



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, October 24 – November 25

NISD School Board Vice President Participates in Leadership Program

NISD School Board Vice President Mel Fuller was selected to participate in a yearlong education leadership study program by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB). Fuller joined 36 other school board members from across Texas at the kickoff session of the Leadership TASB class of 2012 September 30-October 2. This program is represented by trustees in school districts of all sizes, reflecting a similar range of property wealth. Participants who complete all required elements of the program will graduate next year earning Master Trustee status, the highest designation recognized by TASB. As a presenter at the next Leadership TASB meeting in Dallas, November 11 and 12, Fuller will share accolades about Northwest ISD with other elected officials from across the state.

PHOTO CAPTION [Fuller_Mel.JPG]: NISD School Board Vice President Mel Fuller was selected to participate in a yearlong education leadership study program by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB).

Six BNHS Athletes Named All-American Scholar-Athletes

Byron Nelson High School announces six softball players have been named by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) All-American Scholar-Athletes from the 2011 season. Seniors Kirstin Edgar, Sierrah Martinez and Ashley Poling, junior Emily Wood and sophomores Haley Gray and Ashley Silva were six out of more than 1,100 total high school awards nationwide.

BNHS Coach to be Inducted in TAAF Hall of Fame

Byron Nelson High School swimming and diving coach Steve Melbourn will be inducted into the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF) Hall of Fame. BNHS recognized Coach Melbourn at a pep rally on October 21. The TAAF Hall of Fame was created to honor men and women who have played a significant role in growth and development of the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation.

PHOTO CAPTION [melbourn.jpg]: Byron Nelson High School (BNHS) swimming and diving coach Steve Melbourn was recognized by BNHS Principal Linda Parker at the October 21 pep rally for his induction into the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF) Hall of Fame.

Congressman Burgess Speaks to BNHS Speech and Debate Team

Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D., spoke to the Byron Nelson High School (BNHS) speech and debate team on October 17. In the question and answer session, Congressman Burgess shared information about his career and offered tips and strategies on public speaking. This year, the BNHS speech and debate team is ranked in the top 10 percent of programs by the National Forensics League.

PHOTO CAPTION [Burgess.JPG]: Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D., spoke to students on the nationally recognized Byron Nelson High School speech and debate team October 17.

NISD Launches New Online Newsroom

The Northwest ISD communications office has launched a new online newsroom feature to the district's website. Go to <http://www.nisdtx.org/newsroom>, or click on the 'newsroom' Quick Link from the district's home page; to view news releases, e-newsletters, Northwest Educational Television (The NET), NISD photo gallery, Points of Pride, publications, social media sites and more.

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 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.

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 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 Theatre Presents *Over the River and through the Woods*

The Byron Nelson High School (BNHS) theatre department will present *Over the River and through the Woods* Thursday, October 27 – Saturday, October 29 at 7 p.m., Sunday, October 30 at 2 p.m., and Monday, October 31 – Tuesday, November 1 at 7 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre at Byron Nelson High School (2775 Bobcat Boulevard, Trophy Club, 76262). Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. For reservations, call the box office at 817-698-5680 or email wbramlett@nisdtx.org. Reservations are recommended.

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, sponsor a team or to donate a raffle item, go to www.nisdtx.org/nef or call 817-215-0174.

Official Dedication for J.C. Thompson Elementary School

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees, school administrators and the J.C. Thompson Elementary staff invite the community to celebrate the official dedication of J.C. Thompson Elementary School on Thursday, November 3 at 7 p.m. (440 Wishbone Lane, Fort Worth, 76052).

The school's namesake, J.C. Thompson, was a former NISD school board member and the original land owner of the Sendera Ranch area. Thompson Elementary opened in August in the Sendera Ranch neighborhood to relieve student enrollment growth at Sendera Ranch Elementary School.

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.

NISD Closed for Thanksgiving

Northwest ISD offices and campuses will be closed the week of November 21 – 25 for Thanksgiving break. Classes will resume Monday, November 28.

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