



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, October 17 – November 12

Blue Bell Treats Granger Elementary Students and Staff to Free Ice Cream

On October 12, students and staff at Kay Granger Elementary School received free ice cream from Blue Bell 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 and NISD Elementary Teacher of the Year at the Inspire Celebration last spring. To celebrate this achievement, Buce was also presented with a cooler of her favorite Blue Bell flavor.

PHOTO CAPTION [bluebellfinal.jpg]: Kay Granger Elementary School teacher Christina Buce enjoys an ice cream treat from Blue Bell with her second-grade class in honor of being named Region XI Elementary Teacher of the Year.

Official Dedication of Carl E. Schluter Elementary School

Northwest ISD celebrated the official dedication of Carl E. Schluter Elementary School on October 13. The ceremony included performances from the Schluter Elementary choir, a gift presentation to the Schluter family from Schluter Elementary Principal Kim Caley and faculty, and stories and memories shared from Carl E. Schluter's daughter Gretchen Brown.

The school's namesake, Carl E. Schluter, was a 1943 graduate of Rhome High School. Schluter served on the NISD Board of Trustees and taught at Northwest High School. Schluter Elementary opened in August in the Parks at Willow Ridge development to relieve student enrollment growth at Nance and Peterson elementary schools.

PHOTO CAPTION [schluterfamilyfinal.jpg]: Members of the Schluter family pose with a portrait of Carl E. Schluter that will be displayed in the school and a gift from the Schluter Elementary faculty at the official dedication of Carl E. Elementary School on October 13.

NISD Alumni to Hold Open House and Recognize Distinguished Alumni and Educators

The Northwest ISD Alumni Association will host an Open House at Northwest ISD Stadium (1937 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247) on Friday, October 28, beginning with the 2nd quarter through the 3rd quarter of the Northwest High School Homecoming game.

This year, the association will honor Mark Followill, a 1989 graduate of Northwest High School, as a recipient of the Distinguished Alumni award. Followill has maintained a career in broadcasting, and is currently the announcer for the Dallas Mavericks. Two former NISD educators, Mays Fuqua and Barbara Brammer, will receive the Distinguished Educator award for their role in making a difference in the lives of students at Northwest ISD. Mays Fuqua was one of the first teachers to be employed by the district following its consolidation 1949, and she retired from Northwest after 33 years in education. Barbara Brammer primarily taught mathematics to middle school and high school students for 28 years at Northwest. She joined NISD in 1957 and left in 1962, returning in 1970 and retired in 1993.

For more information about the NISD Alumni Association, go to www.nisdtx.org.

Love Elementary and TMS Make Turn 1 in Reading in 'Speeding to Read' Competition

Clara Love Elementary students have reached "Turn 1" in the Clara Love Elementary and Texas Motor Speedway (TMS) year-long "Speeding to Read" challenge. "Speeding to Read" is an incentive-based reading program created by TMS to encourage and promote reading. The student body has split into two divisions – kindergarten through second-grade and

third through fifth-grade. Classrooms within the two divisions will compete against each other to see who can read the most books and earn the title of “Speeding to Read” champions.

After “Turn 1,” Kari Abrams’ first-grade class leads the kindergarten through second-grade division with 1,407 books read and Heather Baker’s fifth-grade class leads the third through fifth-grade division with 176 chapter books. The amount of books read by the entire campus in the first six weeks totals more than 14,000.

The “Speeding to Read” champions will be announced this spring and will receive four frontstretch grandstand tickets to the April Samsung Mobile 500 Sprint cup Series race at Texas Motor Speedway.

PHOTO CAPTION [Turn 1_Abrams class.jpg]: Clara Love Elementary School first-grade teacher Kari Abrams is pictured with her class after they received their “Turn 1” award for leading the Texas Motor Speedway “Speeding to Read” challenge this first six weeks. Abrams’ class has read 1,407 books.

PHOTO CAPTION [Turn 1_Bakers class.jpg]: Clara Love Elementary School fifth-grade teacher Heather Baker poses with her class after winning the “Turn 1” challenge for leading the Texas Motor Speedway “Speeding to Read” competition. In the first six weeks, Baker’s class has read 176 chapter books.

Justin Elementary Students Jump to Break a Guinness World Record

Justin Elementary students participated in a nation-wide jumping jack record. Students across the nation teamed up to help *National Geographic Kids* break a Guinness World Record for the most people doing jumping jacks. Each class participated in one minute of jumping jacks during physical education classes on October 12. Justin Elementary fifth-grade students averaged 70 jumping jacks in one minute, and the entire campus totaled around 460 jumping jacks. The data was sent to Washington D.C. to help break the nation-wide jumping jack record.

PHOTO CAPTION [JUMP.jpg]: Fifth-grade students Caleb Hendricks (front) and Nathan Cancienne and Austin Chaney (back, left to right) participate in a National Geographic Kids Guinness World Record for the most people doing jumping jacks. Justin Elementary students performed jumping jacks for one minute during physical education classes on October 12.

NHS Theater Director and Teacher Cast to Perform in Local Community Production

The Northwest High School theater department and Tarrant County College Northwest will collaborate in a local community production of Thornton Wilder’s *Our Town*. Northwest High School theater director Nick Kougias has been cast as the lead role of the *Stage Manager*. Two Northwest High School students will have the opportunity to be cast in the lead roles of Emily and George, with additional NHS students being cast as extras as well as working alongside production crews. Schedule and ticket information will be available soon. The production will be in December.

NISD Seeks Feedback on School Calendar Options

Northwest ISD requests your input on the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school calendar options. Go to <http://www.nisdtx.org/Page/32243> to share your feedback on the calendar options.

The survey will be available through October 31, and your input will be presented to the NISD District Education Improvement Council in November. The NISD Board of Trustees will vote on the final school calendars in December.

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.

Walking for Strides

Please join the American Cancer Society and Northwest ISD at 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 22 in “Walking for Strides” at the Ranger Ballpark in Arlington. The Gene Pike Middle School team, Panthers with a Purpose, will be raising money to support the American Cancer foundation. Durham Transportation will provide transportation for walkers from Pike Middle School to Arlington. You must register online in order to ride on the Northwest ISD “Walking for Strides” bus. For more information about the walk, please visit

http://makingstrides.acevents.org/site/TR?sid=55931&type=fr_informational&pg=informational&fr_id=36178.

Board of Trustee Meeting

The next School Board meeting will be held Monday, October 24 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

NISD FFA Parent and Alumni Association Meeting

Northwest ISD FFA Parent and Alumni Association will host a monthly meeting at Byron Nelson High School (2775 Bobcat Boulevard, Trophy Club, 76262) on Tuesday, October 25 at 7 p.m. Some of the discussion items will include livestock and horticulture projects, building projects for the Nance Premium Show, and the Fort Worth and Houston Live Stock Show.

BNHS to Host Spooky Sprint 1-Mile Fun Run and 5K Race

Byron Nelson High School Parent Teacher Student Association is hosting a Spooky Sprint 1-mile Fun Run and 5K Race on Saturday, October 29 at 8 a.m. at Byron Nelson High School (2775 Bobcat Boulevard, Trophy Club, 76262). For more information and to register, go to <http://www.bnhsptsa.com/>.

NEF Hosts Annual Golf Tournament

The Northwest ISD Education Foundation (NEF) is hosting the 16th Annual Golf Classic on Wednesday, November 2 at the Marriot Hotel and Golf Club at Champions Circle in Fort Worth. All proceeds will support the NEF Encouraging Excellence Scholarship for Northwest ISD seniors. To register, go to www.nisdtx.org/nef.

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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