



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, March 6 – May 3

*Media Note: NISD Communications Department/Administration Building Closed for Spring Break
The Northwest ISD Administration Building and all campuses will be closed for Spring Break March 11 – 15.
Classes will resume March 18. The next School Notes will be issued on March 20.*

BNHS Boys' Basketball Regional Runner-Up

The Byron Nelson High School boys' basketball team beat Wolfforth Frenship High School 54-47 in the Regional Tournament on March 1. The Bobcats lost 51-41 to Arlington Heights in the Semifinal round of playoffs on March 2. Congratulations Bobcats on a record-breaking season.

Elementary School Selected as Finalist for National School of Character

Kay Granger Elementary School is one of 35 finalists across the nation vying for the title of National School of Character. The Character Education Partnership named 28 public schools, two charter schools and five school districts National Finalists. From the 30 schools, only two are Texas elementary schools. This spring, Granger Elementary School will undergo an intensive screening process that includes site visits and an analysis of the character-related efforts on academics, student behavior and campus culture. The 2013 National Schools of Character will be announced in May. Granger Elementary School was named a State School of Character in 2012 and O.A. Peterson Elementary School was named a State School of Character in 2013.

BNHS Wrestler Takes Second in State

Byron Nelson High School senior Kody Collins finished second in the Class 4A State Wrestling Tournament. Collins represented BNHS in the 152-pound weight class during the state tournament in Austin on February 21-23.

PHOTO CAPTION [wrestler.jpg]: Byron Nelson High School senior Kody Collins, Class 4A State Wrestling Runner-Up, is pictured with his state medal.

Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality Receives State Recognition

The Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality traveled to Waco to compete in the SkillsUSA District competition and received the following awards:

Freshman Kehaulani Smith, first place in Commercial Baking
Junior Ashleigh Vrabel, second place in Culinary Arts and first place in Prepared Speech
Sophomore Tiffany Simmons, third place in Restaurant Service
Sophomore Kyle Chase, first place in Job Interview
Sophomore Julianne Lukens, first place Job Skill Demonstration
Junior Ruben Nunez, second place in Job Skill Demonstration
Freshman Raquel Reeves, second place in Job Skill Demonstration
Sophomore Amber James, third place in Job Skill Demonstration

Julianne Lukens and Ashleigh Vrabel have been elected to serve as SkillsUSA Texas District Four Officers. In April, the team will advance to the state tournament in Corpus Christi. Last year, the Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality restaurant management team received first in the nation at the National ProStart Invitational.

BNHS Freshman Advances to National PTA Reflections Contest

Byron Nelson High School freshman Savanna Smith has advanced to the National PTA Reflections competition for her senior literature entry, Concentrated Hope. Smith received an Overall Award of Excellence in the Texas PTA Reflections contest. Winners from the national competition will be announced in May.

Clara Love Elementary PTA Receives \$4,000 Grant from CoServ Charitable Foundation

The CoServ Charitable Foundation awarded a \$4,000 grant to the Clara Love Elementary School PTA to provide snack sacks each weekend during the school year. A check was presented to the campus and PTA members on March 5.

Students Host 2,500+ at Annual Techno Expo

Northwest ISD students showcased their technology skills to parents and community members at the third annual Techno Expo on February 28. Approximately 2,500 visitors chose from a variety of 450 breakout sessions with topics ranging from multimedia and animation. Dinner was served by students in the district's Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality, and musical performances were provided by NISD fine arts students. This year's expo featured more than 980 student presenters.

PHOTO CAPTION [technoexpo.jpg]: Sendera Ranch Elementary School students (from left to right) Hayden Bowser, Kyler Morales and Connor Self showed off their technology skills during the third annual Techno Expo at Byron Nelson High School on February 28.

NISD Volunteers Share the Love of Reading with Students

In conjunction with Dr. Seuss' birthday, Northwest ISD and NISD Partners in Education hosted the fifth annual Northwest Reads at elementary school campuses on March 1. Elementary schools hosted volunteers, staff and community members who took part in an opportunity to inspire young NISD students to become lifelong readers.

PHOTO CAPTION [NorthwestReads.jpg]: Haslet Mayor Bob Golden reads to students at Haslet Elementary School during the fifth annual Northwest Reads celebration on March 1.

CTMS and TMS Students Compete in TASB Video Contest

Chisholm Trail Middle School and Tidwell Middle School are each 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 website March 4 - 8. 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>. To vote, please watch the entire video. Full views will be counted to determine the winner.

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 or call 817-215-0198.

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.

NISD Offers Adult Fitness Course

Beginning March 25, Northwest ISD will offer an adult fitness course at the Northwest High School Indoor Activity Center. During the eight-week program, participants will receive an individual fitness assessment, participate in strength training and cardio circuit three times per week and receive personalized nutritional evaluations. The class meets Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 817-215-0011.

NISD Student Holiday

In accordance with the district calendar, Friday, March 29 has been designated a bad weather day. Since school has not been cancelled due to inclement weather, Friday, March 29 is a student holiday. Classes will resume Monday, April 1.

NISD Begins Paperless Registration on April 18

Northwest ISD is excited to announce the transition to an online student enrollment system. Beginning April 18, the district will launch Enrollment Online for students new to the district. Current students will be able to register online this summer. In order to participate, parents should have a valid email address and register for a Home Access Center (HAC) account. Enrollment Online will be accessible on the Parent Resources webpage. For more information, please contact your child's campus.

Welcome Class of 2026 - Mark Your Calendars for Kindergarten Round-Up

Children who will attend kindergarten this August are asked to register online beginning April 18. To register, kindergarten students must be five by September 1, 2013. Kindergarten Round-Up is scheduled for April 29-May 3. Parents and students are encouraged to attend this event to meet staff, tour the facility and provide the necessary documents needed to complete the registration process. Please bring the following items in order to complete your child's enrollment:

Birth certificate

Immunization records (immunizations must be up-to-date to attend school)

Proof of residency (housing contract, rental agreement, etc.)

Student's social security card

License or other suitable photo ID of the parent/guardian.

If parents do not have access to a computer at home, computers will be available at the campus during this time.

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