



## School Notes

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### NISD School Notes, February 26 – March 18

#### **NISD Board of Trustees Approves Attendance Boundaries for Elementary 17**

The attendance boundaries for Elementary School 17 were approved at the February 25 school board meeting. Elementary School 17, which will open in August 2013 in Roanoke, will serve students living in the following neighborhoods: Chadwick Farms, Seventeen Lakes, Fairway Ranch and Bluffview. The attendance boundary was based on a recommendation by a committee of parents, administrators and staff. The NISD Board of Trustees will vote to name the newest elementary school at the March 18 meeting.

#### **NISD PTA Participates in Rally at the Capitol**

NISD Partners in Education Specialist and members of the NISD Parent Teacher Association (PTA) traveled to Austin on February 21 for Rally Day at the Capitol. With the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Session underway, Texas PTA encouraged all members across the state to attend the rally in support of public education and children in Texas.

PHOTO CAPTION [hancock]: NISD Partners in Education Specialist Phil Beckman, along with members of the NISD PTA Francisca Ramoni, Jade House and Kellie Siekierski, are pictured with State Senator Kelly Hancock at Rally Day at the Capitol on February 21.

#### **BNHS Cheerleaders are National Champions**

On February 23, the Byron Nelson High School competition cheer squad traveled to Kentucky to compete in the National Cheerleading Associations (NCA) Open Nationals. The team won their division and received a National Championship trophy and jackets for each team member. The squad also received a specialty award for best stunts. This is the first year for the Byron Nelson High School group to compete. The team is coached by Sarah Chambers, Marcela Southerland and Kimberly Tolbert.

PHOTO CAPTION [cheerchamps.jpg]: In their first year to compete, the BNHS Competition Cheer squad brought home a national championship title at the NCA Open Nationals in Kentucky February 23.

#### **BNHS Boys' Basketball Wins Area**

Congratulations to the Byron Nelson High School boys' basketball team for their area playoff victory over Waco University. The team will advance to the regional quarterfinals against Ft. Worth Dunbar on Tuesday, February 26 at 7 p.m. at Thomas Coliseum (6108 Broadway Avenue, Haltom City, 76117). Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

#### **NISD Elementary Librarian Named State Finalist**

Roanoke Elementary School Media Specialist Kelley Valdez was named a finalist for the 2012-2013 Texas Computer Education Association (TCEA) Educator Awards in the Library Media Specialist of the Year category. Valdez was honored at a special reception and program at the TCEA Convention and Exposition in Austin. She received a plaque and \$500.

PHOTO CAPTION [Kelley.jpg]: Kelley Valdez, Roanoke Elementary School Media Specialist was named one of three finalists for the TCEA Library Media Specialist of the Year.

**AMP Students Qualify for HOSA State Tournament**

Byron Nelson High School students from the Academy of Medical Professions will send three students to the HOSA – Future Health Professionals State Tournament in April. Junior Lyndee Crawford, junior Ashley Humphries and senior Vincent Nguyen competed in the regional competition in Mansfield on February 15 and 16. Crawford received first place in medical photography. Humphries took second place in clinical specialty. Nguyen received second place in pharmacology.

**NISD Speech and Debate Students Achieve High Honors**

Northwest High School National Merit Finalist Damon King competed in the Rotary Club speech tournament where he won the four-way test. This achievement advances King to the regional competition in March. King just returned from Harvard University where he made it to the Octo-finals at a national speech tournament in duo interpretation with his partner senior Devin Harding.

Byron Nelson High School senior Ian Sanchez is the University of California Berkeley Tournament Champion in the category of dramatic interpretation. Sanchez received the top score out of 176 total entries across the nation. Sanchez is currently ranked fourth in the nation for dramatic interpretation.

PHOTO CAPTION [ian.jpg]: Byron Nelson High School senior Ian Sanchez competed against more than 170 entries across the nation and won for his dramatic interpretation at the University of California Berkeley Tournament.

PHOTO CAPTION [DamonKing]: Northwest High School senior Damon King is the Rotary four-way test speech winner at the Rotary club speech and will advance to regionals in March. King also represents Northwest ISD as a National Merit Finalist.

**CTMS and TMS Students Compete in TASB Video Contest**

Chisholm Trail Middle School and Tidwell Middle School are eligible for a \$5,000 prize in the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) “Texas Public Schools Rock!” student video contest. The winners will be selected based on the videos most viewed by visitors to TASB’s Web Site during that week. The contest was open to all elementary and secondary schools in Texas. Chisholm Trail Middle School’s video can be viewed at <http://vimeo.com/59101647> and the Tidwell Middle School video can be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/59156329>. Voting is available March 4 through March 8. To vote, please watch the entire video. Full views will be counted to determine the winner.

**NISD Students Showcase Technology Trends at Expo**

Northwest ISD parents and 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 400 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. Follow the discussion on Twitter at #nisdexpo2013.

**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](mailto:jtaylor01@nisdtx.org).

**Pre-Qualification Underway for 4-year-olds Eligible for Prekindergarten**

Northwest ISD offers prekindergarten (PreK) classes for qualifying four-year-olds and it's now time to begin the pre-qualification process. To adequately plan for the 2013-2014 school year, NISD would like to pre-qualify as many four-year-olds as possible this spring. Pre-Qualification Packets are available at all NISD elementary schools and can be picked up now through March 25. For more information, please visit [www.nisdtx.org/prek](http://www.nisdtx.org/prek) or call 817-215-0198.

**NISD to Host Annual Realtor Luncheon**

Northwest ISD is encouraging real estate professionals to join NISD officials on March 7 for the annual Realtor's Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177). Information on current demographic projections, plans for new schools and the award-winning programs in NISD will be shared. Space is limited. Call 817-215-0175 to reserve a seat.

**NISD Closed for Spring Break**

All Northwest ISD campuses and offices will be closed for spring break March 11-15. Classes will resume on Monday, March 18.

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