



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, March 20 – May 3

NISD Names Two New Schools

At the March 18 school board meeting, the Northwest ISD Board of Trustees unanimously approved the names for the district's new high school and elementary school 17.

Wayne A. Cox Elementary School

Named after former Northwest ISD educator and longtime resident of Justin, Wayne A. Cox Elementary School will open in Roanoke in the Fairways Ranch housing development in August 2013. Cox served as principal of Justin Elementary School and Northwest Junior High School. He led the Justin community as a member of the city council and mayor.

V.R. Eaton High School

The district's third comprehensive high school is named in honor of Wise County resident and rancher, V.R. Eaton. Eaton served as a member on the first Northwest ISD school board and assisted in the organization of the district's consolidation in 1949. As the owner of Chisholm Trail Ranch near Rhome, Eaton was an advocate for the Northwest High School vocational agricultural program.

Principal Named for Samuel Beck Elementary School

Sandy Conklin, who is the current principal at Prairie View Elementary, has been named the new principal of Samuel Beck Elementary School. Conklin will replace current Beck Principal Deborah McCune, Ed.D. in the 2013-2014 school year when McCune opens Wayne A. Cox Elementary School in August. Conklin has served as principal of Prairie View Elementary since 2008. The new principal of Prairie View Elementary School is expected to be named this spring.

PHOTO CAPTION [SandyConklin.jpg]: Sandy Conklin will take the lead as principal at Samuel Beck Elementary School in Trophy Club. Conklin is currently the principal of NISD's Prairie View Elementary School in Rhome.

NISD School Board Reestablishes Boundaries for Hatfield and Clara Love Elementary Schools

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees approved an attendance boundary change for Hatfield and Clara Love elementary schools at the March 18 meeting. The attendance boundary adjustment moves the Rivers Edge development from Hatfield Elementary School to Clara Love Elementary School. This change does not affect students in the fourth and fifth grades during the 2013-2014 school year. These students will be able to remain at Hatfield Elementary as transfer students. Transportation will be provided for these students through June 2015. Boundary development is examined by reviewing the needs of the district and current growth projections.

BNHS Freshman Serves as Page for House of Representatives

Byron Nelson High School freshman Drew Fuller represented Northwest ISD as a page for the Texas House of Representatives on Thursday, March 7. To qualify, Fuller wrote an essay and was selected by Representative Tan Parker. As a page, Fuller spent the day job shadowing and assisting on the House floor.

PHOTO CAPTION [Drew.jpg]: Drew Fuller, Byron Nelson High School freshman, was selected by Representative Tan Parker as a page for the Texas House of Representatives. Fuller is pictured outside the capital on March 7.

NHS Freshman Asks Texas Legislators to Reconsider Accountability Exams

Northwest High School freshman Zachary Griffin wrote a letter addressing Texas Legislators about his concerns regarding high-stakes testing and the STAAR end-of-course exam. Griffin traveled to Austin during his spring break to read his letter to the House Education Committee during a hearing on March 12. Griffin urged Legislators to reexamine the logic behind standardized tests. “How would you feel if you had to take 15 tests in the next three years and pass them in order to be deemed worthy of your position,” his letter reads. *Raise Your Hand Texas* has published his letter on their website at http://www.raiseyourhandtexas.org/blog/a-student-voice-on-impact-of-high-stakes-testing/#.UUNE_Yy9KSM.

PHOTO CAPTION [zach.jpg]: Northwest High School freshman Zachary Griffin addressed the House Education Committee during a hearing on March 12 with a letter regarding high-stakes testing. Griffin urged Legislators to reconsider the most recent accountability system STAAR.

Sendera Ranch Elementary School Holds Annual Boosterthon

Sendera Ranch Elementary School held the spring Boosterthon on March 7. This annual fundraiser is a way for the campus to raise funds for the school and increase students’ awareness about healthy lifestyle choices. Students are divided by grade levels and run/walk for approximately 45 minutes. Each lap completed added money to the fundraiser. This year’s Boosterthon theme, Highway USA, featured a Texas Motor Speedway PACE car. Throughout the day, students were reminded of the importance of staying active and being fit.

PHOTO CAPTION [booster.jpg]: Sendera Ranch Elementary School students pose with the Texas Motor Speedway PACE car at the annual spring Boosterthon on March 7.

Steele Accelerated Hosts Open House for Prospective Students

James M. Steele Accelerated High School is hosting an open house for prospective students interested in applying for the 2013-2014 school year on Monday, March 25 from 6-7 p.m. (606 N. Walnut, Roanoke, 76262). Tours will be provided by current Steele Accelerated High School students. Applications and deadlines can be found on the school’s website (<http://www.nisdtx.org/sahs>).

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 School Board Meeting

An NISD School Board meeting will be held April 8 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76247).

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 beginning August 1. 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.

NISD School Board Meeting

An NISD School Board meeting will be held April 22 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76247).

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.

Enrollment Begins for NISD Summer TechnoCamp

TechnoCamp offers students the opportunity to challenge their creativity using the Lego Education robotics program and is available for any current 2012-2013 NISD student in first through fifth grades. Camp enrollment is based on the first 20 applications received with payment. The registration form, along with more information, can be found at www.nisdtx.org.

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