday October 10

Friday, October 7 is a scheduled early dismissal for Northwest ISD students:

Elementary Schools – 12:15 p.m.

Middle Schools – 2 p.m.

High Schools – 1:15 p.m.

Monday, October 10 is a student holiday. Classes will resume Tuesday, October 11.

NISD Hosts Second Annual Family Star Watching Party

Northwest ISD students and families are invited to the second annual Family Star Watching Party Saturday, October 8 from 6-9 p.m. at the district's Outdoor Learning Center (7773 Mulkey Lane, Northlake, 76247). Representatives from the Fort Worth Astronomical Society will be on site with telescopes to guide students and families while viewing constellations. Families may bring lawn chairs, flashlights and telescopes from home. For more information, go to www.nisdtx.org.

Blue Bell Treats Granger Elementary to Free Ice Cream, Celebrates Region XI Elementary Teacher of the Year

On Wednesday, October 12 at 1:15 p.m., a Blue Bell ice cream truck will arrive at Kay Granger Elementary School (12771 Saratoga Springs Circle, Keller, 76244) and treat the entire campus to free ice cream in honor of Region XI Elementary Teacher of the Year Christina Buce. Buce is a second-grade teacher at Kay Granger Elementary School and was recognized with the honor of Region XI Elementary Teacher of the Year in August. In addition, Blue Bell will present Buce with a cooler of her favorite Blue Bell flavor and a congratulatory letter from Blue Bell Creameries, L.P. President Paul Kruse.

BNHS Dazzlers Host Dance Clinic

The Byron Nelson High School Dazzlers drill team is hosting a dance clinic on Saturday, October 15. For more information and to register, go to www.bobcatdazzlers.com.

NISD to Host Musical Group Barrage at Northwest High School

Northwest High School will host a performance from the high-octane string group Barrage on Tuesday, October 18 at 7 p.m. (2301 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). Middle and high school students will have the opportunity to perform alongside Barrage at the concert. Tickets for the show are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students/seniors. Contact the NISD Fine Arts Office at 817-215-0159 for more information.

NHS Sidekicks Host Dance/Kick Clinic

The Northwest High School Sidekicks is hosting a dance clinic on Saturday, October 22. For more information about registration, email Heather Allen at hallen@nisdtx.org.

Vendors Needed for BNHS Dazzlers Holiday Kickoff Bazaar

The Byron Nelson High School Dazzlers are looking for vendors for the 3rd Annual Bobcat Dazzlers Holiday Kickoff Bazaar on November 12. For more information, go to www.bobcatdazzlers.com.

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