



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, January 9 – March 1

NHS Teacher Named KLTU Teacher of the Month

Northwest High School teacher Gwen Hilliard has been named the KLTU and CareNow Teacher of the Month. KLTU Morning Show Host Frank Reed and CareNow representatives presented Hilliard with a plaque and gift certificates in her classroom on January 7. Hilliard was nominated by approximately 15 students for this honor. This is the second KLTU Teacher of the Month awarded this school year to an educator in Northwest ISD. Prairie View Elementary School's Samera Doroodchi was named the KLTU Teacher of the Month for September.

PHOTO CAPTION [klyt_nhs]: Northwest High School teacher Gwen Hilliard has been named the KLTU and CareNow Teacher of the Month. Hilliard is pictured with KLTU Morning Show Host Frank Reed (positioned in the back) and family members.

Roanoke Elementary Librarian Named State Finalist

Kelley Valdez, Roanoke Elementary School's media library specialist, is one of three finalists for the title of Texas Computer Education Association (TCEA) Library Media Specialist of the Year. The winner will be announced at the TCEA award ceremony in February.

PHOTO CAPTION [Kelley.jpg]: Roanoke Elementary School Media Library Specialist Kelley Valdez has been selected as one of three finalists for the Texas Computer Education Association (TCEA) Library Media Specialist of the Year.

Elementary School Choir Selected to Perform in Austin

Roanoke Elementary School's Loud and Proud Choir has been invited for the second time to perform at the annual Arts Education Days at the Capital. The choir performed at this venue in March 2011. The music group is made up of 155 third through fifth-grade students and is directed by Kayla Gentry and Erin Pitts.

NISD Requests Nominations to Name 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 is available at www.nisdtx.org/schoolnames through 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.

NISD to Host IMPACT Parent Meeting

Northwest ISD will host an IMPACT meeting for parents on Thursday, January 10 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the NISD Board Room at the Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76247). This meeting will share information about utilizing behavioral strategies and visual schedules.

NISD to Host First Annual Health Fair

In partnership with Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Alliance, Northwest ISD will hold the first annual Health Fair at the new Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Alliance (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 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 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.

BNHS Dazzlers to Host Dance Clinic

The Byron Nelson High School Dazzlers present the Pretty Princess Dance Clinic and Parents' Night Out on Friday, January 25 from 5 to 10 p.m. at Byron Nelson High School (2775 Bobcat Boulevard, Trophy Club, 76262). The clinic is open for kindergarten through eighth-grade students. Participants will perform during halftime at the BNHS basketball game on January 29.

Online Parent Survey Available in February

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 February 4 - 15, or a hard copy may be requested. For more information, call 817-215-0171. Computers are available for use at your child's campus.

Volunteers Needed for NISD's Annual Northwest Reads

The Northwest ISD Partners in Education program is seeking volunteers for the fifth annual Northwest Reads on Friday, March 1 from 9 to 10 a.m. Participants will read their favorite children's book to kindergarten through fifth-grade students. For more information, call 817-215-0172.

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