



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, January 16 – March 1

BNHS Senior Wins Top Choir Honors

Byron Nelson High School senior Cora Winstead earned first chair Alto 1 at the Texas All-State Choir auditions in Abilene on January 12. Along with winning the top ranked seat, she earned a place in the 2013 Texas All-State Choir. This is the highest honor a Texas high school musician can receive. Winstead will perform with the Texas All-State Mixed Choir at the Texas Music Educators Conference in San Antonio in February.

PHOTO CAPTION [cora_winstead]: Byron Nelson High School senior Cora Winstead received first chair Alto 1 at the Texas All-State Choir auditions, earning a spot in the Texas All-State Mixed Choir.

NHSTV Wins National Broadcast Competition

The NISD Academy for Media Arts and Technology NHSTV students received first place in the national VBrick Student Video Contest. The contest attracted submissions from elementary to high school students across the nation and showcases the creative ways schools are using video to change the learning experience. NHSTV won first place in the category “Best Morning Announcement, Grades 9-12.” The television show is broadcast five days a week to students. To watch episodes of NHSTV, go to www.nhstvonline.com.

PHOTO CAPTION [nhstv]: The NISD Academy for Media Arts and Technology NHSTV students received first place for “Best Morning Announcement, Grades 9-12” in the national VBrick Student Video Contest. The winning newscast was anchored by Sydney Burns and Kerry Gleason.

Medlin Middle School Receives \$2,000 for School Supplies

Medlin Middle School is one of three schools in the nation to receive a \$2,000 check to be used for school supplies. Representatives from Educational Products, Inc. presented a check to the campus and Parent Teacher Association (PTA) on January 14.

PHOTO CAPTION [medlin_check]: A representative from Educational Products, Inc. presented Medlin Middle School PTA President Rebecca Freed and Medlin Middle School Principal Eric Drewery a \$2,000 check designated for school supplies.

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 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.

NHS Theatre Presents *The Sound of Music*

The Northwest High School theatre department presents *The Sound of Music* on January 24-26 at 7 p.m. and January 27 at 2 p.m. Performances will be at the Vernon Soloman Performing Arts Center (2201 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students and complementary for NISD staff. Reserve your tickets by calling 817-215-0268.

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.

Hatfield Elementary to Host Hatfield Techno Expo

Hatfield Elementary School will host Hatfield Techno Expo on Tuesday, January 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Hatfield Elementary School (5051 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). Hatfield Elementary students will demonstrate their use of technology to staff, parents and community members.

STEM Hosts Fourth Annual Community Reveal

The Academy of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics students will host the fourth annual Community Reveal on Thursday, January 31 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Student Union at Northwest High School (2301 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). Freshman students will present their School of the Future designs and models.

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.

NISD Students Showcase Technology Trends at Expo

Northwest ISD community members are invited to attend the third annual NISD Techno Expo at Byron Nelson High School (2775 Bobcat Boulevard, Trophy Club, 76262) on Thursday, February 28 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Selected students will present and demonstrate their use of technology in the classroom during a series of more than 300 breakout sessions. Dinner will be served by students in the district's Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality from 5 to 7 p.m., and musical performances will be provided by NISD fine arts students. From animation and digital video to multimedia and website design, student presentations are scheduled from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Door prizes will be given away at the conclusion of the event.

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. Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/NorthwestReads> by February 22. For more information, call 817-215-0172.

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