



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, January 23 – March 1

NISD Launched Text Messaging as New Communication Tool for Parents and Staff

On January 23, Northwest ISD launched text messaging as a new communication tool for staff and parents. The district plans to use the SMS messaging for emergency notifications, district-wide events and inclement weather closings. For more information, go to www.SchoolMessenger.com/tm.

Peterson Elementary School Named a State School of Character

The Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA) has selected O.A. Peterson Elementary School as a 2013 Texas School of Character. This honor recognizes elementary and middle schools demonstrating outstanding character education, reflecting positive results in classroom behavior and high achieving academics. Peterson Elementary School will be recognized at an awards ceremony at the TEPSA District 11 meeting on February 27. The campus is now eligible for consideration in the National Schools of Character program. The Character Education Partnership (CEP) will select the finalists in February.

Clara Love Elementary Robotics Team Lands a Spot in Top 10

In its first year to compete, the Clara Love Elementary School High Tech Lil' Texans earned 10th place overall and eighth place in Region XI at the TCEA Regional Robotics Competition on January 12. The team is comprised of two fifth grade students and two fourth grade students who competed against 50 teams made up of fourth through eighth-grade students from Region X and Region XI. Students were required to program a Lego Mindstorms Robot to score as many points as possible on the game board. After three rounds, the team finished with a score of 165. This is the second year Clara Love Elementary School has offered a robotics club for students. The team is coached by librarian Brigid Kosek and third grade teacher Christopher Sayen.

PHOTO CAPTION [2012_2013_Team]: The Clara Love Elementary School High Tech Lil' Texans is pictured at their first team robotic competition where they earned 10th place out of 50 teams. Pictured in the front is fourth grader Emma Schwartz; in the middle, fifth grader Santos Lara and fourth grader Madison Luckey; and in back, fifth grader Devin Luckey.

NISD High Schools to Host STAAR/EOC Parent Meetings

Did you know that a child's score on the STAAR End-of-Course exam could determine their graduation plan and whether or not they are eligible for a four-year university? To learn more about this critical test and the impact on your student's graduation, NISD will host the following parent meetings:

Thursday, January 24

Byron Nelson High School Performing Arts Center
2775 Bobcat Boulevard, Trophy Club, 76262
6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 31

Northwest High School Performing Arts Center
2201 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247
6:30 p.m.

Each meeting will share information regarding graduation requirements for students in eighth through tenth grades.

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.

The Northwest High School theatre department will participate in the second annual Dallas Summer Musical High School Musical Theatre Contest. Judges will watch the matinee performance of *The Sound of Music* on January 27 and will evaluate the students on concept and execution. To watch one of the NHS theatre department's video clips submitted to the Dallas Summer Musicals, click [here](#). The video was produced by students enrolled in the Northwest ISD Academy of Media Arts and Technology and NHSTV.

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. For more information, go to www.bobcatdazzlers.com.

NHS Sidekicks Invite Participants to Annual Dance Clinic

The Northwest High School Sidekicks drill team will host the annual dance clinic on Saturday, January 26 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Northwest High School (2301 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). Participants will perform during halftime at the NHS boys' varsity basketball game on Friday, February 1 at 8 p.m. The clinic is open for anyone ages three and up. For more information, go to <http://www.nisdtx.org/Domain/228>.

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.

BNHS Theatre Presents *Singin' in the Rain*

The Byron Nelson High School theatre department presents *Singin' in the Rain* on January 31 through February 2 at 7 p.m. and February 3 at 2 p.m. at the Byron Nelson Performing Arts Center (2775 Bobcat Boulevard, Trophy Club, 76262). Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students. For reservations, call 817-698-5796.

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 choose from a variety of books to read to pre-kindergarten through fifth-grade students at one of the school district’s 16 elementary schools. Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/NorthwestReads> by February 22. For more information, call 817-215-0172.

BNHS Technology Student Association Creates Custom Designs

The Byron Nelson High School Technology Student Association is designing custom note pads. Orders can be made through March 1. Examples of different layouts are available in the online photo gallery at <http://www.nisdtx.org/Page/40985>. For more information, contact Jeff Taylor at jtaylor01@nisdtx.org.

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