



## School Notes

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### NISD School Notes, April 17 – May 30

#### **NISD Named ‘Top Five Digital District’**

Northwest ISD ranks fifth in the large student population district category for the Digital School Districts Survey Award. The survey showcases exemplary school boards’ and districts’ use of technology to govern the district, communicate with students and the community, as well as improve district operations. NISD was recognized at the National School Boards Association’s Annual Conference in San Diego. This is the second year NISD has ranked among the top ten digital school districts in the nation. Last year, NISD rated seventh in the nation.

#### **Enrollment Online Begins This Week for New Students**

Beginning April 18, Enrollment Online will be available for students new to Northwest ISD. This includes incoming kindergarten students. Returning student registration will begin August 1. This will replace the back-to-school packets issued on the first day of school. In order to access the online registration feature, parents of students currently enrolled in the district must have a Home Access Center (HAC) account. Access to the HAC requires an internet connection and a confidential username and password issued to the parent by the school. If you are unsure of your HAC login, you may contact your child’s campus. For more information, go to [www.nisdtx.org/enrollment](http://www.nisdtx.org/enrollment). Parents of returning students can begin the registration process on August 1.

#### **Welcome Class of 2026 - Kindergarten Round-Up Begins April 29**

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 and complete online registration at [www.nisdtx.org/enrollment](http://www.nisdtx.org/enrollment). Kindergarten Round-Up is scheduled for April 29-May 3. Round-Up events are specific to each campus. Check school websites for exact times. Even though kindergarten registration begins online, parents and students are encouraged to attend the Round-Up event at their child’s school 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 government-issued ID of the parent/guardian

Computers will be available at the campus during Kindergarten Round-Up for parents unable to register online from home. Find your local school at [www.nisdtx.org/attendanceboundaries](http://www.nisdtx.org/attendanceboundaries).

#### **Granger Elementary School Volunteers Log 10,000+ Hours**

Northwest Independent School District administration and Granger staff celebrated Granger Elementary volunteers with a surprise visit during their volunteer appreciation breakfast. The campus has been named the Northwest ISD Partners in Education (PIE) Campus of the Year for the third consecutive year. The campus has logged approximately 10,296 volunteer hours from August 2012 to March 2013. Results have been determined based on total hours logged per student. Currently, the district has more than 7,000 approved volunteers. If you would like to volunteer in Northwest ISD, please visit [www.nisdtx.org/volunteercheck](http://www.nisdtx.org/volunteercheck).

PHOTO CAPTION Volunteers from Kay Granger Elementary School received the “Circle of Teamwork” trophy for their dedication and efforts this school year. Pictured from left to right: Granger Elementary PTA President Melody Cooley, Granger Elementary Volunteer Coordinator Pam Pine, Granger Elementary Principal Kimmie Etheredge, Partners in Education Specialist Phil Beckman and NISD Superintendent of Schools Karen G. Rue, Ed.D.

### **Culinary Arts Students Compete Live at Nationals**

The NISD Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality culinary team students will compete at the National ProStart Invitational April 20-21. The students will be featured live online at <http://www.nraef.org/ProStart/Invitational/Watch-Live> on Sunday, April 21 at 10:35 a.m. CST. Last year, the restaurant management team brought home the national title.

### **Award-Winning Food Network Chef to Host Cooking Contest at BNHS**

As part of a 30-day book tour, celebrity chef Maneet Chauhan will make a stop at Byron Nelson High School on Friday, April 26. Chef Chauhan will host a classic cooking competition for culinary arts academy students where they will have 40 minutes to create an entrée that represents contemporary American cuisine. The winning students will travel to Washington, D.C. where they will spend the day cooking with one of the featured chefs of the White House Chef Tour.

### **NISD FFA Students Advance to State**

The Northwest High School FFA will advance four Career Development Event (CDE) teams to the state competition. The Milk Quality and Dairy Cattle team will travel to Stephenville to compete for the state title on April 18. Agricultural Mechanics and Nursery/Landscape will compete in the state contest on May 3 in Huntsville. Four teams from Byron Nelson High School will compete in the state tournament. The Milk Quality team will compete this week, and Vet Tech, Poultry and Farm Business Management will compete at the state contests May 2-3.

### **NHS Student Places in Top 10 at State Leadership Conference**

Seven Northwest High School students competed in the 2013 Business Professionals of America Regional Leadership Conference in January. At the state leadership conference, Augstin Tran earned seventh place for java programming.

### **3 NISD Elementary Schools Celebrate End of Yearlong Reading Challenge with NASCAR Driver**

NASCAR champion driver Jeff Gordon announced Clara Love and Justin elementary schools as the winners of the Speeding to Read challenge on April 11 at Texas Motor Speedway. Speeding to Read is an incentive-based reading program created by Texas Motor Speedway to encourage and promote reading. Students from Hatfield, Justin and Clara Love elementary schools were split into two divisions – kindergarten through second grade and third through fifth grade. Classrooms within the two divisions competed to see who could read the most books. During the yearlong challenge, students from the three campuses read more than 283,000 books.

PHOTO CAPTION [turn4.jpg]: Clara Love Elementary Principal Julie Nerby and Justin Elementary Principal Lisa Ransleben proudly hold the Speeding to Read trophy after being named the winner by NASCAR champion Jeff Gordon.

### **Parent Survey Reveals NISD Parents are Pleased**

According to the 2012-2013 parent survey, approximately 2,500 parents responded their children's schools are positive, welcoming and safe. Parents said their children are excited to go to school and participate in school activities. To view the parent survey results, go to [www.nisdtx.org/yourvoice](http://www.nisdtx.org/yourvoice).

### **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).

### **NISD to Host Night of No Limits**

Northwest ISD kindergarten through twelfth-graders will present their best work in science and problem-based learning at the Night of No Limits on Thursday, May 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Northwest High School. Students will share their projects through live presentations and in a gallery format. Families and community members are invited to watch student presentations and engage in hands-on, interactive exhibits from the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History and CBSDFW Meteorologist Jeff Jamison.

### **NISD High School Student Will Win a Chevy Camaro This Spring**

The Northwest ISD Partners in Education will team up with Moritz Chevrolet to give away a 2013 Chevrolet Camaro to one lucky high school student in Northwest ISD for outstanding academic efforts and attendance throughout the year. The car giveaway will take place Friday, May 24 at 10:30 a.m. at Texas Motor Speedway (3545 Lone Star Circle, Fort Worth, 76177).

### **NISD Closed for Memorial Day**

Northwest ISD campuses and administrative offices will be closed Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, May 28.

### **BNHS Football Booster Club Hosts Golf Tournament**

The Byron Nelson High School football booster club is hosting a golf tournament on Thursday, May 30 at 2 p.m. at Trophy Club Country Club. For more information, contact Cyndi Huizenga at [chuizenga@att.net](mailto:chuizenga@att.net).

### **Summer School Opportunities in NISD**

Northwest ISD offers a variety of summer programs for elementary, middle school and high school students to enhance their educational experience. Go to [www.nisdtx.org](http://www.nisdtx.org) and look for a listing of opportunities under Announcements on the right-hand side of the website. Registration deadlines vary by program. For more information, call NISD Student Services at 817-215-0083.

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