



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, January 2 – January 22

District Celebrates NISD School Board

January is School Board Recognition month, and NISD would like to say ‘thank you’ to its seven-member Board of Trustees. Each school board member is committed to the district’s vision and beliefs, putting kids first in every decision. As a Texas Honor School Board, the NISD Board of Trustees has risen to new heights, dedicating countless hours to serving and leading the school district and providing a place where students can thrive and be prepared for their futures.

PHOTO CAPTION [boardmembers2012_cropped]: Northwest ISD appreciates the leadership and direction from its seven-member Board of Trustees. Pictured left to right: Daryl Laney, D.C., Kerry Jones, Judy Copp, Secretary Mark Schluter, Devonna Holland, President Mel Fuller and Vice President Josh Wright.

NISD Launches SMS Text Messaging Service

This month, Northwest ISD will add text messaging notifications as another communication tool to parents and staff. The district will send a one-time message on January 23 to cell phone numbers in the student information database in order to invite Northwest ISD parents and staff that have not completed the opt-in process. To opt out of the service, parents should not respond to the text. To update information in the student information database, parents should contact your child’s campus. For more information, go to www.SchoolMessenger.com/tm.

NISD Seeks Feedback on Names for New Schools

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees and administration invites the community to submit nominations for naming elementary school 17 and comprehensive high school 3. An online form will be available at www.nisdtx.org/schoolnames from January 7 to February 7. After the naming committee reviews the recommendations, the NISD Board of Trustees will vote on the names at the March 18 school board meeting.

Online Parent Survey Available in January

All parents are encouraged to provide valuable feedback by completing the Northwest ISD 2012-2013 Parent Survey. Surveys will be sent to parent email addresses in January, or a hard copy may be requested. For more information, call 817-215-0171.

NISD Offers Adult Fitness Course

Northwest ISD is providing a way to get in shape this New Year with the second annual Adult Fitness Course. The eight week class is available January 7 through February 28 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6 – 7 p.m. at the Northwest High School Activity Center. The course offers individual fitness assessments, personalized nutritional evaluations and strength and cardio circuit training.

NISD to Host First Annual Health Fair

In partnership with Texas Health Resources Alliance, Northwest ISD will hold the first annual Health Fair at the new Texas Health Resources Alliance Hospital (10864 Texas Health Trail, Fort Worth, 76244) on Saturday, January 12 from 2 – 5 p.m. The hospital will offer free screenings ranging from BMI, blood pressure, bone density and car seat safety. Students from the district's Academy of Medical Professions will provide tours of the new facility. Student performances include the NISD Elementary School Honor Choir, Medlin Middle School Orchestra Quartet, Square Dancing Club, O.A. Peterson Elementary School Choir, Northwest High School cheerleaders and the Northwest High School dance ensemble.

NISD Early Release Days

Northwest ISD campuses will dismiss early on Thursday, January 17 and Friday, January 18 at the following times:

Elementary Schools: 12:15 p.m.
Steele AHS and Special Programs Center: 1:05 p.m.
BNHS and NHS: 1:15 p.m.
Middle Schools: 2 p.m.

NISD Closed January 21

Northwest ISD offices and campuses will be closed Monday, January 21 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Classes will resume Tuesday, January 22.

Cosmetology Salon to Debut in August

Construction is underway at the Cosmetology Academy salon located at James M. Steele Accelerated High School in Roanoke. The 7,953 square-foot facility features classrooms, styling stations and esthetician treatment accommodations. The student-operated business will offer services for hair, nails and skincare. The salon opens in August 2013, providing a year of state-mandated training for cosmetology students prior to opening for business in 2014.

PHOTO CAPTION [rendering.jpg]: The artist rendering shows a glimpse of the student-operated salon at James M. Steele Accelerated High School. The salon will open in August 2013 for a year of training for cosmetology students and will open to the public for business in 2014.

BNHS Educator Named 'Coach of the Year'

Philip Salyer, Byron Nelson High School girls' soccer coach, has been named the 2012 Southwest Women's Coach of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA). Last spring, the Bobcat girls' soccer team was named the 2012 Class 4A State Runner-Up.

BNHS Cheerleaders Receive National Spirit Award

The Byron Nelson High School cheerleaders have been selected for "Outstanding Achievement" for the 2012 American School Spirit Award by the Universal Cheer Association (UCA) and Universal Dance Association (UDA). The American School Spirit Award recognizes teams from over 30 states that demonstrate community service, outstanding athletic support, spirit-raising activities and high academic standards. Squads must submit an application including a letter of recommendation, community service projects, a list of academic awards and honors as well as their most successful spirit-raising activities. The Bobcat cheerleading squad will be presented a plaque in January.

BNHS Blood Drive Saves 675+ Lives

On December 11, the Byron Nelson High School student council teamed up with Carter Blood Care to host a blood drive. Students, staff and community members donated 226 units of blood which will be used to save more than 675 lives.

BNHS Debate Team Wins Tournament

The Byron Nelson High School debate team was the overall winner of the Melvin B. Tolson/Denzel Washington Great Debater Forensics Tournament in December. Students across 14 cities from Texas and Louisiana submitted more than 184 entries, and more than 128 students competed in the tournament. The BNHS debate team is nationally recognized by the National Forensics League (NFL) in the top 10 percent of debate programs in the nation.

Thompson Elementary School Students Hold Book Drive for Local Hospital

J.C. Thompson Elementary School students held a book drive as part of a campus-wide philanthropic project. Students collected boxes of books and distributed approximately 3,500 books to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's Fort Worth Chapter. The books were delivered to the new Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Alliance and will be given to children visiting the emergency department. Thompson Elementary School students were inspired to take part in this particular project in honor of a current student who has been diagnosed with cystic fibrosis.

PHOTO CAPTION [bookdrive.jpg]: Thompson Elementary School students and teachers collected approximately 3,500 books during a campus-wide book drive and presented their donations to members of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's Fort Worth Chapter.

Medlin Middle School Students Collect 100+ Clothing Items for Families

Medlin Middle School students in the Social, Occupational and Academic Readiness (SOAR) class collected more than 100 new mittens, gloves, hats and scarves to donate to local families in need during the holiday season. The idea stemmed from the book, The Mitten Tree, written by Candace Christiansen.

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